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RELATING TO TAXATION; CLARIFYING PROVISIONS OF THE SUSTAINABLE BUILDING TAX CREDITS; ALLOWING BUILDING OWNERS TO QUALIFY TO RECEIVE THE SUSTAINABLE BUILDING TAX CREDITS THROUGH TRANSFERABILITY; PROVIDING GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS REGARDING OPPORTUNITIES TO BE QUALIFIED FOR SUSTAINABLE BUILDING TAX CREDITS.

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

Section 1. Section 7-2-18.19 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007, Chapter 204, Section 3) is amended to read:

"7-2-18.19. SUSTAINABLE BUILDING TAX CREDIT.--

The tax credit provided by this section may be referred to as the "sustainable building tax credit". sustainable building tax credit shall be available for the construction in New Mexico of a sustainable building, the renovation of an existing building in New Mexico into a sustainable building or the permanent installation of manufactured housing, regardless of where the housing is manufactured, that is a sustainable building. The tax credit provided in this section may not be claimed with respect to the same sustainable building for which the sustainable building tax credit provided in the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act has been claimed.

B. A taxpayer who files an income tax return is

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C. The amount of the sustainable building tax credit that may be claimed with respect to a sustainable commercial building shall be calculated based on the certification level the building has achieved in the LEED green building rating system and the amount of qualified occupied square footage in the building, as indicated on the following chart:

12	LEED Rating Level	Qualified	Tax Credit
13		Occupied	per Square
14		Square Footage	Foot
15	LEED-NC Silver	First 10,000	\$3.50
16		Next 40,000	\$1.75
17		Over 50,000	
18		up to 500,000	\$.70
19	LEED-NC Gold	First 10,000	\$4 . 75
20		Next 40,000	\$2.00
21		Over 50,000	
22		up to 500,000	\$1.00
23	LEED-NC Platinum	First 10,000	\$6 . 25
24		Next 40,000	\$3.25
25		Over 50,000	

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1		up to 500,000	\$2.00	
2	LEED-EB or CS Silver	First 10,000	\$2.50	
3		Next 40,000	\$1.25	
4		Over 50,000		
5		up to 500,000	\$.50	
6	LEED-EB or CS Gold	First 10,000	\$3.35	
7		Next 40,000	\$1.40	
8		Over 50,000		
9		up to 500,000	\$.70	
10	LEED-EB or CS Platinum	First 10,000	\$4.40	
11		Next 40,000	\$2.30	
12		Over 50,000		
13		up to 500,000	\$1.40	
14	LEED-CI Silver	First 10,000	\$1.40	
15		Next 40,000	\$.70	
16		Over 50,000		
17		up to 500,000	\$.30	
18	LEED-CI Gold	First 10,000	\$1.90	
19		Next 40,000	\$.80	
20		Over 50,000		
21		up to 500,000	\$.40	
22	LEED-CI Platinum	First 10,000	\$2.50	
23		Next 40,000	\$1.30	
24		Over 50,000		
25		up to 500,000	\$.80.	SCORC/SB 291 Page 3

D. The amount of the sustainable building tax credit that may be claimed with respect to a sustainable residential building shall be calculated based on the amount of qualified occupied square footage, as indicated on the following chart:

Rating System/Level	Qualified	Tax Credit
	Occupied	per Square
	Square Footage	Foot
LEED-H Silver or Build	First 2,000	\$5.00
Green NM Silver	Next 1,000	\$2.50
LEED-H Gold or Build	First 2,000	\$6.85
Green NM Gold	Next 1,000	\$3.40
LEED-H Platinum or Build	First 2,000	\$9.00
Green NM Emerald	Next 1,000	\$4.45
EPA ENERGY STAR		
Manufactured Housing	Up to 3,000	\$3.00.

