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RELATING TO TAXATION

Introduced By: Senators Lombardo, Picard, Nesselbush, Miller, and McCaffrey

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Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3-10-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-10 entitled "Taxation of  
2 Beverages" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **3-10-1. Manufacturing tax rates -- Exemption of religious uses.** -- (a) There shall be  
4 assessed and levied by the tax administrator on all beverages manufactured, rectified, blended, or  
5 reduced for sale in this state a tax of three dollars and thirty cents (\$3.30) on every thirty-one (31)  
6 gallons, and a tax at a like rate for any other quantity or fractional part. On any beverage  
7 manufactured, rectified, blended, or reduced for sale in this state consisting in whole or in part of  
8 wine, whiskey, rum, gin, brandy spirits, ethyl alcohol, or other strong liquors (as distinguished  
9 from beer or other brewery products) the tax to be assessed and levied is as follows:

- 10 (1) Still wines (whether fortified or not), one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) per gallon;  
11 (2) Still wines (whether fortified or not) made entirely from fruit grown in this state,  
12 thirty cents (\$.30) per gallon;  
13 (3) Sparkling wines (whether fortified or not), seventy five cents (\$.75) per gallon;  
14 (4) Whiskey, rum, gin, brandy spirits, cordials, and other beverages consisting in whole  
15 or in part of alcohol which is the product of distillation, five dollars and forty cents (\$5.40) per  
16 gallon, except that whiskey, rum, gin, brandy spirits, cordials, and other beverages consisting in  
17 whole or in part of alcohol which is the product of distillation but which contains alcohol  
18 measuring thirty (30) proof or less, one dollar and ten cents (\$1.10) per gallon;  
19 (5) Ethyl alcohol to be used for beverage purposes, seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)

1 per gallon; and

2 (6) Ethyl alcohol to be used for nonbeverage purposes, eight cents (\$.08) per gallon.

3 (b) Sacramental wines are not subject to any tax if sold directly to a member of the  
4 clergy for use by the purchaser, or his or her congregation for sacramental or other religious  
5 purposes.

6 (c) A brewer who brews beer in this state which is actively and directly owned,  
7 managed, and operated by an authorized legal entity which has owned, managed, and operated a  
8 brewery in this state for at least twelve (12) consecutive months, shall receive a tax exemption on  
9 the first one hundred thousand (100,000) barrels of beer that it produces and distributes in this  
10 state in any calendar year. A barrel of beer is thirty one (31) gallons.

11 (1) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
12 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
13 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax exemption in subsection (c) above shall report to the  
14 division of taxation the actual value of the tax exemption and authorize that this information as  
15 well as the identification of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure  
16 report. In order to qualify for the tax exemption in this subsection (c) of this section, any taxpayer  
17 shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. The tax administrator shall prescribe the  
18 form in which the report required by this subsection shall be filed.

19 SECTION 2. Section 46-64-20 of the General Laws in Chapter 46-20 entitled "Rhode  
20 Island Economic Development Corporation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 **42-64-20. Exemption from taxation. [Effective January 1, 2014.]** -- (a) The exercise of  
22 the powers granted by this chapter will be in all respects for the benefit of the people of this state,  
23 the increase of their commerce, welfare, and prosperity and for the improvement of their health  
24 and living conditions and will constitute the performance of an essential governmental function  
25 and the corporation shall not be required to pay any taxes or assessments upon or in respect of  
26 any project or of any property or moneys of the Rhode Island COMMERCE CORPORATION,  
27 levied by any municipality or political subdivision of the state; provided, that the corporation  
28 shall make payments in lieu of real property taxes and assessments to municipalities and political  
29 subdivisions with respect to projects of the corporation located in the municipalities and political  
30 subdivisions during those times that the corporation derives revenue from the lease or operation  
31 of the projects. Payments in lieu of taxes shall be in amounts agreed upon by the corporation and  
32 the affected municipalities and political subdivisions. Failing the agreement, the amounts of  
33 payments in lieu of taxes shall be determined by the corporation using a formula that shall  
34 reasonably ensure that the amounts approximate the average amount of real property taxes due

1 throughout the state with respect to facilities of a similar nature and size. Any municipality or  
2 political subdivision is empowered to accept at its option an amount of payments in lieu of taxes  
3 less than that determined by the corporation. If, pursuant to section 42-64-13(f), the corporation  
4 shall have agreed with a municipality or political subdivision that it shall not provide all of the  
5 specified services, the payments in lieu of taxes shall be reduced by the cost incurred by the  
6 corporation or any other person in providing the services not provided by the municipality or  
7 political subdivision.

8 (b) The corporation shall not be required to pay state taxes of any kind, and the  
9 corporation, its projects, property, and moneys and, except for estate, inheritance, and gift taxes,  
10 any bonds or notes issued under the provisions of this chapter and the income (including gain  
11 from sale or exchange) from these shall at all times be free from taxation of every kind by the  
12 state and by the municipalities and all political subdivisions of the state. The corporation shall not  
13 be required to pay any transfer tax of any kind on account of instruments recorded by it or on its  
14 behalf.

15 (c) For purposes of the exemption from taxes and assessments upon or in respect of any  
16 project under subsections (a) or (b) of this section, the corporation shall not be required to hold  
17 legal title to any real or personal property, including any fixtures, furnishings or equipment which  
18 are acquired and used in the construction and development of the project, but the legal title may  
19 be held in the name of a lessee (including sublessees) from the corporation. This property, which  
20 shall not include any goods or inventory used in the project after completion of construction, shall  
21 be exempt from taxation to the same extent as if legal title of the property were in the name of the  
22 corporation; provided that the board of directors of the corporation adopts a resolution confirming  
23 use of the tax exemption for the project by the lessee. Such resolution shall not take effect until  
24 thirty (30) days from passage. The resolution shall include findings that: (1) the project is a  
25 project of the corporation under section 42-64-3(20), and (2) it is in the interest of the corporation  
26 and of the project that legal title be held by the lessee from the corporation. In adopting the  
27 resolution, the board of directors may consider any factors it deems relevant to the interests of the  
28 corporation or the project including, for example, but without limitation, reduction in potential  
29 liability or costs to the corporation or designation of the project as a "Project of Critical Economic  
30 Concern" pursuant to Chapter 117 of this title.

31 (d) For purposes of the exemption from taxes and assessments for any project of the  
32 corporation held by a lessee of the corporation under subsection (c) of this section, any such  
33 project shall be subject to the following additional requirements:

34 (1) The total sales tax exemption benefit to the lessee will be implemented through a

1 reimbursement process as determined by the division of taxation rather than an up-front purchase  
2 exemption;

3 (2) The sales tax benefits granted pursuant to RIGL 42-64-20(c) shall only apply to  
4 project approved prior to July 1, 2011 and shall: (i) only apply to materials used in the  
5 construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation of the project and to the acquisition of furniture,  
6 fixtures and equipment, except automobiles, trucks or other motor vehicles, or materials that  
7 otherwise are depreciable and have a useful life of one year or more, for the project for a period  
8 not to exceed six (6) months after receipt of a certificate of occupancy for any given phase of the  
9 project for which sales tax benefits are utilized; and (ii) not exceed an amount equal to the income  
10 tax revenue received by the state from the new full-time jobs with benefits excluding project  
11 construction jobs, generated by the project within a period of three (3) years from after the receipt  
12 of a certificate of occupancy for any given phase of the project. "Full- time jobs with benefits"  
13 means jobs that require working a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week within the state, with a  
14 median wage that exceeds by five percent (5%) the median annual wage for the preceding year  
15 for full-time jobs in Rhode Island, as certified by the department of labor and training with a  
16 benefit package that is typical of companies within the lessee's industry. The sales tax benefits  
17 granted pursuant to Rhode Island general laws subsection 42-64-20(c) shall not be effective for  
18 projects approved on or after July 1, 2011.

19 (3) The corporation shall transmit the analysis required by RIGL 42-64-10(a)(2) to the  
20 house and senate fiscal committee chairs, the department of labor and training and the division of  
21 taxation promptly upon completion. Annually thereafter, the department of labor and training  
22 shall certify to the house and senate fiscal committee chairs, the house and senate fiscal advisors,  
23 the corporation and the division of taxation the actual number of new full-time jobs with benefits  
24 created by the project, in addition to construction jobs, and whether such new jobs are on target to  
25 meet or exceed the estimated number of new jobs identified in the analysis above. This  
26 certification shall no longer be required when the total amount of new income tax revenue  
27 received by the state exceeds the amount of the sales tax exemption benefit granted above.

28 (4) The department of labor and training shall certify to the house and senate fiscal  
29 committee chairs and the division of taxation that jobs created by the project are "new jobs" in the  
30 state of Rhode Island, meaning that the employees of the project are in addition to, and without a  
31 reduction of, those employees of the lessee currently employed in Rhode Island, are not relocated  
32 from another facility of the lessee's in Rhode Island or are employees assumed by the lessee as  
33 the result of a merger or acquisition of a company already located in Rhode Island. Additionally,  
34 the corporation, with the assistance of the lessee, the department of labor and training, the

1 department of human services and the division of taxation shall provide annually an analysis of  
2 whether any of the employees of the project qualify for RIte Care or RIte Share benefits and the  
3 impact such benefits or assistance may have on the state budget.

4 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the division of taxation, the department  
5 of labor and training and the department of human services are authorized to present, review and  
6 discuss lessee specific tax or employment information or data with the corporation, the house and  
7 senate fiscal committee chairs, and/or the house and senate fiscal advisors for the purpose of  
8 verification and compliance with this resolution; and

9 (6) The corporation and the project lessee shall agree that, if at any time prior to the state  
10 recouping the amount of the sales tax exemption through new income tax collections from the  
11 project, not including construction job income taxes, the lessee will be unable to continue the  
12 project, or otherwise defaults on its obligations to the corporation, the lessee shall be liable to the  
13 state for all the sales tax benefits granted to the project plus interest, as determined in RIGL 44-1-  
14 7, calculated from the date the lessee received the sales tax benefits.

