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1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §11-13Q-9, §11-13Q-10, §11-13Q-10a and §11-13Q-22 of the
 2 Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to economic development incentive
 3 tax credits; authorizing credit for the creation of 10 jobs under certain circumstances;
 4 terminating small business credit after a certain date; eliminating credit to business
 5 franchise tax; authorizing certain manufacturing activities to qualify for high technology
 6 manufacturing tax credit; providing definitions; limiting certain multiple tax credits for the
 7 same qualified investment; eliminating prevailing wage requirement for certain additional
 8 credit; providing effective dates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 13Q. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT.

§11-13Q-9. New jobs percentage.

1 (a) *In general.* — The new jobs percentage is based on the number of new jobs created
 2 in this state directly attributable to the qualified investment of the taxpayer.

3 (b) *When a job is attributable.* — An employee’s position is directly attributable to the
 4 qualified investment if:

5 (1) The employee’s service is performed or his or her base of operations is at the new or
 6 expanded business facility;

7 (2) The position did not exist prior to the construction, renovation, expansion, or acquisition
 8 of the business facility and the making of the qualified investment; and

9 (3) But for the qualified investment, the position would not have existed.

10 (c) *Applicable percentage.* —

11 (1) For the purpose of subsection (a) of this section, the applicable new jobs percentage
 12 is determined under the following table:

13	If number of	The applicable
14	new jobs is at least:	percentage is:
15	20	20%

16	280	25%
17	520	30%

18 (2) *Provided*, That for credit applications filed for taxable years beginning on and after
19 January 1, 2022, for the purpose of subsection (a) of this section, the applicable new jobs
20 percentage is determined under the following table:

21	If number of	The applicable
22	new jobs is at least:	percentage is:
23	10	10%
24	20	20%
25	280	25%
26	520	30%

27 (d) *Certification of new jobs*. — With the annual return for the applicable taxes filed for the
28 taxable year in which the qualified investment is first placed in service or use in this state, the
29 taxpayer shall estimate and certify the number of new jobs reasonably projected to be created by
30 it in this state within the period prescribed in subsection (f) of this section that are, or will be,
31 directly attributable to the qualified investment of the taxpayer. For purposes of this section,
32 “applicable taxes” means the taxes imposed by §11-13-1, *et seq.*, §11-21-1, *et seq.*, and §11-24-
33 1, *et seq.* of this code against which this credit is applied.

34 (e) *Equivalency of permanent employees*. — The hours of part-time employees shall be
35 aggregated to determine the number of equivalent full-time employees for the purpose of this
36 section.

37 (f) *Redetermination of new jobs percentage*. — With the annual return for the applicable
38 taxes imposed, filed for the third taxable year in which the qualified investment is in service or
39 use, the taxpayer shall certify the actual number of new jobs created by it in this state that are
40 directly attributable to the qualified investment of the taxpayer.

41 (1) If the actual number of jobs created would result in a higher new jobs percentage, the
42 credit allowed under this article shall be redetermined and amended returns filed for the first and
43 second taxable years that the qualified investment was in service or use in this state.

44 (2) If the actual number of jobs created would result in a lower new jobs percentage, the
45 credit previously allowed under this article shall be redetermined and amended returns filed for
46 the first and second taxable years. In applying the amount of redetermined credit allowable for
47 the two preceding taxable years, the redetermined credit shall first be applied to the extent it was
48 originally applied in the prior two years to personal income taxes, then to corporation net income
49 taxes, and, lastly, to business and occupation taxes. Any additional taxes due under this chapter
50 shall be remitted with the amended returns filed with the commissioner, along with interest, as
51 provided in §11-10-17 of this code, and a 10-percent penalty determined on the amount of taxes
52 due with the amended return, which may be waived by the commissioner if the taxpayer shows
53 that the overclaimed amount of the new jobs percentage was due to reasonable cause and not
54 due to willful neglect.