E. A person that is a building owner may apply for a certificate of eligibility for the sustainable building tax credit from the energy, minerals and natural resources department after the construction, installation or renovation of the sustainable building is complete. Applications shall be considered in the order received. If the energy, minerals and natural resources department determines that the building owner meets the requirements of this subsection and that the building with respect to which the tax credit application is

made meets the requirements of this section as a sustainable residential building or a sustainable commercial building, the energy, minerals and natural resources department may issue a certificate of eligibility to the building owner, subject to the limitation in Subsection F of this section. The certificate shall include the rating system certification level awarded to the building, the amount of qualified occupied square footage in the building and a calculation of the maximum amount of sustainable building tax credit for which the building owner would be eligible. The energy, minerals and natural resources department may issue rules governing the procedure for administering the provisions of If the certification level for the this subsection. sustainable residential building is awarded on or after January 1, 2007, the energy, minerals and natural resources department may issue a certificate of eligibility to a building owner who is:

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- (1) the owner of the sustainable residential building at the time the certification level for the building is awarded; or
- (2) the subsequent purchaser of a sustainable residential building with respect to which no tax credit has been previously claimed.
- F. The energy, minerals and natural resources department may issue a certificate of eligibility only if the $$\tt SCORC/SB\ 291$$ Page 5

total amount of sustainable building tax credits represented by certificates of eligibility issued by the energy, minerals and natural resources department pursuant to this section and pursuant to the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act shall not exceed in any calendar year an aggregate amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) with respect to sustainable commercial buildings and an aggregate amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) with respect to sustainable residential buildings; provided that no more than one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) of the aggregate amount with respect to sustainable residential buildings shall be for manufactured housing. If for any taxable year, the energy, minerals and natural resources department determines that the applications for sustainable building tax credits with respect to sustainable residential buildings for that taxable year exceed the aggregate limit set in this section, the energy, minerals and natural resources department may issue certificates of eligibility under the aggregate annual limit for sustainable commercial buildings to building owners of multifamily dwelling units that meet the requirements of the energy, minerals and natural resources department and of this section; provided that applications for sustainable building credits for other sustainable commercial buildings total less than the full amount allocated for tax credits for sustainable commercial buildings.

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Installation of a solar thermal system or a photovoltaic system eligible for the solar market development tax credit pursuant to Section 7-2-18.14 NMSA 1978 may not be used as a component of qualification for the rating system certification level used in determining eligibility for the sustainable building tax credit, unless a solar market development tax credit pursuant to Section 7-2-18.14 NMSA 1978 has not been claimed with respect to that system and the building owner and the taxpayer claiming the sustainable building tax credit certify that such a tax credit will not be claimed with respect to that system.

To be eligible for the sustainable building tax credit, the building owner shall provide to the taxation and revenue department a certificate of eligibility issued by the energy, minerals and natural resources department pursuant to the requirements of Subsection E of this section and any other information the taxation and revenue department may require to determine the amount of the tax credit for which the building owner is eligible.

If the requirements of this section have been complied with, the department shall issue to the building owner a document granting a sustainable building tax credit. The document shall be numbered for identification and declare its date of issuance and the amount of the tax credit allowed pursuant to this section. The document may be submitted by

the building owner with that taxpayer's income tax return, if applicable, or may be sold, exchanged or otherwise transferred to another taxpayer. The parties to such a transaction shall notify the department of the sale, exchange or transfer within ten days of the sale, exchange or transfer.

J. Except as provided in Subsection K of this section, the sustainable building tax credit represented by the document issued pursuant to Subsection I of this section shall be applied against the taxpayer's income tax liability for the taxable year for which the credit is approved and the three subsequent taxable years, in increments of twenty-five percent of the total credit amount in each of the four taxable years. If the amount of the credit available in a taxable year exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability for that taxable year, the excess may be carried forward for up to seven years.

K. If the total amount of a sustainable building tax credit approved by the department is less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), the entire amount of the credit may be applied against the taxpayer's income tax liability for the taxable year for which the credit is approved. If the amount of the credit exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability for that taxable year, the excess may be carried forward for up to seven years.

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sustainable building tax credit with respect to a sustainable building owned by a partnership or other business association of which the taxpayer is a member may claim a credit only in proportion to that taxpayer's interest in the partnership or association. The total credit claimed in the aggregate by all members of the partnership or association with respect to the sustainable building shall not exceed the amount of the credit that could have been claimed by a sole owner of the

L. A taxpayer who otherwise qualifies and claims a

M. A husband and wife who file separate returns for a taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half of the sustainable building tax credit that would have been allowed on a joint return.