15 (e) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
16 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
17 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax exemption in section shall report to the division of taxation  
18 the actual value of the tax exemption, and authorize that this information as well as the  
19 identification of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order  
20 to qualify for the tax exemption in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements  
21 of this subsection. The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by  
22 this subsection shall be filed.

23 SECTION 3. Sections 42-64.3-6 and 42-64.3-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-64.3  
24 entitled "Distressed Areas Economic Revitalization Act" are hereby amended to read as follows:

25 **42-64.3-6. Business tax credits.** -- A qualified business in an enterprise zone is allowed a  
26 credit against the tax imposed pursuant to chapters 11, 13 (except the taxation of tangible  
27 personal property under 44-13-13), 14, 17, and 30 of title 44:

28 (1) A credit equal to fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of wages paid to those  
29 enterprise job employees comprising the five percent (5%) new jobs referenced in 42-64.3-  
30 3(4)(i)(A). The wages subject to the credit shall be reduced by any direct state or federal wage  
31 assistance paid to employers for the employee(s) in the taxable year. The maximum credit  
32 allowed per taxable year under the provisions of this subsection shall be two thousand five  
33 hundred dollars (\$2,500), per employee. A taxpayer who takes this business tax credit shall not be  
34 eligible for the resident business owner modification pursuant to 42-64.3-7.

1           (2) A credit equal to seventy five percent (75%) of the total amount of wages paid to  
2 those enterprise job employees who are domiciliaries of an enterprise zone comprising the five  
3 percent (5%) new jobs referenced in 42-64.3-3(4)(i)(A). The wages subject to the credit shall be  
4 reduced by any direct state or federal wage assistance in the taxable year. The maximum credit  
5 allowed per taxable year under the provisions of this subdivision shall be five thousand dollars  
6 (\$5,000) per employee. A taxpayer who takes this business tax credit is not eligible for the  
7 resident business owner modification. The council shall promulgate appropriate rules to certify  
8 that the enterprise job employees are domiciliaries of an enterprise zone and shall advise the  
9 qualified business and the tax administrator. A taxpayer taking a credit for employees pursuant to  
10 this subdivision (2) shall not be entitled to a credit pursuant to subdivision (1) of this section for  
11 the employees.

12           (3) Any tax credit as provided in subdivision (1) or (2) of this section shall not reduce the  
13 tax below the minimum tax. Fiscal year taxpayers must claim the tax credit in the year into which  
14 the December 31st of the certification year falls. The credit shall be used to offset tax liability  
15 pursuant to the provisions of either chapters 11, 13, 14, 17, or 30 of title 44, but not more than  
16 one chapter.

17           (4) In the case of a corporation, the credit allowed under this section is only allowed  
18 against the tax of that corporation included in a consolidated return that qualifies for the credit  
19 and not against the tax of other corporations that may join in the filing of a consolidated tax  
20 return.

21           (5) In the case of multiple business owners, the credit provided in subdivision (1) or (2)  
22 of this section is apportioned according to the ownership interests of the qualified business.

23           (6) The tax credits established pursuant to this section may be carried forward for a  
24 period of three (3) years if in each of the three (3) calendar years a business which has qualified  
25 for tax credits under this section: (a) does not reduce the number of its employees from the last  
26 Effective Date of Certification; (b) obtains certificates of good standing from the Rhode Island  
27 division of taxation, the corporations division of the Rhode Island secretary of state and the  
28 appropriate municipal tax collector; (c) provides the council an affidavit stating under oath that  
29 this business has not within the preceding twelve (12) months changed its legal status for the  
30 purpose of gaining favorable treatment under the provisions of chapter 64.3 of this title; and (d)  
31 meets any other requirements as may be established by the council in its rules and regulations.

32           (7) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
33 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
34 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax credits in this section shall report to the division of taxation

1 [the actual value of the tax credits, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification](#)  
2 [of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for](#)  
3 [the tax credits in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.](#)  
4 [The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection](#)  
5 [shall be filed.](#)

6 **42-64.3-7. Resident business owner tax modification.** -- (a) In computing his or her  
7 annual tax liability pursuant to the provisions of chapter 11 or 30 of title 44, a domiciliary of an  
8 enterprise zone who owns and operates a qualified business facility in that zone and which  
9 business is not required to file under chapter 11,13,14 or 17 of title 44 may:

10 (1) For the first three (3) years after certification, whether or not consecutive, deduct fifty  
11 thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year as a modification reducing federal adjusted gross income; and

12 (2) For the fourth and fifth years after certification, whether or not consecutive, deduct  
13 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per year as a modification reducing federal adjusted gross  
14 income.

15 (b) Any modification provided in subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) shall not be  
16 available in taxable years other than the year in which the taxpayer qualifies for tax modification.

17 (c) In the case of multiple business owners, the modifications provided in subdivisions  
18 (1) and (2) of subsection (a) shall be apportioned according to the ownership interests of the  
19 domiciliary owners of the qualified business.

20 (d) A taxpayer who elects this modification shall not be eligible for the business tax  
21 credits under 42-64.3-6.

22 [\(e\) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis](#)  
23 [pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,](#)  
24 [any taxpayer benefiting from the tax modification in this section shall report to the division of](#)  
25 [taxation the actual value of the tax modification, and authorize that this information, as well as](#)  
26 [the identification of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In](#)  
27 [order to qualify for the tax modification in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the](#)  
28 [requirements of this subsection. The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report](#)  
29 [required by this subsection shall be filed.](#)

30 SECTION 4. Section 42-64.5-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-64.5 entitled "Jobs  
31 Development Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 **42-64.5-3. Tax rate reduction.** -- (a) The rate of tax payable by an eligible company and  
33 each of its eligible subsidiaries for any taxable year ending on or after July 1, 1995, on its net  
34 income pursuant to the applicable income tax provisions of the general laws, including the

1 provisions of 44-11-2(a), 44-14-3(a), 44-14-4 and 44-17-1, or on its gross earnings pursuant to  
2 44-13-4(4), shall be reduced by the amount specified in 42-64.5-4; this rate reduction shall be  
3 applied annually once to those eligible companies which are permitted by law to file a  
4 consolidated state tax return and in the case of eligible companies not permitted by law to file  
5 consolidated state tax returns, then the rate reduction shall be applied annually to each eligible  
6 company and its eligible subsidiaries; provided, however, except as provided in 42-64.5-7, should  
7 any eligible company fail to maintain in any taxable year after 1997 or, if applicable, the third  
8 taxable year following the base employment period election set forth in 42-64.5-5, the number of  
9 units of new employment it reported for its 1997 tax year or, if applicable, the third taxable year  
10 following the base employment period election set forth in 42-64.5-5; the rate reduction provided  
11 for in this chapter shall expire permanently.

12 (b) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
13 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
14 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax reduction in this section shall report to the division of  
15 taxation the actual value of the tax reduction, and authorize that this information, as well as the  
16 identification of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order  
17 to qualify for the tax reduction in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of  
18 this subsection. The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this  
19 subsection shall be filed.

20 SECTION 5. Section 42-64.6-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-64.6 entitled "Jobs  
21 Training Tax Credit Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 **42-64.6-4. Determination of credit.** – (a) The credit provided in this chapter is equal to  
23 twenty-five percent (25%) of the qualifying expenses incurred in 1996 and fifty percent (50%) of  
24 the qualifying expenses incurred after 1996 to provide training and/or retraining for a qualifying  
25 employee, of which fifty percent (50%) of the credit shall be allowed in the taxable year in which  
26 the expense is paid and the balance of the credit shall be allowed in the following taxable year.  
27 The maximum amount of credit per employee shall not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in  
28 any three (3) year period. The credit allowed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter that is  
29 attributable to the cost of providing training and/or retraining to a qualifying employee shall be  
30 recaptured if the employee involuntarily other than as a result of death or disability no longer  
31 qualifies as a qualifying employee of the employer at any time during the eighteen (18) month  
32 period following the employee's completion of the program.

33 (b) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
34 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,



1 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax credit in this section shall report to the division of taxation  
2 the actual value of the tax credit, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification  
3 of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for  
4 the tax credit in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
5 The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection  
6 shall be filed.

7 SECTION 6. Section 42-64.11-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-64.11 entitled "Jobs  
8 Growth Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 **42-64.11-4. Partial modification of performance-based compensation.--** (a) Fifty  
10 percent (50%) of the performance-based compensation realized by an eligible employee in any  
11 credit year shall be allowed as a modification decreasing adjusted gross income and alternative  
12 minimum income for purposes of the personal income tax.

13 (b) The modification provided under subsection (a) shall be taken into account in  
14 determining withholding under 44-30-71 to be deducted by a fully-certified company with respect  
15 to performance-based compensation paid to eligible employees.

16 (c) The amount of income, otherwise qualifying as performance-based compensation,  
17 derived from employer granted stock options is subject to the fifty percent (50%) modification  
18 provided for in subsection (a) only to the extent that the same amount is subject to tax under 42-  
19 64.11-5.

20 (d) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
21 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
22 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax modification in this section shall report to the division of  
23 taxation the actual value of the tax modification, and authorize that this information, as well as  
24 the identification of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In  
25 order to qualify for the tax modification in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the  
26 requirements of this subsection. The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report  
27 required by this subsection shall be filed.

28 SECTION 7. Section 44-11-41 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-11 entitled "Business  
29 Corporation Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 **44-11-41. Tax credit for machine tool, metal trade or plastic process technician**  
31 **apprenticeships. --** (a) Any taxpayer who employs a machine tool and metal trade apprentice or  
32 plastic process technician apprentice duly enrolled and registered under the terms of a qualified  
33 program (as determined by the state apprenticeship council) is entitled to a tax credit for each  
34 eligible apprentice for fifty percent (50)% of actual wages paid, or four thousand eight hundred

1 dollars (\$4,800), whichever is less; provided, that the apprenticeships meet the following  
2 requirements:

3 (1) The tax credit is limited to qualified Machine Tool, Metal Trade and Plastics Process  
4 Technician programs with apprenticeship periods of duration which are more than four thousand  
5 (4,000) hours and less than ten thousand (10,000) hours.