55 (g) *Additional new jobs percentage.* -- When the qualified investment is \$20 million or
56 more and, if the number of full-time construction laborers and mechanics working at the job site
57 of the new or expanded business facility is 75 or more, or if the number of hours of all construction
58 laborers and mechanics working at the job site is equal to or greater than the number of hours 75
59 full-time construction laborers and mechanics would have worked at the job site during a 12
60 consecutive month period, a taxpayer that is allowed a new jobs percentage determined under
61 subsection (a) of this section shall be allowed a new jobs percentage that is five percentage points
62 higher than the new jobs percentage allowed under subsection (a) of this section. In no event
63 may construction laborers and mechanics be used to attain or retain a subsection (a) new jobs
64 percentage. The number of full-time construction laborers and mechanics working at the job site
65 shall be determined by dividing the total number of hours worked by all construction laborers and
66 mechanics on a new or expanded business facility during a 12 consecutive month period by 2,080

67 hours per year. A taxpayer may not claim the additional new jobs percentage allowed by this
68 section unless the taxpayer includes with the certification filed under subsection (d) of this section
69 a certification signed by the general contractor or the construction manager certifying that
70 construction laborers employed at the job site during a consecutive 12 month period aggregated
71 the equivalent of at least 75 full-time employees and the taxpayer has received from the general
72 contractor or construction manager records substantiating the certification, which records shall be
73 retained by the taxpayer for 13 years after the day the expansion to an existing business facility,
74 or the new business facility, is first placed in service or use by the taxpayer. For purposes of this
75 subsection:

76 (1) The term "construction laborers and mechanics" means those workers, utilized by a
77 contractor or subcontractor at any tier, whose duties are manual or physical in nature, including
78 those workers who use tools or are performing the work of a trade, as distinguished from mental
79 or managerial and working foremen who devote more than 20 percent of their time during a
80 workweek performing the duties of a laborer or mechanic; and

81 (2) The term "job site" is limited to the physical place or places where the construction
82 called for in the contract will remain when the work on it is completed and nearby property, as
83 described in subdivision (3) of this subsection, used by the contractor or subcontractor during
84 construction that, because of proximity, can reasonably be included in the "site".

85 (3) Except as provided in subdivision (4) of this subsection, fabrication plants, mobile
86 factories, batch plants, borrow pits, job headquarters and tool yards are part of the "job site"
87 provided they are dedicated exclusively, or nearly so, to performance of the contract or project
88 and are located in proximity to the actual construction location so that it would be reasonable to
89 include them.

90 (4) The term "job site" does not include permanent home offices, branch offices, branch
91 plant establishments, fabrication yards or tool yards of a contractor or subcontractor whose

92 locations and continuance in operation are determined without regard to the contract or
93 subcontract for construction of a new or expanded business facility.

§11-13Q-10. Credit for small business.

1 (a) *Small business defined.* — For purposes of this section, the term “small business”
2 means a business which has annual gross receipts of not more than \$7 million (including the
3 gross receipts of any affiliates in its controlled group): *Provided*, That beginning January 1, 2004,
4 and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the commissioner shall prescribe an amount that shall
5 apply in lieu of the \$7 million amount during that calendar year. This amount is prescribed by
6 increasing the \$7 million amount by the cost-of-living adjustment for that calendar year. The
7 requirements for annual gross receipts, once met by a given taxpayer in that taxable year when
8 qualified investment is first placed in service or use, may not again be applied to that same
9 taxpayer in subsequent years to defeat the small business credit to which the taxpayer gained
10 entitlement in that year.

11 (1) *Cost-of-living adjustment.* — For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, the cost-
12 of-living adjustment for any calendar year is the percentage (if any) by which the consumer price
13 index for the preceding calendar year exceeds the consumer price index for the calendar year
14 2002.

15 (2) *Consumer price index for any calendar year.* — For purposes of subdivision (1) of this
16 subsection, the consumer price index for any calendar year is the average of the federal consumer
17 price index as of the close of the 12-month period ending on August 31 of that calendar year.

18 (3) *Consumer price index.* — For purposes of subdivision (2) of this subsection, the term
19 “Federal Consumer Price Index” means the most recent consumer price index for all urban
20 consumers published by the United States department of labor.

21 (4) *Rounding.* — If any increase under subdivision (1) of this subsection is not a multiple
22 of \$50, the increase shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$50.

23 (b) *Amount of credit allowed.* —

24 (1) *Credit allowed.* — An eligible small business taxpayer is allowed a credit against the
25 portion of taxes imposed by this state that are attributable to and the direct consequence of the
26 eligible small business taxpayer’s qualified investment in a new or expanded business in this state
27 which results in the creation of at least 10 new jobs within 12 months after placing qualified
28 investment into service. The amount of this credit is determined as provided in subdivision (2) of
29 this subsection.

