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AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, Crowley, and Nesselbush

<u>Date Introduced:</u> February 16, 2012

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44-30-2.6 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-30 entitled "Personal

Income Tax" is hereby amended to read as follows:

44-30-2.6. Rhode Island taxable income -- Rate of tax. [Effective January 1, 2011.] --

(a) "Rhode Island taxable income" means federal taxable income as determined under the

Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. section 1 et seq., not including the increase in the basic

standard deduction amount for married couples filing joint returns as provided in the Jobs and

7 Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 and the Economic Growth and Tax Relief

Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA), and as modified by the modifications in section 44-30-

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(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 44-30-1 and 44-30-2, for tax years

beginning on or after January 1, 2001, a Rhode Island personal income tax is imposed upon the

12 Rhode Island taxable income of residents and nonresidents, including estates and trusts, at the rate

of twenty-five and one-half percent (25.5%) for tax year 2001, and twenty-five percent (25%) for

tax year 2002 and thereafter of the federal income tax rates, including capital gains rates and any

other special rates for other types of income, except as provided in section 44-30-2.7, which were

in effect immediately prior to enactment of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation

Act of 2001 (EGTRRA); provided, rate schedules shall be adjusted for inflation by the tax

18 administrator beginning in taxable year 2002 and thereafter in the manner prescribed for

adjustment by the commissioner of Internal Revenue in 26 U.S.C. section 1(f). However, for tax

- years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a taxpayer may elect to use the alternative flat tax rate provided in section 44-30-2.10 to calculate his or her personal income tax liability.
- (c) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, if a taxpayer has an alternative minimum tax for federal tax purposes, the taxpayer shall determine if he or she has a Rhode Island alternative minimum tax. The Rhode Island alternative minimum tax shall be computed by multiplying the federal tentative minimum tax without allowing for the increased exemptions under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (as redetermined on federal form 6251 Alternative Minimum Tax-Individuals) by twenty-five and one-half percent (25.5%) for tax year 2001, and twenty-five percent (25%) for tax year 2002 and thereafter, and comparing the product to the Rhode Island tax as computed otherwise under this section. The excess shall be the taxpayer's Rhode Island alternative minimum tax.
- (1) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005 and thereafter the exemption amount for alternative minimum tax, for Rhode Island purposes, shall be adjusted for inflation by the tax administrator in the manner prescribed for adjustment by the commissioner of Internal Revenue in 26 U.S.C. section 1(f).
- (2) For the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, and thereafter, Rhode Island taxable income shall be determined by deducting from federal adjusted gross income as defined in 26 U.S.C. section 62 as modified by the modifications in section 44-30-12 the Rhode Island itemized deduction amount and the Rhode Island exemption amount as determined in this section.
- (A) Tax imposed.

If taxable income is:

22 (1) There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of married individuals filing joint 23 returns and surviving spouses a tax determined in accordance with the following table:

The tax is:

21	ii taxuote income is.	The tax is.
25	Not over \$53,150	3.75% of taxable income
26	Over \$53,150 but not over \$128,500	\$1,993.13 plus 7.00% of the
27		excess over \$53,150
28	Over \$128,500 but not over \$195,850	\$7,267.63 plus 7.75% of the
29		excess over \$128,500
30	Over \$195,850 but not over \$349,700	\$12,487.25 plus 9.00% of the
31		excess over \$195,850
32	Over \$349,700	\$26,333.75 plus 9.90% of the
33		excess over \$349,700

(2) There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of every head of household a tax