6 (2) The apprentice must be employed on a full-time basis, which is defined as working a  
7 minimum of one hundred twenty (120) hours per month at the trade. Up to eighty (80) hours may  
8 be applied during the tax year against the one hundred twenty (120) hour limitation.

9 (3) Pre-apprentices are not counted as apprenticeships begun and wages earned by pre-  
10 apprentices are not eligible for tax credits under this regulation.

11 (4) The number of apprenticeships for which tax credit is allowed must exceed the  
12 average number of apprenticeships begun during the five (5) preceding income years.

13 (b) The tax credit is limited to the following trade: machinist, toolmaker, tool and  
14 diemaker, model maker, gage maker, patternmaker, tool and machine setter, diesinker,  
15 moldmaker, machine tool repairer, plastic process technician and in similar occupations which, as  
16 above, involve multiple work processes including the shaping of metals by machine tool  
17 equipment designed to perform cutting, grinding, milling, turning, drilling, boring, planing,  
18 hobbing, and abrading operations.

19 (c) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
20 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
21 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax credits in this section shall report to the division of taxation  
22 the actual value of the tax credits, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification  
23 of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for  
24 the tax credits in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
25 The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection  
26 shall be filed.

27 SECTION 8. Section 44-30-1.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-30 entitled "Personal  
28 Income Tax" is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 **44-30-1.1. Exemption from tax for writers, composers and artists.** -- (a) This section  
30 shall only apply to writers, composers and artists residing within a section of the defined  
31 economic development zone within the city of Providence, Pawtucket, Woonsocket or Warwick,  
32 or the economic development zone within the town of Westerly as defined in 44-18-30B(c)(1)(i),  
33 or within the city of Newport or within the town of Tiverton or the town of Little Compton, or  
34 within those areas of the town of Warren which are zoned "waterfront district," "special district,"

1 "village business district," "manufacturing district," "business district" or "Warren historic  
2 district", or a tax pass-through entity wholly owned by one or more such individuals and who  
3 create such work while residing in the zone, or in the case of Newport or the town of Little  
4 Compton, within those areas of the city or town which are zoned "general business," "waterfront  
5 business" or "limited business" or have been designated by the city of Newport as part of the arts  
6 district, or in the case of Warren, within those areas of the town which are zoned "waterfront  
7 district," "special district," "village business district," "manufacturing district," "business district"  
8 or "Warren historic district," or in the case of Tiverton with those areas of the town which are  
9 zoned "business commercial," "business waterfront" or "village commercial." For the purposes of  
10 this section, a "work" means an original and creative work, whether written, composed, created or  
11 executed for "one-of-a-kind, limited" production, before or after the passing of this section, which  
12 falls into one of the following categories: (1) a book or other writing; (2) a play or the  
13 performance of said play; (3) a musical composition or the performance of said composition; (4)  
14 a painting or other like picture; (5) a sculpture; (6) traditional and fine crafts; (7) the creation of a  
15 film or the acting of said film; (8) the creation of a dance or the performance of said dance. For  
16 purposes of this section, a "work" does not apply to any piece or performance created or executed  
17 for industry oriented or related production.

18 (b) (1) This section shall apply to any individual:

19 (i) Who is a resident within the section of the economic development zone designated as  
20 the arts and entertainment district in the downtown areas of the cities of Providence, Woonsocket  
21 or Pawtucket, and deriving the income exempted from within said district while a resident of said  
22 zone, or who is a resident within the section of the arts and entertainment district in the town of  
23 Westerly, as defined in 44-18-30B(c)(1)(i) and who derives the income exempted from within  
24 said district while a resident of said zone. For the purposes of this section, the "Providence arts  
25 and entertainment district" is defined as the area bounded by Pine Street to the southeast,  
26 Dorrance Street to the northeast, Sabin Street to the northwest and Empire Street to the southwest.  
27 Said Providence arts and entertainment district also includes the area beginning at the point of  
28 intersection of Acorn Street and Harris Avenue, then turning east onto Atwells Avenue to Service  
29 Road 7, then turning southerly onto Service Road 7 to Westminster Street, then turning westerly  
30 onto Westminster Street, continuing until Bridgham, then turning south onto Bridgham to  
31 Cranston Street, then turning southwesterly onto Cranston Street, then continuing to Messer  
32 Street, then turning north onto Messer Street to Westminster Street, turning west onto  
33 Westminster Street to US Hwy 6 off ramp, then heading west on US Hwy 6 to Sheridan Street,  
34 then heading northeast on Sheridan Street to Aleppo Street, then turning southeast along Aleppo

1 Street to Pelham Street, then heading northeast on Pelham Street to Manton Avenue, then  
2 continuing southeast on Manton Avenue until Delaine Street, then heading northeast on Delaine  
3 Street until Appleton Street, then continuing northwesterly on Appleton Street until Bowdoin  
4 Street, then heading north on Bowdoin Street until Barstow Street, then heading east on Barstow  
5 until Valley Street, then heading northeast on Valley Street to Hemlock Street, then turning  
6 southeast on Hemlock Street until Promenade Street, then heading east on Promenade Street to  
7 Acorn Street, then heading south on Acorn Street to the intersection of Acorn Street and Harris  
8 Avenue. The abovementioned streets shall be included in the district. The "Westerly arts and  
9 entertainment district" is defined in 44-18-30B(c)(1)(i). The "Pawtucket arts and entertainment  
10 district" shall be defined as the area beginning at the point of intersection of Dexter Street and the  
11 Central Falls line, then east along the Central Falls Line to the Blackstone River, then north along  
12 the city boundary on the Blackstone River to the Cumberland line, then west along the Pawtucket  
13 city boundary line to I-95, then south along I-95 to Pine Street, then north on Pine Street to  
14 AMTRAK Right of Way, then northwest along the AMTRAK Right of Way to Dexter Street,  
15 then north on Dexter Street to the Central Falls line. The abovementioned streets shall be included  
16 in the district. The "Woonsocket arts and entertainment district" shall be defined as the area  
17 beginning at a point of land on the southwest bank of the Blackstone River abutting the bridge for  
18 the Providence & Worcester Railroad and proceeding northerly to a point at the intersection of  
19 Worrall Street, Clinton Street and Harry S. Truman Drive, then proceeding northwesterly along  
20 Worrall Street to its intersection with Social Street, then turning westerly on Social Street  
21 proceeding to its intersection with Main Street, Blackstone Street and North Main Street, then  
22 turning northwesterly and proceeding along Blackstone Street to its intersection with River Street,  
23 then turning northerly and proceeding along River Street to its intersection with the northeast  
24 bank of Blackstone River, then following the riverbank southerly to the bridge at Bernon Street  
25 and turning easterly crossing the Blackstone River via Bernon Street and proceeding to its  
26 intersection with Front Street, then turning northeasterly on Front Street and proceeding to its  
27 intersection with Hamlet Avenue, and to include the former Courthouse on the southerly side of  
28 Front Street at its intersection with Hamlet Avenue, then turning easterly on Hamlet Avenue and  
29 proceeding to its intersection with Manville Road, then turning southeasterly on Manville Road  
30 and proceeding to its intersection with Davison Avenue, then turning northeasterly on Davison  
31 Avenue and proceeding to a point on the southwest bank of the Blackstone River, then turning  
32 northerly, following the southerly riverbank to the point of beginning. The abovementioned  
33 streets are included in the district. The Warwick arts district is defined as that area known as  
34 Pontiac Village, beginning on Route 5 at the Warwick/Cranston municipal boundary, then south

1 to the intersection of Route 5 and the Pawtuxet River, then following the Pawtuxet River in an  
2 easterly and northerly direction to the municipal boundary in the vicinity of Knight Street, then  
3 from the intersection of Knight Street and the municipal boundary westerly along the  
4 Warwick/Cranston municipal boundary to the intersection of Route 5 and Greenwich Avenue.  
5 The above named streets are included in the district.

6 This section shall also apply to any individual who is a resident of the city of Newport or  
7 the town of Tiverton or the town of Little Compton and whose income otherwise qualifies for an  
8 exemption as provided for in this section.

9 This section shall also apply to any individual who is a resident of the town of Warren  
10 and whose income otherwise qualifies for an exemption as provided for in this section.

11 (ii) Who is determined by the tax administrator, after consideration of any evidence in  
12 relation to the matter which the individual submits to him or her and after such consultation as  
13 may seem to him or her to be necessary with such person or body of persons as in his or her  
14 opinion may be of assistance to him or her, to have written, composed or executed either solely or  
15 jointly with another individual, a work or works that would fall into one of the categories listed in  
16 subsection (a) of this section.

17 (c) (1) An individual to whom this section applies and who duly makes a claim to the tax  
18 administrator in that behalf shall, subject to subdivision (2) of this subsection, be entitled to have  
19 the profits or gains arising to him or her from the publication, production or sale of a work or  
20 works in relation to which the tax administrator has made a determination under paragraph  
21 (b)(1)(ii) of this section to be taken as a modification reducing federal adjusted gross income.

22 (2) The modification authorized by this section shall apply to the year in which the profit  
23 or gain from the publication, production or sale of a work is realized.

24 (d) The tax administrator may serve on an individual who makes a claim under this  
25 subsection a notice or notices, in writing, requiring him or her to make available within any time  
26 that may be specified in the notice of all such books, accounts and documents in his or her  
27 possession or power as may be requested, being books, accounts and documents relating to the  
28 publication, production or sale of the work in respect of the profits or gains of which exemption is  
29 claimed.

30 (e) For the purpose of determining the amount of profits or gains subject to modification  
31 under this section, the tax administrator may make any apportionment of receipts and expenses  
32 that may be necessary.

33 (f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, any individual seeking relief  
34 under this section shall file a Rhode Island personal income tax return listing the modification

1 reducing federal adjusted gross income relating to profits or gains realized from the works as  
2 defined in this section.

3 (g) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
4 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
5 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax modification in this section shall report to the division of  
6 taxation the actual value of the tax modification, and authorize that this information, as well as  
7 the identification of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In  
8 order to qualify for the tax modification in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the  
9 requirements of this subsection. The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report  
10 required by this subsection shall be filed.