30 (2) *Amount of credit.* — The annual amount of credit allowable under this subsection is
31 determined by dividing the amount of the eligible small business taxpayer’s “qualified investment”
32 (determined under §11-13Q-8. of this code) in “property purchased for business expansion” (as
33 defined in §11-13Q-3 of this code) by 10. The amount of qualified investment so apportioned to
34 each year of the 10-year credit period is the annual measure against which a taxpayer’s annual
35 new jobs percentage (determined under subsection (d) of this section) is applied. The product of
36 this calculation establishes the maximum amount of credit allowable each year for 10 consecutive
37 years under this section due to the qualified investment.

38 (3) *Application of credit.* — The annual credit allowance shall be taken beginning with the
39 taxable year in which the taxpayer places the qualified investment into service or use in this state,
40 unless the taxpayer elects to delay the beginning of the 10-year credit period until the next
41 succeeding taxable year. This election is made in the annual income tax return filed under this
42 chapter by the taxpayer for the taxable year in which the qualified investment is first placed in
43 service or use. Once made, this election cannot be revoked. The annual credit allowance shall be
44 taken and applied in the manner prescribed in §11-13Q-7 of this code.

45 (c) *New jobs.* — The term “new jobs” has the meaning ascribed to it in §11-13Q-3 of this
46 code.

47 (1) The term “new employee” has the meaning ascribed to it in §11-13Q-3 of this code:
48 *Provided,* That this term does not include employees filling new jobs who:

49 (A) Are related individuals, as defined in subsection (i), section 51 of the Internal Revenue
50 Code of 1986, or a person who owns 10 percent or more of the business with such ownership
51 interest to be determined under rules set forth in subsection (b), section 267 of said Internal
52 Revenue Code; or

53 (B) Worked for the taxpayer during the six-month period ending on the date the taxpayer's
54 qualified investment is placed in service or use and is rehired by the taxpayer during the six-month
55 period beginning on the date taxpayer's qualified investment is placed in service or use.

56 (2) *When a job is attributable.* — An employee's position is directly attributable to the
57 qualified investment if:

58 (A) The employee's service is performed or his or her base of operations is at the new or
59 expanded business facility;

60 (B) The position did not exist prior to the construction, renovation, expansion, or
61 acquisition of the business facility and the making of the qualified investment; and

62 (C) But for the qualified investment, the position would not have existed.

63 (d) *New jobs percentage.* — The annual new jobs percentage is based on the number of
64 new jobs created in this state by the taxpayer directly attributable to taxpayer's qualified
65 investment.

66 (1) If at least 10 new jobs are created and filled during the taxable year in which the
67 qualified investment is placed in service or use, the applicable new jobs percentage is 10 percent.

68 (2) During each of the remaining nine years of the 10-year credit period, the annual new
69 jobs percentage is based on the average number of new jobs filled during that taxable year:

70 *Provided,* That for purposes of estimating the new jobs percentage that will be applicable for each
71 subsequent credit year, the taxpayer shall use the new jobs percentage allowable for the taxable
72 year immediately prior thereto, and in the annual income tax return filed under this chapter for the
73 then current tax year, the taxpayer shall redetermine his or her allowable new jobs percentage for

74 that year based on the average number of new employees employed in new jobs during that year
75 (determined on a monthly basis) created as the direct result of the taxpayer's qualified investment.

76 (e) *Certification of new jobs.* — With the annual income tax return filed under this chapter
77 for each taxable year during the 10-year credit period, the taxpayer shall certify:

78 (1) The new jobs percentage for that taxable year;

79 (2) The amount of the credit allowance for that year;

80 (3) If the business is a partnership, limited liability company or electing small business
81 corporation, the amount of credit allocated to the partners, members, or shareholders, as the case
82 may be for that year;

83 (4) That qualified investment property continue to be used in the business, or if any of it
84 was disposed of during the year the date of disposition and that the property was not disposed of
85 prior to expiration of its useful life, as determined under §11-13Q-8 of this code; and

86 (5) That the new jobs created by the qualified investment continue to exist and are filled
87 by persons who meet the definition of new employee (as defined in this section).