1	determined in accordance with the following table:				
2	If taxable income is:	The tax is:			
3	Not over \$42,650	3.75% of taxable income			
4	Over \$42,650 but not over \$110,100	\$1,599.38 plus 7.00% of the			
5		excess over \$42,650			
6	Over \$110,100 but not over \$178,350	\$6,320.88 plus 7.75% of the			
7		excess over \$110,100			
8	Over \$178,350 but not over \$349,700	\$11,610.25 plus 9.00% of the			
9		excess over \$178,350			
10	Over \$349,700	\$27,031.75 plus 9.90% of the			
11		excess over \$349,700			
12	(3) There is hereby imposed on the taxable inc	come of unmarried individuals (other than			
13	surviving spouses and heads of households) a tax dete	ermined in accordance with the following			
14	table:				
15	If taxable income is:	The tax is:			
16	Not over \$31,850	3.75% of taxable income			
17	Over \$31,850 but not over \$77,100	\$1,194.38 plus 7.00% of the			
18		excess over \$31,850			
19	Over \$77,100 but not over \$160,850	\$4,361.88 plus 7.75% of the			
20		excess over \$77,100			
21	Over \$160,850 but not over \$349,700	\$10,852.50 plus 9.00% of the			
22		excess over \$160,850			
23	Over \$349,700	\$27,849.00 plus 9.90% of the			
24		excess over \$349,700			
25	(4) There is hereby imposed on the taxable inc	come of married individuals filing separate			
26	returns and bankruptcy estates a tax determined in accor-	dance with the following table:			
27	If taxable income is:	The tax is:			
28	Not over \$26,575	3.75% of taxable income			
29	Over \$26,575 but not over \$64,250	\$996.56 plus 7.00% of the			
30		excess over \$26,575			
31	Over \$64,250 but not over \$97,925	\$3,633.81 plus 7.75% of the			
32		excess over \$64,250			
33	Over \$97,925 but not over \$174,850	\$6,243.63 plus 9.00% of the			
34		excess over \$97,925			

1	Over \$174,850	\$13,166.88 plus 9.90% of the		
2		excess over \$174,850		
3	(5) There is hereby imposed a taxable income of an estate or trust a tax determined in			
4	accordance with the following table:			
5	If taxable income is:	The tax is:		
6	Not over \$2,150	3.75% of taxable income		
7	Over \$2,150 but not over \$5,000	\$80.63 plus 7.00% of the excess		
8		over \$2,150		
9	Over \$5,000 but not over \$7,650	\$280.13 plus 7.75% of the		
10		excess over \$5,000		
11	Over \$7,650 but not over \$10,450	\$485.50 plus 9.00% of the		
12		excess over \$7,650		
13	Over \$10,450	\$737.50 plus 9.90% of the		
14		excess over \$10,450		
15	(6) Adjustments for inflation.			
16	The dollars amount contained in paragraph (A) shall	ll be increased by an amount equal to:		
17	(a) Such dollar amount contained in paragraph (A) i	n the year 1993, multiplied by;		
18	(b) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 1993;			
19	(c) The cost-of-living adjustment referred to in subparagraph (a) and (b) used in making			
20	adjustments to the nine percent (9%) and nine and nine tenth	ns percent (9.9%) dollar amounts shall		
21	be determined under section (J) by substituting "1994" for "	1993."		
22	(B) Maximum capital gains rates			
23	(1) In general			
24	If a taxpayer has a net capital gain for tax years en	ding prior to January 1, 2010, the tax		
25	imposed by this section for such taxable year shall not excee	ed the sum of:		
26	(a) 2.5 % of the net capital gain as reported for fede	ral income tax purposes under section		
27	26 U.S.C. 1(h)(1)(a) and 26 U.S.C. 1(h)(1)(b).			
28	(b) 5% of the net capital gain as reported for federal	income tax purposes under 26 U.S.C.		
29	1(h)(1)(c).			
30	(c) 6.25% of the net capital gain as reported for f	ederal income tax purposes under 26		
31	U.S.C. 1(h)(1)(d).			
32	(d) 7% of the net capital gain as reported for federal	income tax purposes under 26 U.S.C.		
33	1(h)(1)(e).			
34	(2) For tax years beginning on or after January 1,	2010 the tax imposed on net capital		

1	gain shall be determined under subdivision 44-30-2.6(c)(2)(A).				
2	(C) Itemized deductions.				
3	(1) In general				
4	For the purposes of section (2) "itemized deductions" means the amount of federal				
5	itemized deductions as modified by the modifications in section 44-30-12.				
6	(2) Individuals who do not itemize their deductions				
7	In the case of an individual who does not elect to itemize his deductions for the taxable				
8	year, they may elect to take a standard deduction.				
9	(3) Basic standard deduction.				
10	The Rhode Island standard deduction shall be allowed in accordance with the following				
11	table:				
12	Filing status Amount				
13	Single \$5,350				
14	Married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) \$8,900				
15	Married filing separately \$4,450				
16	Head of Household \$7,850				
17	(4) Additional standard deduction for the aged and blind.				
18	An additional standard deduction shall be allowed for individuals age sixty-five (65) or				
19	older or blind in the amount of \$1,300 for individuals who are not married and \$1,050 for				
20	individuals who are married.				
21	(5) Limitation on basic standard deduction in the case of certain dependents.				
22	In the case of an individual to whom a deduction under section (E) is allowable to another				
23	taxpayer, the basic standard deduction applicable to such individual shall not exceed the greater				
24	of:				
25	(a) \$850;				
26	(b) The sum of \$300 and such individual's earned income;				
27	(6) Certain individuals not eligible for standard deduction.				
28	In the case of:				
29	(a) A married individual filing a separate return where either spouse itemizes deductions;				
30	(b) Nonresident alien individual;				
31	(c) An estate or trust;				
32	The standard deduction shall be zero.				
33	(7) Adjustments for inflation.				
34	Each dollars amount contained in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) shall be increased by an				