11 SECTION 9. Sections 44-31-1, 44-31-1.1 and 44-31-2 of the General Laws in Chapter  
12 44-31 entitled "Investment Tax Credit" are hereby amended to read as follows:

13 **44-31-1. Investment tax credit.** -- (a) A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit, to be  
14 computed as provided in this chapter, against the tax imposed by chapters 11, 14, 17, and 30 of  
15 this title. The amount of the credit shall be two percent (2%) of the cost or other basis for federal  
16 income tax purposes of tangible personal property and other tangible property, including  
17 buildings and structural components of buildings, described in subsection (b) of this section,  
18 acquired, constructed, reconstructed, or erected after December 31, 1973. Provided, that the  
19 amount of the credit shall be four percent (4%) of the: (i) cost or other basis for federal income  
20 tax purposes of tangible personal property and other tangible property, including buildings and  
21 structural components of buildings, described in subdivision (b)(1) of this section, acquired,  
22 constructed, reconstructed or erected after December 31, 1993; and (ii) qualified amounts for  
23 leased assets of tangible personal property and other tangible property described in subdivision  
24 (b)(1) of this section, acquired, constructed, reconstructed, or erected after January 1, 1998, and  
25 the amount of the credit shall be ten percent (10%) of the cost or other basis for federal income  
26 tax purposes, and the qualified amounts for leased assets, of tangible personal property and other  
27 tangible property described in subdivision (b)(3) of this section, acquired, constructed,  
28 reconstructed, or erected after January 1, 1998, and with respect to buildings and structural  
29 components which are acquired, constructed, reconstructed or erected after July 1, 2001, as  
30 described in subdivision (b)(3) of this section.

31 (b) (1) A credit shall be allowed under this section with respect to tangible personal  
32 property and other tangible property, including buildings and structural components of buildings,  
33 which are depreciable pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 167, have a useful life of four (4) years or more, are  
34 acquired by purchase as defined in 26 U.S.C. 179(d) or are acquired by lease as prescribed in

1 paragraph (3)(iv) of this subsection, have a situs in this state and are principally used by the  
2 taxpayer in the production of goods by manufacturing, process, or assembling. The credit shall be  
3 allowable in the year the property is first placed in service by the taxpayer, which is the year in  
4 which, under the taxpayer's depreciation practice, the period for depreciation with respect to the  
5 property begins, or the year in which the property is placed in a condition or state of readiness  
6 and availability for a specifically assigned function, whichever is earlier. For purposes of this  
7 paragraph, "manufacturing" means the process of working raw materials into wares suitable for  
8 use or which gives new shapes, new quality or new combinations to matter that already has gone  
9 through some artificial process by the use of machinery, tools, appliances, and other similar  
10 equipment. Property used in the production of goods includes machinery, equipment, or other  
11 tangible property which is principally used in the repair and service of other machinery,  
12 equipment, or other tangible property used principally in the production of goods and includes all  
13 facilities used in the production operation, including storage of material to be used in production  
14 and of the products that are produced.

15 (2) Within the meaning of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the term "manufacturing"  
16 means the activities of a "manufacturer" as defined in 44-3-3(20)(iii) and (iv).

17 (3) (i) A credit shall be allowed under this section with respect to tangible personal  
18 property and other tangible property, (excluding motor vehicles, furniture, buildings and  
19 structural components of buildings, except as provided in this section), which are depreciable  
20 pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 167, have a useful life of four (4) years or more, are acquired by purchase  
21 as defined in 26 U.S.C. 179(d) or acquired by lease as prescribed in paragraph (iv) of this  
22 subdivision, have a situs in this state and to the extent the property is used by a qualified taxpayer,  
23 as that term is defined in paragraph (v) of this subdivision, in any of the businesses described in  
24 major groups 20 through 39, 50 and 51, 60 through 67, 73, 76, 80 through 82, 87 and 89 in the  
25 standard industrial classification manual prepared by the technical committee on industrial  
26 classification, office of the statistical standards, executive office of the president, United States  
27 Bureau of the Budget, as revised from time to time ("SIC Code") and/or any of the businesses  
28 described in the three (3) digit SIC Code 781.

29 (ii) A credit shall be allowed under this section with respect to buildings and structural  
30 components that are acquired, constructed, reconstructed, or erected after July 1, 2001, which are  
31 depreciable pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 167, have a useful life of four (4) years or more, are acquired  
32 by purchase as defined in 26 U.S.C. 179(d) or acquired by lease for a term of twenty (20) years or  
33 more, excluding renewal periods, have a situs in this state and to the extent the property is used  
34 by a high performance manufacturer. The term "high performance manufacturer" means a

1 taxpayer: (A) engaged in any of the businesses described in the major groups 28, 30, 34, to 36,  
2 and 38 of the SIC Codes, (B) that pays its full-time equivalent employees a median annual wage  
3 above the average annual wage paid by all taxpayers in the state which share the same two-digit  
4 SIC Code, unless the high performance manufacturer is the only high performance manufacturer  
5 in the state conducting business in that two-digit SIC Code, in which case this requirement shall  
6 not apply, and (C)(I) whose expenses for training or retraining its employees exceeds two percent  
7 (2%) of its total payroll costs, or (II) that pays its full-time equivalent employees a median annual  
8 wage equal to or greater than one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the average annual  
9 wage paid in this state by employers to employees, or (III) that pays its full-time equivalent  
10 employees classified as production workers by the Rhode Island department of labor and training  
11 an average annual wage above the average annual wage paid to the production workers of all  
12 taxpayers in the state which share the same two-digit SIC Code.

13 (iii) To the extent allowable, the credit allowed under this section is allowed for  
14 computers, software and telecommunications hardware used by a taxpayer even if the property  
15 has a useful life of less than four (4) years;

16 (iv) The credit for property acquired by lease is based on the fair market value of the  
17 property at the inception of the lease times the portion of the depreciable life of the property  
18 represented by the term of the lease, excluding renewal options. The credit described in this  
19 subdivision for high performance manufacturers that lease buildings and their structural  
20 components for a term of twenty (20) years or more, excluding renewal periods, shall be  
21 calculated in the same manner as for property acquired by purchase; and

22 (v) For purposes of this subsection, a "qualified taxpayer" means a taxpayer in any of the  
23 businesses described in major groups 20 through 39, 50 and 51, 60 through 67, 73, 76, 80 through  
24 82, 87 and 89 of the SIC Code, and/or any of the businesses described in the three (3) digit SIC  
25 Code 781, and which meet the following criteria:

26 (A) The median annual wage paid to a qualified taxpayer's full-time equivalent  
27 employees must be above the average annual wage paid by all taxpayers in the state which share  
28 the same two-digit SIC Code, unless that qualified taxpayer is the only qualified taxpayer in the  
29 state conducting business in that two-digit SIC Code, in which case this requirement does not  
30 apply; and

31 (B) With respect to major groups 50 and 51, 60 through 67, 73, 76, 80 through 82, 87 and  
32 89 and/or the three (3) digit SIC Code 781(except for those qualified taxpayers whose businesses  
33 are described in any of the four (4) digit SIC Codes 7371, 7372 and 7373) only:

34 (I) More than one-half (1/2) of its gross revenues are a result of sales to customers outside



1 of the state; or

2 (II) More than one-half (1/2) of its gross revenues are a result of sales to the federal  
3 government; or

4 (III) More than one-half (1/2) of its gross revenues are a result of a combination of sales  
5 described in items (I) and (II) of this subparagraph.

6 (4) For purposes of this section, "sales to customers outside the state" means sales to  
7 individuals, businesses and other entities, as well as divisions and/or branches of businesses and  
8 other entities, residing or located outside of the state. The requirement of subparagraph (v)(A) of  
9 this subdivision does not apply to any qualified taxpayer: (i) whose expenses for training or  
10 retraining its employees exceeds two percent (2%) of these qualified taxpayer's total payroll  
11 costs; or (ii) whose median annual wage paid to its full-time equivalent employees is equal to or  
12 greater than one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the average annual wage paid in this state  
13 by employers to employees; or (iii), with respect to major groups 20 through 39 only, the average  
14 annual wage paid to these qualified taxpayer's full-time equivalent employees, classified as  
15 production workers by the Rhode Island department of labor and training, is above the average  
16 annual wage paid to the production workers of all these taxpayers in the state which share the  
17 same two-digit SIC Code. At the election of a taxpayer, which is made at any time and in any  
18 manner that may be determined by the tax administrator, the taxpayer's ability in a particular  
19 fiscal year to qualify as a qualified taxpayer may be based on the expenses and gross receipts of  
20 the taxpayer for either the prior fiscal year or the immediately preceding fiscal year rather than  
21 on the expenses and gross receipts for that fiscal year. For purposes of this chapter, the director of  
22 the Rhode Island human resource investment council shall certify as to legitimate training and  
23 retraining expenses in accordance with the guidelines established in chapter 64.6 of title 42, and  
24 any rules and regulations promulgated under this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, a "full-  
25 time equivalent employee" means an employee who works a minimum of thirty (30) hours per  
26 week within the state or two (2) part-time employees who together work a minimum of thirty (30)  
27 hours per week within the state. For purposes of this subsection, the director of the Rhode Island  
28 department of labor and training, upon receipt of an application from a qualified taxpayer, shall  
29 certify whether this qualified taxpayer meets the requirement in subparagraph (v)(A) of this  
30 subdivision or is exempt from this requirement because the median annual wage it pays its full-  
31 time equivalent employees is equal to or greater than one hundred twenty-five (125%) percent of  
32 the average annual wage paid in this state by employers to employees or, with respect to major  
33 groups 20 through 39 only, the average annual wage paid to this qualified taxpayer's full-time  
34 equivalent employees, classified as production workers by the Rhode Island department of labor

1 and training, is above the average annual wage paid to the production workers of all these  
2 taxpayers in the state which share the same two-digit SIC Code. The director of the Rhode Island  
3 department of labor and training shall promulgate rules and regulations as required for the  
4 implementation of this requirement.

5 (5) To the extent otherwise allowable, the credit provided by paragraphs (3)(i) and (ii) of  
6 this subsection are also allowed for the property having a situs in Rhode Island and used, however  
7 acquired, by a property and casualty insurance company.

