HOUSE BILL 97

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE INCOME TAX ACT TO CHANGE AND EXPAND THE LOW-INCOME COMPREHENSIVE TAX REBATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 7-2-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1972, Chapter 20, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-2-14. LOW-INCOME COMPREHENSIVE TAX REBATE. --

A. Except as otherwise provided in Subsection B of this section, any resident who files an individual New Mexico income tax return and who is not a dependent of another individual may claim a tax rebate for a portion of state and local taxes to which the resident has been subject during the taxable year for which the return is filed. The tax rebate may be claimed even though the resident has no income taxable under the Income Tax Act. A husband and wife who file

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separate returns for a taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half of the tax rebate that would have been allowed on a joint return.

- B. No claim for the tax rebate provided in this section shall be filed by a resident who was an inmate of a public institution for more than six months during the taxable year for which the tax rebate could be claimed or who was not physically present in New Mexico for at least six months during the taxable year for which the tax rebate could be claimed.
- For the purposes of this section, the total C. number of exemptions for which a tax rebate may be claimed or allowed is determined by adding the number of [federal exemptions allowable for federal income tax purposes for each individual included in the return who is domiciled in New Mexico plus two additional exemptions for each individual domiciled in New Mexico included in the return who is sixtyfive years of age or older plus one additional exemption for each individual domiciled in New Mexico included in the return who, for federal income tax purposes, is blind plus one exemption for each minor child or stepchild of the resident exemptions for which the resident is eligible. Each resident filing as a single individual or head of household may claim one exemption per household plus one exemption for each member of the resident's household for whom the resident may claim

one or more exemptions for federal income tax purposes and who is sixty-five years of age or older, blind or a minor child or stepchild of the resident. Residents filing jointly as married individuals or as surviving spouses may claim one exemption per household plus one exemption for each member of the residents' household for whom the residents may claim one or more exemptions for federal income tax purposes and who is sixty-five years of age or older, blind or a minor child or stepchild of the resident. The resident may also claim an exemption for a minor child or stepchild who would be a dependent for federal income tax purposes if the public assistance contributing to the support of the child or stepchild was considered to have been contributed by the resident.

D. The tax rebate provided for in this section may be claimed in the amount shown in the following table:

Modified gross And the total number income is: of exemptions is:

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[\$ 0	\$ 500	\$ 120	\$ 160	\$ 200	\$ 240	\$ 280	\$ 320
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1, 500	2, 000	135	195	250	310	350	450
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2, 500	3, 000	135	195	250	310	350	450
3, 000	3, 500	135	195	250	310	350	450
3, 500	4, 000	135	195	250	310	355	450
4, 000	4, 500	135	195	250	310	355	450
4, 500	5, 000	125	190	240	305	355	450
5, 000	5, 500	115	175	230	295	355	430
5, 500	6, 000	105	155	210	260	315	410
6, 000	7, 000	90	130	170	220	275	370
7, 000	8, 000	80	115	145	180	225	295
8, 000	9, 000	70	105	135	170	195	240
9, 000	10, 000	65	95	115	145	175	205
10, 000	11, 000	60	80	100	130	155	185
11, 000	12, 000	55	70	90	110	135	160
12, 000	13, 000	50	65	85	100	115	140
13, 000	14, 000	50	65	85	100	115	140
14, 000	15, 000	45	60	75	90	105	120
15, 000	16, 000	40	55	70	85	95	110
16, 000	17, 000	35	50	65	80	85	105
17, 000	18, 000	30	45	60	70	80	95
18, 000	19, 000	25	35	50	60	70	80
19, 000	20, 000	20	30	40	50	60	65
20, 000	21, 000	15	25	30	40	50	55
21, 000	22, 000	10	20	25	35	40	45]
<u>\$</u> 0	\$2,000	\$ 100	\$ 300	\$ 450	\$ 600	\$750	\$ 900
2,000	4, 000	110	330	495	660	825	990

4,000	6, 000	110	330	495	660	825	990
<u>6, 000</u>	8, 000	120	360	540	720	900	1, 080
8, 000	10, 000	110	330	495	660	825	990
10, 000	12, 000	100	300	450	600	750	900
12, 000	14, 000	90	270	405	540	675	810
14, 000	16, 000	60	180	270	360	450	540
<u>16, 000</u>	18, 000	30	90	135	180	225	270
18, 000	20, 000	20	60	90	120	150	180
20,000	22, 000	10	30	45	60	75	<u>90</u> .

E. If a taxpayer's modified gross income is zero, the taxpayer may claim a credit in the amount shown in the first row of the table appropriate for the taxpayer's number of exemptions.

F. The tax rebates provided for in this section may be deducted from the taxpayer's New Mexico income tax liability for the taxable year. If the tax rebates exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability, the excess shall be refunded to the taxpayer.

G. For purposes of this section, "dependent" means "dependent" as defined by Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as that section may be amended or renumbered, but also includes any minor child or stepchild of the resident who would be a dependent for federal income tax purposes if the public assistance contributing to the support of the child or stepchild was considered to have been contributed by the

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Section 2. $\label{lem:applicability.--The provisions of this act} APPLICABILITY. -- The provisions of this act$ apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

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