1	amount equal to:				
2	(a) Such dollar amount contained in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) in the year 1988,				
3	multiplied by				
4	(b) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 1988.				
5	(D) Overall limitation on itemized deductions				
6	(1) General rule.				
7	In the case of an individual whose adjusted gross income as modified by section 44-30-12				
8	exceeds the applicable amount, the amount of the itemized deductions otherwise allowable for the				
9	taxable year shall be reduced by the lesser of:				
10	(a) Three percent (3%) of the excess of adjusted gross income as modified by section 44-				
11	30-12 over the applicable amount; or				
12	(b) Eighty percent (80%) of the amount of the itemized deductions otherwise allowable				
13	for such taxable year.				
14	(2) Applicable amount.				
15	(a) In general.				
16	For purposes of this section, the term "applicable amount" means \$156,400 (\$78,200 in				
17	the case of a separate return by a married individual)				
18	(b) Adjustments for inflation.				
19	Each dollar amount contained in paragraph (a) shall be increased by an amount equal to:				
20	(i) Such dollar amount contained in paragraph (a) in the year 1991, multiplied by				
21	(ii) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 1991.				
22	(3) Phase-out of Limitation.				
23	(a) In general.				
24	In the case of taxable year beginning after December 31, 2005, and before January 1,				
25	2010, the reduction under section (1) shall be equal to the applicable fraction of the amount which				
26	would be the amount of such reduction.				
27	(b) Applicable fraction.				
28	For purposes of paragraph (a), the applicable fraction shall be determined in accordance				
29	with the following table:				
30	For taxable years beginning in The applicable fraction is				
31	calendar year				
32	2006 and 2007 2/3				
33	2008 and 2009 1/3				
34	(E) Exemption amount				

1	(1) In general.				
2	Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the term "exemption amount" mean				
3	\$3,400.				
4	(2) Exemption amount disallowed in case of certain dependents. In the case of an				
5	individual with respect to whom a deduction under this section is allowable to another taxpayer				
6	for the same taxable year, the exemption amount applicable to such individual for such				
7	individual's taxable year shall be zero.				
8	(3) Adjustments for inflation.				
9	The dollar amount contained in paragraph (1) shall be increased by an amount equal to:				
10	(a) Such dollar amount contained in paragraph (1) in the year 1989, multiplied by				
11	(b) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 1989.				
12	(4) Limitation.				
13	(a) In general.				
14	In the case of any taxpayer whose adjusted gross income as modified for the taxable year				
15	exceeds the threshold amount shall be reduced by the applicable percentage.				
16	(b) Applicable percentage.				
17	In the case of any taxpayer whose adjusted gross income for the taxable year exceeds the				
18	threshold amount, the exemption amount shall be reduced by two (2) percentage points for each				
19	\$2,500 (or fraction thereof) by which the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the taxable year				
20	exceeds the threshold amount. In the case of a married individual filing a separate return, the				
21	preceding sentence shall be applied by substituting "\$1,250" for "\$2,500." In no event shall the				
22	applicable percentage exceed one hundred percent (100%).				
23	(c) Threshold Amount.				
24	For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "threshold amount" shall be determined with				
25	the following table:				
26	Filing status Amount				
27	Single \$156,400				
28	Married filing jointly of qualifying widow(er) \$234,600				
29	Married filing separately \$117,300				
30	Head of Household \$195,500				
31	(d) Adjustments for inflation.				
32	Each dollars amount contain in paragraph (b) shall be increased by an amount equal to:				
33	(i) Such dollar amount contained in paragraph (b) in the year 1991, multiplied by				
34	(ii) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 1991.				