8 (c) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (b)(3) of this section, a taxpayer is not  
9 allowed a credit under subsection (a) of this section with respect to tangible personal property and  
10 other tangible property, including buildings and structural components of buildings, which it  
11 leases to any other person or corporation and is not allowed a credit under subsection (a) of this  
12 section with respect to buildings and structural components of buildings it leases from any other  
13 person or corporation. For the purposes of the preceding sentence, any contract or agreement to  
14 lease or rent or for a license to use the property is considered a lease, unless a contract or  
15 agreement is treated for federal income tax purposes as an installment purchase rather than a  
16 lease.

17 (d) The credit allowed under this section for any taxable year does not reduce the tax due  
18 for the year by more than fifty percent (50%) of the tax liability that would be payable, and  
19 further in the case of corporations, to less than the minimum tax as prescribed in 44-11-2(e);  
20 provided, that in the case of the credit allowed to high performance manufacturers under  
21 subdivision (b)(3) of this section, the fifty percent (50%) limitation shall not apply. If the amount  
22 of credit allowable under this section for any taxable year is less than the amount of credit  
23 available to the taxpayer, any amount of credit not deductible in the taxable year may be carried  
24 over to the following year or years (not to exceed seven (7) years) and may be deducted from the  
25 taxpayer's tax for the year or years.

26 (e) At the option of the taxpayer, air or water pollution control facilities which qualify for  
27 elective amortization deduction may be treated as property principally used by the taxpayer in the  
28 production of goods by manufacturing, processing, or assembling; provided, that if the property  
29 qualifies under subsection (b) of this section, in which event, an amortization deduction is not  
30 allowed.

31 (f) With respect to property which is disposed of or ceases to be in qualified use prior to  
32 the end of the taxable year in which the credit is to be taken, the amount of the credit shall be that  
33 portion of the credit provided for in subsection (a) of this section, which represents the ratio  
34 which the months of qualified use bear to the months of useful life. If property on which credit

1 has been taken is disposed of or ceases to be in qualified use prior to the end of its useful life, the  
2 difference between the credit taken and the credit allowed for actual use must be added back in  
3 the year of disposition. If this property is disposed of or ceases to be in qualified use after it has  
4 been in qualified use for more than twelve (12) consecutive years, it is not necessary to add back  
5 the credit as provided in this subsection. A credit allowed to a qualified taxpayer is not recaptured  
6 merely because the taxpayer subsequently fails to retain the classification as a qualified taxpayer.  
7 The amount of credit allowed for actual use shall be determined by multiplying the original credit  
8 by the ratio, which the months of qualified use bear to the months of useful life. For purposes of  
9 this subsection, "useful life of property" is the same as the taxpayer (or in the case of property  
10 acquired by lease, the owner of the property) uses for depreciation purposes when computing his  
11 or her federal income tax liability. Comparable rules are used in the case of property acquired by  
12 lease to determine the amount of credit, if any, that will be recaptured if the lease terminates  
13 prematurely or if the property covered by the lease otherwise fails to be in qualified use.

14 (g) The credit allowed under this section is only allowed against the tax of that  
15 corporation included in a consolidated return that qualifies for the credit and not against the tax of  
16 other corporations that may join in the filing of a consolidated tax return.

17 (h) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
18 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
19 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax credits in this section shall report to the division of taxation  
20 the actual value of the tax credits, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification  
21 of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for  
22 the tax credits in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
23 The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection  
24 shall be filed.

25 **44-31-1.1. Biotechnology investment tax credit.** -- (a) Any company primarily engaged  
26 in commercial biological research and development or manufacturing and sale of biotechnology  
27 products or active pharmaceutical ingredients which pays its employees that work a minimum of  
28 thirty (30) hours per week within the state a median annual wage equal or greater than one  
29 hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the average annual wage paid by all employers in the  
30 state to employees that work a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week within the state, and  
31 provides benefits typical to the biotechnology industry, shall be allowed a credit of ten percent  
32 (10%) of the cost or other basis for federal tax purposes of tangible personal property and other  
33 tangible property, including buildings and structural components of buildings acquired,  
34 constructed, reconstructed, or leased with situs in Rhode Island and principally used in the

1 production of biotechnology products after December 31, 2001.

2 (1) "Biotechnology products" means those products that are applicable to the prevention,  
3 treatment, or cure of a disease or condition of human beings, and that are produced using living  
4 organisms, or materials derived from living organisms, or cellular, sub cellular, or molecular  
5 component of living organisms.

6 (2) "Principally" means the company's sales of biotechnology products or costs related to  
7 the development of biotechnology products constitute at least fifty percent of its overall receipts  
8 or its overall costs respectively.

9 (3) "Tangible personal property" and "other tangible property" includes buildings and  
10 structural components of buildings acquired, constructed, reconstructed, or leased with situs in  
11 Rhode Island and principally used in the production of biotechnology products after December  
12 31, 2001 that:

13 (A) is depreciable pursuant to 26 USC. Section 167,

14 (B) has a useful life of four (4) years or more, and

15 (C) is acquired by purchase as defined in 26 U.S.C. 179(d), or

16 (D) is acquired by lease based on the fair market value of the property at the inception of  
17 the lease times the portion of the depreciable life of the property represented by the term of the  
18 lease, excluding renewal options, for a term of twenty (20) years; and

19 (E) does not include vehicles or furniture.

20 (4) "Wages" means all remuneration paid for personal services, including commissions  
21 and bonuses and the cash value of all remuneration paid in any medium other than cash and all  
22 other remuneration which is defined as taxable wages by the Internal Revenue Service, as  
23 certified by the department of labor and training.

24 (b) If the amount of credit allowable for any taxable year is less than the amount of credit  
25 available to the taxpayer, any amount of credit not used in the taxable year will be available the  
26 following year or years not to exceed fifteen (15) years and may be deducted from the taxpayer's  
27 tax for the year or years.

28 (1) The credit may be extended beyond seven (7) years only in a year in which:

29 (A) The company maintains an average quarterly number of employees for each calendar  
30 year that is nine and one half percent (9.5%) greater than average quarter number of employees in  
31 the fourth year of the initial credit. Employees are defined as those that work a minimum of thirty  
32 (30) hours per week within the state with benefits typical to the biotechnology industry;

33 (B) The company's average quarterly median wage is not less than the company's average  
34 of its quarterly median wage for the three (3) previous calendar years;

1 (C) The company pays its employees a median annual wage equal or greater than one  
2 hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the average annual wage paid by all employers in the  
3 state. Employees are defined as those that work a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week within  
4 the state with benefits typical to the biotechnology industry; and

5 (D) The department of labor and training certifies to the tax administrator that the criteria  
6 in (A) - (C) have been met.

7 (2) Unused credits after the seventh year are forfeited permanently if any of these wage  
8 and employment criteria are unmet after the seventh year.

9 (3) The company may determine the order in which the credits generated in different tax  
10 years are utilized, provided that credits available for more than seven (7) years may not reduce  
11 current year liability by more than seventy-five percent (75%); and provided further that in no  
12 event, can liability be reduced below the minimum tax prescribed in 44-11-2.

13 (c) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
14 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
15 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax credits in this section shall report to the division of taxation  
16 the actual value of the tax credits and, authorize that this information, as well as the identification  
17 of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for  
18 the tax credits in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
19 the tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection shall  
20 be filed.

21 **44-31-2. Specialized investment tax credit.** -- (a) A certified building owner, as  
22 provided in chapter 64.7 of title 42, may be allowed a specialized investment tax credit against the  
23 tax imposed by chapters 11, 14, 17 and 30 of this title.

24 (b) The taxpayer may claim credit for the rehabilitation and reconstruction costs of a  
25 certified building, which has been substantially rehabilitated. Once substantial rehabilitation is  
26 established by the taxpayer, the taxpayer may claim credit for all rehabilitation and reconstruction  
27 costs incurred with respect to the certified building within five (5) years from the date of final  
28 designation of the certified building by the council pursuant to 42-64.7-6.

29 (c) The credit shall be ten percent (10%) of the rehabilitation and reconstruction costs of  
30 the certified building. The credit shall be allowable in the year the substantially rehabilitated  
31 certified building is first placed into service, which is the year in which, under the taxpayer's  
32 depreciation practice, the period for depreciation with respect to such property begins, or the year  
33 in which the property is placed in a condition or state of readiness and availability for its  
34 specifically assigned function, whichever is earlier.

1 (d) The credit shall not offset any tax liability in taxable years other than the year or years  
2 in which the taxpayer qualifies for the credit. The credit shall not reduce the tax below the  
3 minimum. Amounts of unused credit for this taxpayer may be carried over and offset against this  
4 taxpayer's tax for a period not to exceed the following seven (7) taxable years.

5 (e) In the case of a corporation, this credit is only allowed against the tax of that of a  
6 corporation included in a consolidated return that qualifies for the credit and not against the tax of  
7 other corporations that may join in the filing of a consolidated tax return.

8 (f) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis pursuant  
9 to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue, any  
10 taxpayer benefiting from the tax credits in this section shall report to the division of taxation the  
11 actual value of the tax credits, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification of  
12 the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for the  
13 tax credits in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
14 The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection  
15 shall be filed.

16 SECTION 10. Section 44-31.2-of the General Laws in Chapter 44-31.2 entitled "Motion  
17 Picture Production Tax Credits" is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 **44-31.2-5. Motion picture production company tax credit.** -- (a) A motion picture  
19 production company shall be allowed a credit to be computed as provided in this chapter against a  
20 tax imposed by chapters 11, 14, 17 and 30 of this title. The amount of the credit shall be twenty-  
21 five percent (25%) of the state certified production costs incurred directly attributable to activity  
22 within the state, provided that the primary locations are within the state of Rhode Island and the  
23 total production budget as defined herein is a minimum of one hundred thousand dollars  
24 (\$100,000). The credit shall be earned in the taxable year in which production in Rhode Island is  
25 completed, as determined by the film office in final certification pursuant to subsection 44-31.2-  
26 6(c).