88 (f) *Small business project.* — A small business may apply to the commissioner under §11-
89 13Q-6 of this code for certification as a project if that project will create at least 10 new jobs.

90 (g) *Rules.* — The commissioner may prescribe such rules as he or she determines
91 necessary in order to determine the amount of credit allowed under this section to a taxpayer; to
92 verify a taxpayer's continued entitlement to claim the credit; and to verify proper application of the
93 credit allowed.

94 (h) The commissioner may require a taxpayer intending to claim credit under this section
95 to file with the commissioner a notice of intent to claim this credit, before the taxpayer begins
96 reducing his or her monthly or quarterly installment payments of estimated tax for the credit
97 provided in this section.

98 (i) *Termination of Credit* — No credit is allowable under this section to any taxpayer for
99 investment placed in service or use in any tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

100 Taxpayers that have gained lawful entitlement to the credit allowable under this section pursuant
 101 to qualified investment placed in service or use prior to January 1, 2022, shall retain that
 102 entitlement and apply the credit in due course pursuant to the requirements and limitations of this
 103 article.

§11-13Q-10a. Credit allowed for specified high technology manufacturers.

1 (a) *High technology manufacturing business defined.* –

2 For purposes of this section, the term “high technology manufacturing business” means
 3 and is limited to only those businesses engaged in a business enumerated in subdivision (1) of
 4 this subsection: *Provided*, That for tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, the term
 5 “high technology manufacturing business” means and is limited to only those businesses engaged
 6 in a business enumerated in subdivision (1) or subdivision (2), or both, of this subsection.

7 (1) “High technology manufacturing business” means a manufacturing activity properly
 8 classified as having one or more of the following six-digit North American Industry Classification
 9 System code numbers.

North American Industry Classification System Code	Manufacturing Activity
	Computer & Peripheral Equipment
334111	Electronic Computers
334112	Computer Storage Devices
	Electronic Components
334411	Electron Tubes
334414	Electronic Capacitors
	Semiconductors
334413	Semiconductor & Related Devices
333295	Semiconductor Machinery

10 (2) “High technology manufacturing business” means, in addition to those activities
11 enumerated in subdivision (1) of this subsection:

12 (A) The activity of manufacturing drones, target drones, unmanned aircraft or unmanned
13 robotic aircraft,

14 (B) The activity of manufacturing autonomous motor vehicles,

15 (C) The activity of manufacturing robots, robotic medical machines or equipment or robotic
16 surgical machines or equipment,

17 (D) The activity of manufacturing machines, equipment and products predominantly
18 operated by and incorporating artificial intelligence.

19 (E) The activity of manufacturing biotechnology products.

20 (F) The activity of manufacturing medical devices.

21 (3) *Definitions* – For purposes of this section.

22 (A) *Artificial Intelligence* — For purposes of this section “artificial intelligence” means
23 computers and computer systems that, by design and function, perform tasks that would typically
24 require human intelligence, including decision-making, visual perception, speech recognition, or
25 translation of one human language into another human language.

26 (B) *Autonomous* — For purposes of this section “autonomous” means that set of
27 characteristics of a machine which taken as a whole cause the machine to be capable of
28 performing designated tasks without immediate direct or explicit human control or intervention
29 beyond initial programming and preliminary set up and initiation.

30 (C) *Autonomous Motor Vehicle* — For purposes of this section, The term “autonomous
31 motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle that conforms to Level 3, level 4 or level 5 of the Society of
32 Automotive Engineers automation level definitions specified in SAE International Standard J3016.

33 (D) *Biotechnology*

34 (i) “Biotechnology” means scientific invention, processes and methods, or industrial
35 invention, processes and methods, based on the science of biology, microbiology, molecular

36 biology, cellular biology, biochemistry, or biophysics, or any combination thereof. Biotechnology
37 includes, but is not limited to, recombinant DNA techniques, genetics and genetic engineering,
38 cell fusion techniques, and bioprocesses, using living organisms, or parts of organisms.

39 (ii) Biotechnology does not include farming, agriculture, or animal or apiary husbandry, or
40 the production of any crop or agricultural product by traditional growing processes or by
41 hydroponic growing processes, or fish farming, or the raising or growing or production of fish or
42 any aquatic animal or product.