1	(5) Phase-out of Limitation.				
2	(a) In general.				
3	In the case of taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005, and before January 1,				
4	2010, the reduction under section 4 shall be equal to the applicable fraction of the amount which				
5	would be the amount of such reduction.				
6	(b) Applicable fraction.				
7	For the purposes of paragraph (a), the applicable fraction shall be determined in				
8	accordance with the following table:				
9	For taxable years beginning in The applicable fraction is				
10	calendar year				
11	2006 and 2007 2/3				
12	2008 and 2009 1/3				
13	(F) Alternative minimum tax				
14	(1) General rule There is hereby imposed (in addition to any other tax imposed by this				
15	subtitle) a tax equal to the excess (if any) of:				
16	(a) The tentative minimum tax for the taxable year, over				
17	(b) The regular tax for the taxable year.				
18	(2) The tentative minimum tax for the taxable year is the sum of:				
18 19	(2) The tentative minimum tax for the taxable year is the sum of:(a) 6.5 percent of so much of the taxable excess as does not exceed \$175,000, plus				
19	(a) 6.5 percent of so much of the taxable excess as does not exceed \$175,000, plus				
19 20	(a) 6.5 percent of so much of the taxable excess as does not exceed \$175,000, plus(b) 7.0 percent of so much of the taxable excess above \$175,000.				
19 20 21	(a) 6.5 percent of so much of the taxable excess as does not exceed \$175,000, plus(b) 7.0 percent of so much of the taxable excess above \$175,000.(3) The amount determined under the preceding sentence shall be reduced by the sentence of the sentence of the preceding sentence of				
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1	Estate or trust \$24,650				
2	(7) Treatment of unearned income of minor children				
3	(a) In general.				
4	In the case of a minor child, the exemption amount for purposes of section (6) shall not				
5	exceed the sum of:				
6	(i) Such child's earned income, plus				
7	(ii) \$6,000.				
8	(8) Adjustments for inflation.				
9	The dollar amount contained in paragraphs (6) and (7) shall be increased by an amount				
10	equal to:				
11	(a) Such dollar amount contained in paragraphs (6) and (7) in the year 2004, multiplied				
12	by				
13	(b) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 2004.				
14	(9) Phase-out.				
15	(a) In general.				
16	The exemption amount of any taxpayer shall be reduced (but not below zero) by an				
17	amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount by which alternative minimum taxable				
18	income of the taxpayer exceeds the threshold amount.				
19	(b) Threshold amount.				
20	For purposes of this paragraph, the term "threshold amount" shall be determined with the				
21	following table:				
22	Filing status Amount				
23	Single \$123,250				
24	Married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) \$164,350				
25	Married filing separately \$82,175				
26	Head of Household \$123,250				
27	(c) Adjustments for inflation				
28	Each dollar amount contained in paragraph (9) shall be increased by an amount equal to:				
29	(i) Such dollar amount contained in paragraph (9) in the year 2004, multiplied by				
30	(ii) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 2004.				
31	(G) Other Rhode Island taxes				
32	(1) General rule There is hereby imposed (in addition to any other tax imposed by this				
33	subtitle) a tax equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of:				
34	(a) The Federal income tax on lump-sum distributions.				

1	(b) The Federal income tax on parents' election to report child's interest and dividends.
2	(c) The recapture of Federal tax credits that were previously claimed on Rhode Island
3	return.
4	(H) Tax for children under 18 with investment income
5	(1) General rule There is hereby imposed a tax equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of:
6	(a) The Federal tax for children under the age of 18 with investment income.
7	(I) Averaging of farm income
8	(1) General rule At the election of an individual engaged in a farming business or
9	fishing business, the tax imposed in section 2 shall be equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of:
10	(a) The Federal averaging of farm income as determined in IRC section 1301.
11	(J) Cost-of-living adjustment
12	(1) In general.
13	The cost-of-living adjustment for any calendar year is the percentage (if any) by which:
14	(a) The CPI for the preceding calendar year exceeds
15	(b) The CPI for the base year.
16	(2) CPI for any calendar year. For purposes of paragraph (1), the CPI for any calendar
17	year is the average of the Consumer Price Index as of the close of the twelve (12) month period
18	ending on August 31 of such calendar year.
19	(3) Consumer Price Index
20	For purposes of paragraph (2), the term "consumer price index" means the last consumer
21	price index for all urban consumers published by the department of labor. For purposes of the
22	preceding sentence, the revision of the consumer price index which is most consistent with the
23	consumer price index for calendar year 1986 shall be used.
24	(4) Rounding.
25	(a) In general.
26	If any increase determined under paragraph (1) is not a multiple of \$50, such increase
27	shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$50.
28	(b) In the case of a married individual filing a separate return, subparagraph (a) shall be
29	applied by substituting "\$25" for \$50 each place it appears.
30	(K) Credits against tax For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, a taxpayer
31	entitled to any of the following federal credits enacted prior to January 1, 1996 shall be entitled to
32	a credit against the Rhode Island tax imposed under this section:
33	(1) [Deleted by P.L. 2007, ch. 73, art. 7, section 5].
34	(2) Child and dependent care credit;

