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Senate Bill 735

**FISCAL
NOTE**

By Senators Z. Maynard, Phillips, and Rose

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to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §11-24-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 corporate net income tax; and phasing out corporate net income tax over the next four
3 years.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 24. CORPORATION NET INCOME TAX.

§11-24-4. Imposition of primary tax and rate thereof; effective and termination dates.

1 *Primary tax.* -- (1) In the case of taxable periods beginning after June 30, 1967, and ending
2 prior to January 1, 1983, a tax is hereby imposed for each taxable year at the rate of six percent
3 per annum on the West Virginia taxable income of every domestic or foreign corporation engaging
4 in business in this state or deriving income from property, activity or other sources in this state,
5 except corporations exempt under section five.

6 (2) In the case of taxable periods beginning on or after January 1, 1983, and ending prior to
7 July 1, 1987, a tax is hereby imposed for each taxable year on the West Virginia taxable income of
8 every domestic or foreign corporation engaging in business in this state or deriving income from
9 property, activity or other sources in this state, except corporations exempt under section five of
10 this article, and any banks, banking associations or corporations, trust companies, building and
11 loan associations and savings and loan associations, at the rates which follow:

12 (A) On taxable income not in excess of \$50,000, the rate of six percent; and

13 (B) On taxable income in excess of \$50,000, the rate of seven percent.

14 (3) In the case of taxable periods beginning on or after July 1, 1987, a tax is hereby
15 imposed for each taxable year on the West Virginia taxable income of every domestic or foreign
16 corporation engaging in business in this state or deriving income from property, activity or other
17 sources in this state, except corporations exempt under section five of this article, at the rate of
18 nine and three-quarters percent. Beginning July 1, 1988, and on each July 1 thereafter for four
19 successive calendar years, the rate shall be reduced by fifteen one hundredths of one percent per
20 year, with such rate to be nine percent on and after July 1, 1992.

(4) In the case of taxable periods beginning on or after January 1, 2007, a tax is hereby imposed for each taxable year on the West Virginia taxable income of every domestic or foreign corporation engaging in business in this state or deriving income from property, activity or other sources in this state, except corporations exempt under section five of this article, at the rate of eight and three-quarters percent.

(5) In the case of taxable periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009, a tax is hereby imposed for each taxable year on the West Virginia taxable income of every domestic or foreign corporation engaging in business in this state or deriving income from property, activity or other sources in this state, except corporations exempt under section five of this article, at the rate of eight and one-half percent.

(6) In the case of taxable periods beginning on or after January 1, 2012, a tax is hereby imposed for each taxable year on the West Virginia taxable income of every domestic or foreign corporation engaging in business in this state or deriving income from property, activity or other sources in this state, except corporations exempt under section five of this article, at the rate of seven and three-quarters percent: *Provided*, That the reduction in tax authorized by this subsection shall be suspended if the combined balance of funds as of June 30, 2011, in the Revenue Fund Shortfall Reserve Fund and the Revenue Fund Shortfall Reserve Fund - Part B established in section twenty, article two, chapter eleven-b of this code does not equal or exceed ten percent of the General Revenue Fund budgeted for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011: *Provided, however*, That the rate reduction schedule will resume in the calendar year immediately following any subsequent fiscal year when the combined balance of funds as of June 30 of that fiscal year in the Revenue Fund Shortfall Reserve Fund and the Revenue Fund Shortfall Reserve Fund - Part B next equals or exceeds ten percent of the General Revenue Fund budgeted for the immediately succeeding fiscal year.

(7) In the case of taxable periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, a tax is hereby imposed for each taxable year on the West Virginia taxable income of every domestic or foreign

47 corporation engaging in business in this state or deriving income from property, activity or other
48 sources in this state, except corporations exempt under section five of this article, at the rate of
49 seven percent: *Provided*, That the reduction in tax authorized by this subsection shall be
50 suspended for one calendar year subsequent to the occurrence of the suspension of the reduction
51 in tax authorized by subdivision (6) of this section: *Provided, however*, That the reduction in tax on
52 the first day of any calendar year authorized by this subsection shall be suspended if the combined
53 balance of funds as of June 30 of the preceding year in the Revenue Fund Shortfall Reserve Fund
54 and the Revenue Fund Shortfall Reserve Fund - Part B established in section twenty, article two,
55 chapter eleven-b of this code does not equal or exceed ten percent of the General Revenue Fund
56 budgeted for the fiscal year commencing July 1, of the preceding year.

57 (8) In the case of taxable periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014, a tax is hereby
58 imposed for each taxable year on the West Virginia taxable income of every domestic or foreign
59 corporation engaging in business in this state or deriving income from property, activity or other
60 sources in this state, except corporations exempt under section five of this article, at the rate of six
61 and one-half percent: *Provided*, That the reduction in tax authorized by this subsection shall be
62 suspended for one calendar year subsequent to the occurrence of the suspension of the reduction
63 in tax authorized by subdivision (7) of this section: *Provided, however*, That the reduction in tax on
64 the first day of any calendar year authorized by this subsection shall be suspended if the combined
65 balance of funds as of June 30 of the preceding year in the Revenue Fund Shortfall Reserve Fund
66 and the Revenue Fund Shortfall Reserve Fund - Part B established in section twenty, article two,
67 chapter eleven-b of this code does not equal or exceed ten percent of the General Revenue Fund
68 budgeted for the fiscal year commencing July 1, of the preceding year.

69 (9) In the case of taxable periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027, the tax imposed by
70 this section shall be determined in accordance as follows: Tax year 2027 shall be reduced by 25
71 percent; Tax year 2028 shall be reduced by 50 percent; and Tax year 2029 shall be reduced by 75
72 percent: *Provided*, That for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2030, the income pursuant

73 to the provisions of this section shall have no tax imposed upon it by this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to phase out corporate net income tax over 4 years, cutting the tax 25% per year starting tax year 2027.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.