43 (iii) Biotechnology does not include zymurgy, wine making, brewing, preparation of yeast
44 used in food production or preparation, or any food or drink preparation or production.

45 (E) "Biotechnology product" means any virus, therapeutic serum, antibody, protein, toxin,
46 antitoxin, vaccine, blood, blood component or derivative, allergenic product, or analogous product
47 produced through the application of biotechnology that is used in the prevention, treatment, or
48 cure of diseases or injuries to humans, animals, or plants.

49 (F) *Drone* – For purposes of this section "drone" means an unmanned aircraft that may be
50 controlled either remotely or by an autonomous system, which may work with internal systemic
51 sensors or ground positioning satellite systems, or both.

52 (G) "Medical device" means an instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance,
53 implant, in vitro reagent, or other similar or related article, including any component, part, or
54 accessory, that is:

55 (i) Recognized in the national formulary or any supplement thereof, or the United States
56 pharmacopeia, or any supplement thereof;

57 (ii) Intended for use in the diagnosis of disease, or in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or
58 prevention of disease or other conditions in human beings or animals; or

59 (iii) Intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of human beings or animals,
60 and which does not achieve any of its primary intended purposes through chemical action within

61 or on the body of human beings or animals and which is not dependent upon being metabolized
62 for the achievement of any of its principal intended purposes.

63 (H) *Program* – For purposes of this section “program” means a set of instructions that can
64 be executed by a computer, or other machine or device to perform calculations, processes or
65 operations, or a combination thereof, to execute a specific task or series of tasks.

66 (I) *Robot* – For purposes of this section “robot” means a programmable machine, for which
67 operating instructions are typically derived from computer programming, which machine is: (i)
68 Capable of performing operations and processes involving physical movement; (ii) designed to
69 operate with a degree of autonomy; (iii) capable of processing data and information, including
70 data or information derived from visual perception or other physical perceptions; and (iv) capable
71 of engaging in intelligent behavior derived from artificial intelligence.

72 (b) *Amount of credit allowed.*

73 (1) *Credit allowed.* — An eligible high technology manufacturing business taxpayer is
74 allowed a credit against the portion of taxes imposed by this state that are attributable to and the
75 direct consequence of the eligible high technology manufacturing business taxpayer’s qualified
76 investment in a new or expanded high technology manufacturing business in this state which
77 results in the creation of at least 20 new jobs within 12 months after placing qualified investment
78 into service. The amount of this credit is determined as provided in this section.

79 (2) *Amount of credit.* — The annual amount of credit allowable under this subsection is
80 100 percent of the tax attributable to qualified investment, for each consecutive year of a 20-year
81 credit period.

82 (3) *Application of credit.* — The annual credit allowance shall be taken beginning with the
83 taxable year in which the taxpayer places the qualified investment into service or use in this state,
84 unless the taxpayer elects to delay the beginning of the 20-year credit period until the next
85 succeeding taxable year. This election is made in the annual income tax return filed under this
86 chapter by the taxpayer for the taxable year in which the qualified investment is first placed in

87 service or use. Once made, this election cannot be revoked. The annual credit allowance shall be
88 taken and applied against the taxes enumerated in §11-13Q-7 of this code. The credit shall offset
89 100 percent of tax attributable to qualified investment and shall be applied for a period of 20
90 consecutive years without carryover.

91 (c) *New jobs.* — The term “new jobs” has the meaning ascribed to it in §11-13Q-3 of this
92 code.

93 (1) The term “new employee” has the meaning ascribed to it in §11-13Q-3 of this code:
94 *Provided*, That this term does not include employees filling new jobs who:

95 (A) Are related individuals, as defined in subsection (i), section 51 of the Internal Revenue
96 Code of 1986, or a person who owns 10 percent or more of the business with such ownership
97 interest to be determined under rules set forth in subsection (b), section 267 of the Internal
98 Revenue Code of 1986; or

99 (B) Worked for the taxpayer during the six-month period ending on the date the taxpayer’s
100 qualified investment is placed in service or use and is rehired by the taxpayer during the six-month
101 period beginning on the date taxpayer’s qualified investment is placed in service or use.