27 (b) For the purposes of this section: "total production budget" means and includes the  
28 motion picture production company's pre-production, production and post-production costs  
29 incurred for the production activities of the motion picture production company in Rhode Island  
30 in connection with the production of a state-certified production. The budget shall not include  
31 costs associated with the promotion or marketing of the film, video or television product.

32 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the credit shall not exceed five million dollars  
33 (\$5,000,000) and shall be allowed against the tax for the taxable period in which the credit is  
34 earned and can be carried forward for not more than three (3) succeeding tax years. Pursuant to

1 rules promulgated by the tax administrator, the administrator may issue a waiver of the five  
2 million dollar (\$5,000,000) tax credit cap for any feature-length film or television series up to the  
3 remaining funds available pursuant to section (e).

4 (d) Credits allowed to a motion picture production company, which is a subchapter S  
5 corporation, partnership, or a limited liability company that is taxed as a partnership, shall be  
6 passed through respectively to persons designated as partners, members or owners on a pro rata  
7 basis or pursuant to an executed agreement among such persons designated as subchapter S  
8 corporation shareholders, partners, or members documenting an alternate distribution method  
9 without regard to their sharing of other tax or economic attributes of such entity.

10 (e) No more than fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in total may be issued for any tax  
11 year beginning after December 31, 2007 for motion picture tax credits pursuant to this chapter  
12 and/or musical and theatrical production tax credits pursuant to chapter 31.3 of this title. Said  
13 credits shall be equally available to motion picture productions and musical and theatrical  
14 productions. No specific amount shall be set aside for either type of production.

15 (f) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis pursuant  
16 to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue, any  
17 taxpayer benefiting from the tax credits in this section shall report to the division of taxation the  
18 actual value of the tax credits, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification of  
19 the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for the  
20 tax credits in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
21 The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection  
22 shall be filed.

23 SECTION 11. Sections 44-32-1, 44-32-2 and 44-32-3 of the General Laws in Chapter  
24 44-32 entitled "Elective Deduction For Research And Development Facilities" are hereby  
25 amended to read as follows:

26 **44-32-1. Elective deduction against allocated entire net income.** (a) General. Except  
27 as provided in subsection (c) of this section, at the election of a taxpayer who is subject to the  
28 income tax imposed by chapters 11 or 30 of this title, there shall be deducted from the portion of  
29 its entire net income allocated within the state the items prescribed in subsection (b) of this  
30 section, in lieu of depreciation or investment tax credit.

31 (b) One-year write-off of new research and development facilities.

32 (1) Expenditures paid or incurred during the taxable year for the construction,  
33 reconstruction, erection or acquisition of any new, not used, property as described in subsection  
34 (c) of this section, which is used or to be used for purposes of research and development in the

1 experimental or laboratory sense. The purposes are not deemed to include the ordinary testing or  
2 inspection of materials or products for quality control, efficiency surveys, management studies,  
3 consumer surveys, advertising, promotion, or research in connection with literary, historical, or  
4 similar projects. The deduction shall be allowed only on condition that the entire net income for  
5 the taxable year and all succeeding taxable years is computed without the deduction of any  
6 expenditures and without any deduction for depreciation of the property, except to the extent that  
7 its basis may be attributable to factors other than the expenditures, (expenditures and depreciation  
8 deducted for federal income tax purposes shall be added to the entire net income allocated to  
9 Rhode Island), or in case a deduction is allowable pursuant to this subdivision for only a part of  
10 the expenditures, on condition that any deduction allowed for federal income tax purposes on  
11 account of the expenditures or on account of depreciation of the property is proportionately  
12 reduced in computing the entire net income for the taxable year and all succeeding taxable years.  
13 Concerning property that is used or to be used for research and development only in part, or  
14 during only part of its useful life, a proportionate part of the expenditures shall be deductible. If  
15 all or part of the expenditures concerning any property has been deducted as provided in this  
16 section, and the property is used for purposes other than research and development to a greater  
17 extent than originally reported, the taxpayer shall report the use in its report for the first taxable  
18 year during which it occurs, and the tax administrator may recompute the tax for the year or years  
19 for which the deduction was allowed, and may assess any additional tax resulting from the  
20 recomputation as a current tax, within three (3) years of the reporting of the change to the tax  
21 administrator. Any change in use of the property in whole or in part from that, which originally  
22 qualified the property for the deduction, requires a recomputation. The tax administrator has the  
23 authority to promulgate regulations to prevent the avoidance of tax liability.

24 (2) The deduction shall be allowed only where an election for amortization of air or water  
25 pollution control facilities has not been exercised in respect to the same property.

26 (3) The tax as a result of recomputation of a prior year's deduction is due as an additional  
27 tax for the year the property ceases to qualify.

28 (c) Property covered by deductions. The deductions shall be allowed only with respect to  
29 tangible property which is new, not used, is depreciable pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 167, was acquired  
30 by purchase as defined in 26 U.S.C. 179(d), has a situs in this state, and is used in the taxpayer's  
31 trade or business. For the taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 1974, a taxpayer is not  
32 allowed a deduction under this section with respect to tangible property leased by it to any other  
33 person or corporation or leased from any other person or corporation. For purposes of the  
34 preceding sentence, any contract or agreement to lease or rent or for a license to use the property



1 is considered a lease, unless the contract or agreement is treated for federal income tax purposes  
2 as an installment purchase rather than a lease. With respect to property that the taxpayer uses  
3 itself for purposes other than leasing for part of a taxable year and leases for a part of a taxable  
4 year, the taxpayer shall be allowed a deduction under this section in proportion to the part of the  
5 year it uses the property.

6 (d) Entire net income. "Entire net income", as used in this section, means net income  
7 allocated to this state.

8 (e) Carry-over of excess deductions. If the deductions allowable for any taxable  
9 year pursuant to this section exceed the portion of the taxpayer's entire net income allocated to this  
10 state for that year, the excess may be carried over to the following taxable year or years, not to  
11 exceed three (3) years, and may be deducted from the portion of the taxpayer's entire net income  
12 allocated to this state for that year or years.

13 (f) Gain or loss on sale or disposition of property. In any taxable year when property is  
14 sold or disposed of before the end of its useful life, with respect to which a deduction has been  
15 allowed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the gain or loss on this entering into the  
16 computation of federal taxable income is disregarded in computing the entire net income, and  
17 there is added to or subtracted from the portion of the entire net income allocated within the state  
18 the gain or loss upon the sale or other disposition. In computing the gain or loss, the basis of the  
19 property sold or disposed of is adjusted to reflect the deduction allowed with respect to the  
20 property pursuant to subsection (b) of this section; provided, that no loss is recognized for the  
21 purpose of this subsection with respect to a sale or other disposition of property to a person whose  
22 acquisition of this property is not a purchase as defined in 26 U.S.C. 179(d).

23 (g) Investment credit not allowed on research and development property. No investment  
24 credit under chapter 31 of this title shall be allowed on the research and development property for  
25 which accelerated write-off is adopted under this section.

26 (h) Consolidated returns. The research and development deduction shall only be allowed  
27 against the entire net income of the corporation included in a consolidated return and shall not be  
28 allowed against the entire net income of other corporations that may join in the filing of a  
29 consolidated state tax return.

30 (i) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis pursuant  
31 to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue, any  
32 taxpayer benefiting from the tax modification in this section shall report to the division of  
33 taxation the actual value of the tax modification, and authorize that this information, as well as  
34 the identification of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In

1 [order to qualify for the tax modification in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the](#)  
2 [requirements of this subsection. The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report](#)  
3 [required by this subsection shall be filed.](#)

4 **44-32-2. Credit for research and development property acquired, constructed, or**  
5 **reconstructed or erected after July 1, 1994.** -- (a) A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against  
6 the tax imposed by chapters 11, 17, or 30 of this title. The amount of the credit shall be ten  
7 percent (10%) of the cost or other basis for federal income tax purposes of tangible personal  
8 property, and other tangible property, including buildings and structural components of buildings,  
9 described in subsection (b) of this section; acquired, constructed or reconstructed, or erected after  
10 July 1, 1994.

11 (b) A credit shall be allowed under this section with respect to tangible personal property  
12 and other tangible property, including buildings and structural components of buildings which  
13 are: depreciable pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 167 or recovery property with respect to which a deduction  
14 is allowable under 26 U.S.C. 168, have a useful life of three (3) years or more, are acquired by  
15 purchase as defined in 26 U.S.C. 179(d), have a situs in this state and are used principally for  
16 purposes of research and development in the experimental or laboratory sense which shall also  
17 include property used by property and casualty insurance companies for research and  
18 development into methods and ways of preventing or reducing losses from fire and other perils.  
19 The credit shall be allowable in the year the property is first placed in service by the taxpayer,  
20 which is the year in which, under the taxpayer's depreciation practice, the period for depreciation  
21 with respect to the property begins, or the year in which the property is placed in a condition or  
22 state of readiness and availability for a specifically assigned function, whichever is earlier. These  
23 purposes shall not be deemed to include the ordinary testing or inspection of materials or products  
24 for quality control, efficiency surveys, management studies, consumer surveys, advertising,  
25 promotions, or research in connection with literary, historical or similar projects.

26 (c) A taxpayer shall not be allowed a credit under this section with respect to any  
27 property described in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, if a deduction is taken for the  
28 property under 44-32-1.

29 (d) A taxpayer shall not be allowed a credit under this section with respect to tangible  
30 personal property and other tangible property, including buildings and structural components of  
31 buildings, which it leases to any other person or corporation. For purposes of the preceding  
32 sentence, any contract or agreement to lease or rent or for a license to use the property is  
33 considered a lease.

34 (e) The credit allowed under this section for any taxable year does not reduce the tax due

1 for that year, in the case of corporations, to less than the minimum fixed by 44-11-2(e). If the  
2 amount of credit allowable under this section for any taxable year is less than the amount of credit  
3 available to the taxpayer, any amount of credit not credited in that taxable year may be carried  
4 over to the following year or years, up to a maximum of seven (7) years, and may be credited  
5 against the taxpayer's tax for the following year or years. For purposes of chapter 30 of this title,  
6 if the credit allowed under this section for any taxable year exceeds the taxpayer's tax for that  
7 year, the amount of credit not credited in that taxable year may be carried over to the following  
8 year or years, up to a maximum of seven (7) years, and may be credited against the taxpayer's tax  
9 for the following year or years.