2	(4) Credit for elderly or the disabled;
3	(5) Credit for prior year minimum tax;
4	(6) Mortgage interest credit;
5	(7) Empowerment zone employment credit;
6	(8) Qualified electric vehicle credit.
7	(L) Credit against tax for adoption For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006,
8	a taxpayer entitled to the federal adoption credit shall be entitled to a credit against the Rhode
9	Island tax imposed under this section if the adopted child was under the care, custody, or
10	supervision of the Rhode Island department of children, youth and families prior to the adoption.
11	(M) The credit shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the aforementioned federal credits
12	provided there shall be no deduction based on any federal credits enacted after January 1, 1996,
13	including the rate reduction credit provided by the federal Economic Growth and Tax
14	Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA). In no event shall the tax imposed under this section be
15	reduced to less than zero. A taxpayer required to recapture any of the above credits for federal tax
16	purposes shall determine the Rhode Island amount to be recaptured in the same manner as
17	prescribed in this subsection.
18	(N) Rhode Island earned income credit
19	(1) In general.
20	A taxpayer entitled to a federal earned income credit shall be allowed a Rhode Island
21	earned income credit equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the federal earned income credit.
22	Such credit shall not exceed the amount of the Rhode Island income tax.
23	(2) Refundable portion.
24	In the event the Rhode Island earned income credit allowed under section (J) exceeds the
25	amount of Rhode Island income tax, a refundable earned income credit shall be allowed.
26	(a) For purposes of paragraph (2) refundable earned income credit means fifteen percent
27	(15%) of the amount by which the Rhode Island earned income credit exceeds the Rhode Island
28	income tax.
29	(O) The tax administrator shall recalculate and submit necessary revisions to paragraphs
30	(A) through (J) to the general assembly no later than February 1, 2010 and every three (3) years
31	thereafter for inclusion in the statute.
32	(3) For the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, and thereafter, "Rhode
33	Island taxable income" means federal adjusted gross income as determined under the Internal
34	Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 1 et seq., and as modified for Rhode Island purposes pursuant to

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(3) General business credits;

- section 44-30-12 less the amount of Rhode Island Basic Standard Deduction allowed pursuant to
- 2 subparagraph 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(B), and less the amount of personal exemption allowed pursuant of
- 3 subparagraph 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(C).
- 4 (A) Tax imposed.
- 5 (I) There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of married individuals filing joint
- 6 returns, qualifying widow(er), every head of household, unmarried individuals, married
- 7 individuals filing separate returns and bankruptcy estates, a tax determined in accordance with the
- 8 following table:

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9	RI Taxable Income			RI Income Tax	
10	Over	But not over	Pay + % on Excess	on the amount	
11				over	
12	\$ 0 -	\$ 55,000	\$ 0 + 3.75%	\$ 0	
13	55,000 -	125,000	2,063 + 4.75%	55,000	
14	125,000 -		5,388 + 5.99%	125,000	

(II) There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of an estate or trust a tax determined in accordance with the following table:

17	RI Taxable Income			RI Income Tax	
18	Over	But not over	Pay + % Over - Excess		on the amount
19					over
20	\$ 0 -	\$ 2,230	\$ 0 + 3.75%		\$ 0
21	2,230 -	7,022	84 + 4.75%		2,230
22	7,022 -		312 + 5.99%		7,022

- 23 (B) Deductions:
- 24 (I) Rhode Island Basic Standard Deduction. Only the Rhode Island standard deduction
- shall be allowed in accordance with the following table:

26	Filing status:	Amount
27	Single	\$7,500
28	Married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)	\$15,000
29	Married filing separately	\$7,500
30	Head of Household	\$11,250

- 31 (II) Nonresident alien individuals, estates and trusts are not eligible for standard deductions.
- 33 (III) In the case of any taxpayer whose adjusted gross income, as modified for Rhode 34 Island purposes pursuant to section 44-30-12, for the taxable year exceeds one hundred seventy-

- five thousand dollars (\$175,000), the standard deduction amount shall be reduced by the applicable percentage. The term "applicable percentage" means twenty (20) percentage points for each five thousand dollars (\$5,000) (or fraction thereof) by which the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the taxable year exceeds one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000).
 - (C) Exemption Amount:

- (I) The term "exemption amount" means three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) multiplied by the number of exemptions allowed for the taxable year for federal income tax purposes.
 - (II) Exemption amount disallowed in case of certain dependents. In the case of an individual with respect to whom a deduction under this section is allowable to another taxpayer for the same taxable year, the exemption amount applicable to such individual for such individual's taxable year shall be zero.
 - (D) In the case of any taxpayer whose adjusted gross income, as modified for Rhode Island purposes pursuant to section 33-30-12, for the taxable year exceeds one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000), the exemption amount shall be reduced by the applicable percentage. The term "applicable percentage" means twenty (20) percentage points for each five thousand dollars (\$5,000) (or fraction thereof) by which the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the taxable year exceeds one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000).
- 19 (E) Adjustment for inflation. The dollar amount contained in subparagraphs 44-30-20 (c)(3)(A), 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(B) and 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(C) shall be increased annually by an amount equal to:
 - (I) Such dollar amount contained in subparagraphs 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(A), 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(B) and 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(C) adjusted for inflation using a base tax year of 2000, multiplied by;
- 25 (II) The cost-of-living adjustment with a base year of 2000.
 - (III) For the purposes of this section the cost-of-living adjustment for any calendar year is the percentage (if any) by which the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year exceeds the consumer price index for the base year. The consumer price index for any calendar year is the average of the consumer price index as of the close of the twelve (12) month period ending on August 31, of such calendar year.
 - (IV) For the purpose of this section the term "consumer price index" means the last consumer price index for all urban consumers published by the department of labor. For the purpose of this section the revision of the consumer price index which is most consistent with the consumer price index for calendar year 1986 shall be used.

1	(V) If any increase determined under this section is not a multiple of fifty dollars
2	(\$50.00), such increase shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of fifty dollars (\$50.00). In the
3	case of a married individual filing separate return, if any increase determined under this section is
4	not a multiple of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), such increase shall be rounded to the next lower
5	multiple of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
6	(E) Credits against tax.
7	(I) Notwithstanding any other provisions of Rhode Island Law, for tax years beginning on
8	or after January 1, 2011, the only credits allowed against a tax imposed under this chapter shall be
9	as follows:
10	(a) Rhode Island Earned Income Credit: Credit shall be allowed for earned income credit
11	pursuant to subparagraph 44-30-2.6(c)(2)(N).
12	(b) Property Tax Relief Credit: Credit shall be allowed for property tax relief as provided
13	in section 44-33-1 et seq.
14	(c) Lead Paint Credit: Credit shall be allowed for residential lead abatement income tax
15	credit as provided in section 44-30.3-1 et seq.
16	(d) Credit for income taxes of other states Credit shall be allowed for income tax paid
17	to other states pursuant to section 44-30-74.
18	(e) Historic Structures Tax Credit: Credit shall be allowed for historic structures tax
19	credit as provided in section 44-33.2-1 et seq.
20	(f) Motion Picture Productions Tax Credit: Credit shall be allowed for motion picture
21	production tax credit as provided in section 44-31.2-1 et seq.
22	(g) Child and Dependent Care: Credit shall be allowed for twenty-five percent (25%) of
23	the federal child and dependent care credit allowable for the taxable year for federal purposes;
24	provided, however, such credit shall not exceed the Rhode Island tax liability.
25	(h) Tax credits for contributions to Scholarship Organizations: Credit shall be allowed for
26	contributions to scholarship organizations as provided in section 44-62 et seq.
27	(i) Rhode Island Enterprise Zone: Tax credits shall be allowed as provided in Rhode
28	Island general laws chapter 42-64.3.
29	(i) (j) Credit for tax withheld Wages upon which tax is required to be withheld shall be
30	taxable as if no withholding were required, but any amount of Rhode Island personal income tax
31	actually deducted and withheld in any calendar year shall be deemed to have been paid to the tax
32	administrator on behalf of the person from whom withheld, and the person shall be credited with
33	having paid that amount of tax for the taxable year beginning in that calendar year. For a taxable
34	year of less than twelve (12) months the credit shall be made under regulations of the tax

- 1 administrator.
- 2 (2) Except as provided in section 1 above, no other state and federal tax credit shall be
- 3 available to the taxpayers in computing tax liability under this chapter.
- 4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX

This act would add the enterprise zone tax credit to the list of tax credits available to the taxpayers in computing tax liability under this chapter.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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