102 (2) *When a job is attributable.* — An employee’s position is directly attributable to the
103 qualified investment if:

104 (A) The employee’s service is performed or his or her base of operations is at the new or
105 expanded business facility;

106 (B) The position did not exist prior to the construction, renovation, expansion, or
107 acquisition of the business facility and the making of the qualified investment;

108 (C) But for the qualified investment, the position would not have existed; and

109 (D) The median compensation of the new jobs attributable to the qualified investment is
110 greater than \$45,000 per year: *Provided*, That this median compensation amount shall be
111 adjusted for inflation each year in accordance with the provisions of this section.

112 (3) *Median compensation adjusted for inflation.* — The median compensation
113 requirements applicable to high technology manufacturing business taxpayers for purposes of
114 this section, shall be adjusted for inflation by application of a cost-of-living adjustment. The
115 adjusted median compensation amount shall be applicable, as adjusted, each year throughout
116 the 20-year credit period. Failure of a taxpayer entitled to credit under this section to meet the
117 median compensation requirement for any year will result in forfeiture of the credit for that year.
118 However, if in any succeeding year within the original 20 year credit period, the taxpayer pays a
119 median compensation to its employees which exceeds the inflation adjusted median
120 compensation amount for that year, the taxpayer shall regain entitlement to take the credit for that
121 year only. No credit forfeited in a prior year shall be taken, and the tax year or years to which the
122 forfeited credit would have been applied shall be forfeited and deducted from the remainder of
123 the years over which the credit can be taken.

124 (A) *Cost-of-living adjustment.* — For purposes of this section, the cost-of-living adjustment
125 for any calendar year is the percentage, if any, by which the consumer price index for the
126 preceding calendar year exceeds the consumer price index for the calendar year 2007.

127 (B) *Consumer price index for any calendar year.* — For purposes of this section, the
128 consumer price index for any calendar year is the average of the federal consumer price index as
129 of the close of the 12-month period ending on August 31 of such calendar year.

130 (C) *Consumer price index.* — For purposes of this section, the term “Federal Consumer
131 Price Index” means the last consumer price index for all urban consumers published by the United
132 States Department of Labor.

133 (D) *Rounding.* — If any increase in the median compensation amount under this section
134 is not a multiple of \$50, such increase shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$50.

135 (d) *Credit exclusion.* —

136 (1) Any taxpayer that has taken the credit against tax authorized under this section shall
137 not be eligible for application of the credit allowed under any other section of this article during

138 the twenty year credit period authorized by this section for the same qualified investment on which
139 credit allowed by this article was taken.

140 (2) Any taxpayer that has taken the credit against tax authorized under this section may
141 not take the credit authorized under any other provision of this code for the same qualified
142 investment on which credit allowed by this article was taken.

143 (e) *Rules.* — The commissioner may prescribe such rules as he or she determines
144 necessary in order to determine the amount of credit allowed under this section to a taxpayer; to
145 verify a taxpayer's continued entitlement to claim the credit; and to verify proper application of the
146 credit allowed.

147 (f) *Notices and reports.* — The commissioner may require a taxpayer intending to claim
148 credit under this section to file with the commissioner a notice of intent to claim this credit before
149 the taxpayer begins reducing his or her monthly or quarterly installment payments of estimated
150 tax for the credit provided in this section.

§11-13Q-22. Credit available for taxpayers which do not satisfy the new jobs percentage requirement.

1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, a taxpayer engaged in one
2 or more of the industries or business activities specified in §11-13Q-19 of this code which does
3 not satisfy the new jobs percentage requirement prescribed in §11-13Q-9(c) of this code but which
4 otherwise fulfills the requirements prescribed in this article, is permitted to claim a credit against
5 the taxes specified in §11-13Q-7 of this code in the order so specified that are attributable to and
6 the consequence of the taxpayer's business operations in this state which result in the creation
7 of net new jobs. Credit under this section is allowed in the amount of \$3,000 per year, per new
8 job created and filled by a new employee, as those terms are defined in §11-13Q-3 of this code
9 for a period of five consecutive years beginning in the tax year when the new employee is first
10 hired. In no case may the number of new employees determined for purposes of this section
11 exceed the total net increase in the taxpayer's employment in this state. Credit allowed under this

12 section shall be allowed beginning in the tax year when the new employee is first hired: *Provided*,
13 That each new job:

14 (1) Pays at least \$32,000 annually. Beginning January 1, 2010, and on January 1 of each
15 year thereafter, the commissioner shall prescribe an amount that shall apply in lieu of the \$32,000
16 amount during that calendar year. This amount is prescribed by increasing the \$32,000 figure by
17 the cost-of-living adjustment for that calendar year;

18 (2) Provides health insurance and may offer benefits including child care, retirement or
19 other benefits; and

20 (3) Is a full-time, permanent position, as those terms are defined in section three of this
21 article.