10 (f) (1) With respect to property which is depreciable pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 167 and which  
11 is disposed of or ceases to be in qualified use prior to the end of the taxable year in which the  
12 credit is to be taken, the amount of the credit is that portion of the credit provided for in this  
13 section which represents the ratio which the months of qualified use bear to the months of useful  
14 life. If property on which credit has been taken is disposed of or ceases to be in qualified use prior  
15 to the end of its useful life, the difference between the credit taken and the credit allowed for  
16 actual use must be added back in the year of disposition. If the property is disposed of or ceases to  
17 be in qualified use after it has been in qualified use for more than twelve (12) consecutive years,  
18 it is not necessary to add back the credit as provided in this subdivision. The amount of credit  
19 allowed for actual use is determined by multiplying the original credit by the ratio which the  
20 months of qualified use bear to the months of useful life. For purposes of this subdivision, "useful  
21 life of property" is the same as the taxpayer uses for depreciation purposes when computing his  
22 federal income tax liability.

23 (2) Except with respect to that property to which subdivision (3) of this subsection  
24 applies, with respect to three (3) year property, as defined in 26 U.S.C. 168(c), which is disposed  
25 of or ceases to be in qualified use prior to the end of the taxable year in which the credit is to be  
26 taken, the amount of the credit shall be that portion of the credit provided for in this section which  
27 represents the ratio which the months of qualified use bear to thirty-six (36). If property on which  
28 credit has been taken is disposed of or ceases to be in qualified use prior to the end of thirty-six  
29 (36) months, the difference between the credit taken and the credit allowed for actual use must be  
30 added back in the year of disposition. The amount of credit allowed for actual use is determined  
31 by multiplying the original credit by the ratio that the months of qualified use bear to thirty-six  
32 (36).

33 (3) With respect to any recovery property to which 26 U.S.C. 168 applies, which is a  
34 building or a structural component of a building and which is disposed of or ceases to be in

1 qualified use prior to the end of the taxable year in which the credit is to be taken, the amount of  
2 the credit is that portion of the credit provided for in this section which represents the ratio which  
3 the months of qualified use bear to the total number of months over which the taxpayer chooses  
4 to deduct the property under 26 U.S.C. 168. If property on which credit has been taken is  
5 disposed of or ceases to be in qualified use prior to the end of the period over which the taxpayer  
6 chooses to deduct the property under 26 U.S.C. 168, the difference between the credit taken and  
7 the credit allowed for actual use must be added back in the year of disposition. If the property is  
8 disposed of or ceases to be in qualified use after it has been in qualified use for more than twelve  
9 (12) consecutive years, it is not necessary to add back the credit as provided in this subdivision.  
10 The amount of credit allowed for actual use is determined by multiplying the original credit by  
11 the ratio that the months of qualified use bear to the total number of months over which the  
12 taxpayer chooses to deduct the property under 26 U.S.C. 168.

13 (g) No deduction for research and development facilities under 44-32-1 shall be allowed  
14 for research and development property for which the credit is allowed under this section.

15 (h) No investment tax credit under 44-31-1 shall be allowed for research and development  
16 property for which the credit is allowed under this section.

17 (i) The investment tax credit allowed by 44-31-1 shall be taken into account before the  
18 credit allowed under this section.

19 (j) The credit allowed under this section only allowed against the tax of that corporation  
20 included in a consolidated return that qualifies for the credit and not against the tax of other  
21 corporations that may join in the filing of a consolidated return.

22 (k) In the event that the taxpayer is a partnership, joint venture or small business  
23 corporation, the credit shall be divided in the same manner as income.

24 (l) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis pursuant  
25 to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue, any  
26 taxpayer benefiting from the tax credits in this section shall report to the division of taxation the  
27 actual value of the tax credits, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification of  
28 the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for the  
29 tax credits in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
30 The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection  
31 shall be filed.

32 **44-32-3. Credit for qualified research expenses. --** (a) A taxpayer shall be allowed a  
33 credit against the tax imposed by chapters 11, 17 or 30 of this title. The amount of the credit shall  
34 be five percent (5%)(and in the case of amounts paid or accrued after January 1, 1998, twenty-

1 two and one-half percent (22.5%) for the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) worth of  
2 credit and sixteen and nine-tenths percent (16.9%) for the amount of credit above twenty-five  
3 thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the excess, if any, of:

4 (1) The qualified research expenses for the taxable year, over

5 (2) The base period research expenses.

6 (b) (1) "Qualified research expenses" and "base period research expenses" have the same  
7 meaning as defined in 26 U.S.C. 41; provided, that the expenses have been incurred in this state  
8 after July 1, 1994.

9 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, "qualified  
10 research expenses" also includes amounts expended for research by property and casualty  
11 insurance companies into methods and ways of preventing or reducing losses from fire and other  
12 perils.

13 (c) The credit allowed under this section for any taxable year shall not reduce the tax due  
14 for that year by more than fifty percent (50%) of the tax liability that would be payable, and in the  
15 case of corporations, to less than the minimum fixed by 44-11-2(e). If the amount of credit  
16 allowable under this section for any taxable year is less than the amount of credit available to the  
17 taxpayer any amount of credit not credited in that taxable year may be carried over to the  
18 following year or years, up to a maximum of seven (7) years, and may be credited against the  
19 taxpayer's tax for that year or years. For purposes of chapter 30 of this title, if the credit allowed  
20 under this section for any taxable year exceeds the taxpayer's tax for that year, the amount of  
21 credit not credited in that taxable year may be carried over to the following year or years, up to a  
22 maximum of seven (7) years, and may be credited against the taxpayer's tax for that year or years.  
23 For purposes of determining the order in which carry-overs are taken into consideration, the  
24 credit allowed by 44-32-2 is taken into account before the credit allowed under this section.

25 (d) The investment tax credit allowed by 44-31-1 shall be taken into account before the  
26 credit allowed under this section.

27 (e) The credit allowed under this section shall only be allowed against the tax of that  
28 corporation included in a consolidated return that qualifies for the credit and not against the tax of  
29 other corporations that may join in the filing of a consolidated return.

30 (f) In the event the taxpayer is a partnership, joint venture or small business corporation,  
31 the credit is divided in the same manner as income.

32 (g) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
33 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
34 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax credits in this section shall report to the division of taxation

1 the actual value of the tax credits, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification  
2 of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for  
3 the tax credits in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
4 The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection  
5 shall be filed.

6 SECTION 12. Section 44-39.1-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-39.1 entitled  
7 "Employment Tax Credit" is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 **44-39.1-1. Employment tax credit.** -- (a) An employer who participates in the bonus  
9 program in conjunction with chapter 6.3 of title 40 shall be eligible for a tax credit as set forth in  
10 section 40-6.3-4.

11 (b) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
12 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
13 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax credits in this section shall report to the division of taxation  
14 the actual value of the tax credits, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification  
15 of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for  
16 the tax credits in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
17 The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection  
18 shall be filed.

19 SECTION 13. Section 44-42-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-42 entitled "Education  
20 Assistance and Development Tax Credit" is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 **44-42-2. Tax credit.** -- (a) A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed  
22 by chapters 11, 13 (except section 44-13-13), 14 and 17 of this title. The amount of the credit  
23 shall be eight percent (8%) of:

24 (1) The amount in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in any taxable year  
25 contributed to an institution of higher education for the establishment or maintenance of a faculty  
26 chair, department, or program for scientific research or education;

27 (2) The amount in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in any taxable year  
28 contributed to an institution of higher education for a work fellowship program that is providing  
29 training connected with scientific research or education and is established by an institution of  
30 higher education for the students of an institution; and

31 (3) The cost or other basis for federal income tax purposes, determined immediately  
32 prior to the contributions, in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in any taxable year of  
33 tangible personal property contributed to an institution of higher education for use in an  
34 educational, training, or research program for scientific research or education conducted by an

1 institution in this state, excluding sale discounts and sale-gift or similar arrangements pertaining  
2 to the purchase of equipment.

3 (b) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
4 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
5 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax credits in this section shall report to the division of taxation  
6 the actual value of the tax credits, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification  
7 of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for  
8 the tax credits in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
9 The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection  
10 shall be filed.

11 SECTION 14. Section 44-43-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-43 entitled "Tax  
12 Incentives for Capital Investment in Small Businesses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 **44-43-2. Deduction or modification.** -- (a) In the year in which a taxpayer first makes a  
14 qualifying investment in a certified venture capital partnership or the year in which an  
15 entrepreneur first makes an investment in a qualifying entity, the taxpayer or the entrepreneur  
16 shall be allowed:

17 (1) A deduction for purposes of computing net income or net worth in accordance with  
18 chapter 11 of this title; or

19 (2) A deduction from gross earnings for purposes of computing the public service  
20 corporation tax in accordance with chapter 13 of this title; or

21 (3) A deduction for the purposes of computing net income in accordance with chapter 14  
22 of this title; or

23 (4) A deduction for the purposes of computing gross premiums in accordance with  
24 chapter 17 of this title; or

25 (5) A modification reducing federal adjusted gross income in accordance with chapter 30  
26 of this title.

27 (b) The deduction or modification shall be in an amount equal to the taxpayer's  
28 qualifying investment in a certified venture capital partnership or an entrepreneur's investment in  
29 a qualifying business entity and shall be measured at the year end of the certified venture capital  
30 partnership, the year end of the qualifying business entity, or the year end of the investing  
31 taxpayer, whichever comes first.

32 (c) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
33 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
34 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax deduction or modification in this section shall report to the

1 division of taxation the actual value of the tax deduction or modification, and authorize that this  
2 information, as well as the identification of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax  
3 expenditure report. In order to qualify for the tax deduction or modification in this section, any  
4 taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. The tax administrator shall  
5 prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection shall be filed.