22 (b) Jobs that pay less than \$32,000 annually, or less than the amount prescribed by the
23 commissioner pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, whichever is higher, or
24 that pay that salary but do not also provide benefits in addition to the salary do not qualify for the
25 credit authorized by this section. Jobs that are less than full-time, permanent positions do not
26 qualify for the credit authorized by this section.

27 The employer having obtained entitlement to the credit shall not be required to raise wages
28 of employees currently employed in jobs upon which the initial credit was based by reason of the
29 cost-of-living adjustment.

30 (c) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

31 (1) *Cost-of-living adjustment*. — For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, the cost-
32 of-living adjustment for any calendar year is the percentage (if any) by which the consumer price
33 index for the preceding calendar year exceeds the consumer price index for the calendar year
34 2009.

35 (2) *Consumer price index for any calendar year*. — For purposes of subdivision (1)
36 subsection (a) of this section, the consumer price index for any calendar year is the average of

37 the federal consumer price index as of the close of the twelve-month period ending on August 31
38 of that calendar year.

39 (3) *Consumer price index.* — For purposes of subdivision (2) of this subsection, the term
40 “federal consumer price index” means the most recent consumer price index for all urban
41 consumers published by the United States Department of Labor.

42 (4) *Rounding.* — If any increase under subdivision (1) of this subsection is not a multiple
43 of \$50, the increase shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$50.

44 (d) Unused credit remaining in any tax year after application against the taxes specified in
45 section seven of this article is forfeited and does not carry forward to any succeeding tax year and
46 does not carry back to a prior tax year.

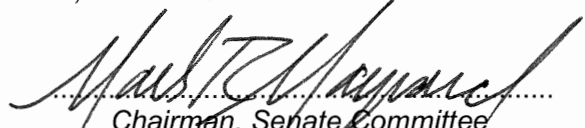
47 (e) The tax credit authorized by this section may be taken in addition to any credits
48 allowable under §11-13C-1 *et seq.*, §11-13D-1 *et seq.*, §11-13E-1 *et seq.*, §11-13F-1 *et seq.*,
49 §11-13G-1 *et seq.*, §11-13J-1 *et seq.*, §11-13R-1 *et seq.*, or §11-13S-1 *et seq.* of this code.
50 However, any taxpayer that is taking, or that has taken, any credit against tax authorized under
51 this article may not take the credit authorized under any other provision of this code for the same
52 qualified investment on which credit allowed by this article was taken.

53 (f) *Reduction in number of employees credit forfeiture.* — If, during the year when a new
54 job was created for which credit was granted under this section or during any of the next
55 succeeding four tax years thereafter, net jobs that are attributable to and the consequence of the
56 taxpayer’s business operations in this state decrease, counting both new jobs for which credit
57 was granted under this section and preexisting jobs, then the total amount of credit to which the
58 taxpayer is entitled under this section shall be decreased and forfeited in the amount of \$3,000
59 for each net job loss.

60 (g) Amendments to this section enacted during the 2021 regular session of the Legislature
61 shall be effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

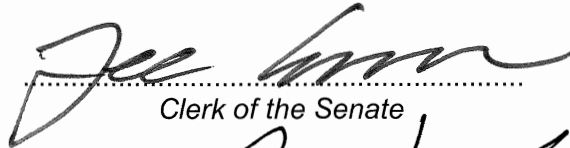

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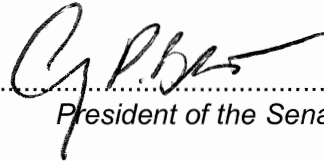
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In effect ninety days from passage.


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Clerk of the House of Delegates


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Clerk of the Senate


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Speaker of the House of Delegates


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President of the Senate

The within *is approved* this the *28th*
day of *April*, 2021.


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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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