6 SECTION 15. Section 44-46-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-46 entitled "Adult  
7 Education Tax Credit" is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 **44-46-3. Credits.** -- (a) An employer shall be allowed a credit as provided in section 44-  
9 46-1 up to a maximum credit of three hundred dollars (\$300) against taxes otherwise due under  
10 provisions of chapters 11, 13, 14, 15, 17 and 30 of this title per paid employee. The employee  
11 must remain in the employ of the business for a minimum period of thirteen (13) consecutive  
12 weeks, and a minimum of four hundred and fifty-five (455) hours of paid employment before the  
13 employer can become eligible for the income credit. The credit shall not reduce the tax under  
14 chapter 11 of this title to less than one hundred dollars (\$100). The credit is not refundable. Any  
15 amount of credit not deductible in that taxable year may not be carried over to the following year.  
16 In the event that the employer is a partnership, joint venture or small business corporation, the  
17 credit shall be divided in the same manner as income. This credit may not be applied against the  
18 tax until all other credits available to this taxpayer for the taxable year have been applied.

19 (b) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
20 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
21 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax credits in this section shall report to the division of taxation  
22 the actual value of the tax credits, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification  
23 of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for  
24 the tax credits in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
25 The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection  
26 shall be filed.

27 SECTION 16. Section 44-47-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-47 entitled "Adult and  
28 Child Day Care Assistance and Development Tax Credit" is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 **44-47-1. Tax credit.** -- (a) A taxpayer that pays for or provides adult or child day care  
30 services to its employees or to the employees of its commercial tenants, or that provides real  
31 property or dedicates rental space for child day care services, is allowed a credit, to be computed  
32 as provided in this chapter, against the tax imposed by chapters 11 and 13, except section 44-13-  
33 13, and chapters 14, 17, 30 of this title. The amount of the credit shall be:

34 (1) Thirty percent (30%) of the total amount expended in the state of Rhode Island



1 during the taxable year by a taxpayer for day care services purchased to provide care for the  
2 dependent children or dependent adult family members of the taxpayer's employees or employees  
3 of commercial tenants of the taxpayer during the employees' hours of employment;

4 (2) Thirty percent (30%) of the total amount expended during the taxable year by a  
5 taxpayer in the establishment and/or operation of a day care facility in the state of Rhode Island  
6 used primarily by the dependent children of the taxpayer's employees or employees of  
7 commercial tenants of the taxpayer during the employees' hours of employment;

8 (3) Thirty percent (30%) of the total amount expended during the taxable year by a  
9 taxpayer in conjunction with one or more other taxpayers for the establishment and/or operation  
10 of a day care facility in the state of Rhode Island used primarily by the dependent children of the  
11 taxpayer's employees or employees of commercial tenants of the taxpayer during that employee's  
12 hours of employment;

13 (4) Thirty percent (30%) of the total amount foregone in rent or lease payments related to  
14 the dedication of rental or lease space to child day care services. The amount foregone shall be  
15 the difference between fair market rental and actual rental.

16 (b) No credit shall be allowed pursuant to this chapter unless the child day care facility is  
17 licensed pursuant to chapter 72.1 of title 42, and agrees to accept children whose child care  
18 services are paid for in full or in part by the Rhode Island department of human services; and/or  
19 the adult day care facility is certified by the department of elderly affairs.

20 (c) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
21 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
22 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax credit in this section shall report to the division of taxation  
23 the actual value of the tax credit, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification  
24 of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for  
25 the tax credit in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
26 The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection  
27 shall be filed.

28 SECTION 17. Section 44-54-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-54 entitled "Disabled  
29 Access Credit For Small Businesses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 **44-54-1. Tax credit.** -- (a) A small business taxpayer that pays for or incurs expenses to  
31 provide access to persons with disabilities shall be allowed a credit, to be computed against the  
32 tax imposed by chapters 11 and 13 of this title. The expenses must be paid or incurred to enable  
33 the small business to comply with federal or state laws protecting the rights of persons with  
34 disabilities. The credit is equal to ten percent (10%) of the total amount expended in the state of

1 Rhode Island during the taxable year but in no event shall exceed the sum of one thousand dollars  
2 (\$1,000) for:

3 (1) Removing architectural, communication, physical, or transportation barriers;

4 (2) Providing qualified interpreters or other effective methods of delivering aurally  
5 delivered materials to persons with hearing impairments;

6 (3) Providing readers, tapes or other effective means of making visually delivered  
7 materials available to persons with visual impairments;

8 (4) Providing job coaches or other effective methods of supporting workers with severe  
9 impairments in competitive employment;

10 (5) Providing specialized transportation services to employees or customers with  
11 mobility impairments;

12 (6) Buying or modifying equipment for persons with disabilities; and

13 (7) Providing similar services, modifications, material or equipment for persons with  
14 disabilities;

15 (b) As used in this chapter, the following words have the following meanings:

16 (1) "Small business" is one that for the preceding year had thirty (30) or fewer full-time  
17 employees, or had one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or less in gross receipts.

18 (2) "Full-time employee" is one employed at least thirty (30) hours a week for twenty  
19 (20) or more calendar weeks in the preceding year.

20 (3) "Federal or state laws protecting the rights of persons with disabilities" includes but  
21 is not limited to the: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. section 12101 et. seq.;  
22 Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. section 794; Declaration of Certain  
23 Constitutional Rights and Principles -- Discrimination, R.I. Const. art. 1, section 2; Civil Rights  
24 of People with Disabilities, chapter 87 of title 42; Open Meeting Handicapped Accessibility for  
25 persons with disabilities, section 42-46-13; Access for persons with disabilities, section 37-8-15;  
26 and AIDS Discrimination Prohibited, section 23-6.3-11.

27 (4) "Amount expended" means the actual sum of money spent.

28 (c) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
29 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
30 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax credit in this section shall report to the division of taxation  
31 the actual value of the tax credit, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification  
32 of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for  
33 the tax credit in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
34 The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection

1 [shall be filed.](#)

2 SECTION 18. Section 44-55-4.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-55 entitled "Tax  
3 Incentives for Employers" is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **44-55-4.1. Incentive provisions.** -- (a) The deduction or modification is not refundable  
5 but may be used by the claimant business for the tax against it pursuant to chapters 11, 13, 14, 15,  
6 17, and 30 of this title, not including any tax imposed under section 44-13-13 or other similar  
7 provisions in the following manner:

8 (1) A deduction for purposes of computing net income in accordance with chapter 11 of  
9 this title;

10 (2) A deduction from gross earnings for purposes of computing the public service  
11 corporation tax in accordance with chapter 13 of this title;

12 (3) A deduction for the purposes of computing net income in accordance with chapter 14  
13 of this title;

14 (4) A deduction for the purposes of computing deposits in accordance with chapter 15 of  
15 this title;

16 (5) A deduction for the purposes of computing gross premiums in accordance with  
17 chapter 17 of this title; or

18 (6) A modification reducing federal adjusted gross income in accordance with chapter 30  
19 of this title.

20 (b) The modification allowed under this chapter for any taxable year shall not reduce the  
21 tax due for that year to below the minimum tax imposed under the applicable chapter of this title.  
22 Any amount of modification not used in that taxable year may not be carried over to the  
23 following year.

24 (c) In the event that the claimant business is electing a subchapter S corporation, limited  
25 liability company, partnership, or a joint venture, the incentive shall be divided as income.

26 (d) In the event that the taxpayer is liable for taxes imposed under both chapters 14 and  
27 15 of this title, the taxpayer must elect the tax against which it wishes to claim the incentive. This  
28 election shall be made as part of the taxpayer's filings in accordance with sections 44-14-6 and  
29 44-15-5. The taxpayer may not divide the incentive for any year between the two (2) tax  
30 liabilities for which it is liable.

31 (e) In the event that the hiring of the employee is used to obtain any other tax incentive  
32 or tax benefit for the business, then the business will not be eligible for the incentive available in  
33 this chapter.

34 [\(f\) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis pursuant](#)

1 to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue, any  
2 taxpayer benefiting from the tax deduction or modification in this section shall report to the  
3 division of taxation the actual value of the tax deduction or modification, and authorize that this  
4 information, as well as the identification of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax  
5 expenditure report. In order to qualify for the tax deduction or modification in this section, any  
6 taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. The tax administrator shall  
7 prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection shall be filed.

8 SECTION 19. Section 44-63-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-63 entitled "Incentives  
9 for Innovation and Growth" is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 **44-63-2. Innovation credit. [Repealed effective December 31, 2016 pursuant to**

11 **section 44-63-5.]** -- (a) An eligible qualified innovative company may apply to the division of  
12 taxation for a tax credit certificate in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of any investment  
13 made in the company, but in no case shall the amount of the tax credit certificate exceed one  
14 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). The tax credit certificate may be issued in the name of the  
15 eligible company, or an executive employee or employees of the company, an investor in the  
16 company, or any combination thereof as requested by the company, and may be applied against  
17 state tax liability arising under chapters 44-11, 44-12, or 44-30 by the holders of the certificates.  
18 If not applied in full at the time of the next following tax filing period, the certificate(s) or the  
19 remaining value thereof may be carried forward for a period not to exceed three (3) years.

20 (b) For purposes of improving the tax expenditure report filed on a biennial basis  
21 pursuant to chapter 44-48.1, and improving the reliability of the estimates of foregone revenue,  
22 any taxpayer benefiting from the tax credit in this section shall report to the division of taxation  
23 the actual value of the tax credit, and authorize that this information, as well as the identification  
24 of the taxpayer be disclosed as part of the biennial tax expenditure report. In order to qualify for  
25 the tax credit in this section, any taxpayer shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.  
26 The tax administrator shall prescribe the form in which the report required by this subsection  
27 shall be filed.

28 SECTION 20. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1           This act would require increased transparency for certain existing tax credits, deductions  
2 and exemptions by improving the biennial tax expenditure report to include more information  
3 about these tax benefits, including the name of recipients, and the value of foregone revenue to  
4 the state. The division of taxation would be responsible for collecting the information as part of a  
5 taxpayer's tax return.

6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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