- N. For the purposes of this section:
- (1) "build green New Mexico rating system"
 means the certification standards adopted by the homebuilders
 association of central New Mexico;
- (2) "LEED-CI" means the LEED rating system for commercial interiors;
- (3) "LEED-CS" means the LEED rating system for the core and shell of buildings;
- (4) "LEED-EB" means the LEED rating system
 for existing buildings;

1	(5) "LEED gold" means the rating in	
2	compliance with, or exceeding, the second-highest rating	
3	awarded by the LEED certification process;	
4	(6) "LEED" means the most current leadership	
5	in energy and environmental design green building rating	
6	system guidelines developed and adopted by the United States	
7	green building council;	
8	(7) "LEED-H" means the LEED rating system	
9	for homes;	
10	(8) "LEED-NC" means the LEED rating system	
11	for new buildings and major renovations;	
12	(9) "LEED platinum" means the rating in	
13	compliance with, or exceeding, the highest rating awarded by	
14	the LEED certification process;	
15	(10) "LEED silver" means the rating in	
16	compliance with, or exceeding, the third-highest rating	
17	awarded by the LEED certification process;	
18	(11) "manufactured housing" means a	
19	multisectioned home that is:	
20	(a) a manufactured home or modular	
21	home;	
22	(b) a single-family dwelling with a	
23	heated area of at least thirty-six feet by twenty-four feet	
24	and a total area of at least eight hundred sixty-four square	
25	feet;	SCORC/SB 291 Page 10

1	(c) constructed in a factory to the
2	standards of the United States department of housing and
3	urban development, the National Manufactured Housing
4	Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 and the Housing
5	and Urban Development Zone Code 2 or New Mexico construction
6	codes up to the date of the unit's construction; and
7	(d) installed consistent with the
8	Manufactured Housing Act and rules adopted pursuant to that
9	act relating to permanent foundations;
10	(12) "qualified occupied square footage"
11	means the occupied spaces of the building as determined by:
12	(a) the United States green building
13	council for those buildings obtaining LEED certification;
14	(b) the administrators of the build
15	green New Mexico rating system for those homes obtaining
16	build green New Mexico certification; and
17	(c) the United States environmental
18	protection agency for ENERGY STAR-certified manufactured
19	homes;
20	(13) "person" does not include state, local
21	government, public school district or tribal agencies;
22	(14) "sustainable building" means either a
23	sustainable commercial building or a sustainable residential
24	building;

1	a building that has been registered and certified under the
2	LEED-NC, LEED-EB, LEED-CS or LEED-CI rating system and that:
3	(a) is certified by the United States
4	green building council at LEED silver or higher;
5	(b) achieves any prerequisite for and
6	at least one point related to commissioning under LEED
7	"energy and atmosphere", if included in the applicable rating
8	system; and
9	(c) has reduced energy consumption, as
10	follows: 1) through 2011, a fifty percent energy reduction
11	will be required based on the national average for that
12	building type as published by the United States department of
13	energy; and beginning January 1, 2012, a sixty percent energy
14	reduction will be required based on the national average for
15	that building type as published by the United States
16	department of energy; and 2) is substantiated by the United
17	States environmental protection agency target finder energy
18	performance results form, dated no sooner than the schematic
19	design phase of development;
20	(16) "sustainable residential building"
21	means:
22	(a) a building used as a single-family
23	residence as registered and certified under the build green
24	New Mexico or LEED-H rating system that: 1) is certified by
25	the United States green building council as LEED-H silver or

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A. The tax credit provided by this section may be referred to as the "sustainable building tax credit". The sustainable building tax credit shall be available for the construction in New Mexico of a sustainable building, the renovation of an existing building in New Mexico into a

- B. A taxpayer that files a corporate income tax return is eligible to be granted a sustainable building tax credit by the department if the taxpayer submits a document issued pursuant to Subsection I of this section with the taxpayer's corporate income tax return.
- C. The amount of the sustainable building tax credit that may be claimed with respect to a sustainable commercial building shall be calculated based on the certification level the building has achieved in the LEED green building rating system and the amount of qualified occupied square footage in the building, as indicated on the following chart:

LEED Rating Level	Qualified	Tax Credit per
	Occupied	Square Foot
	Square Footage	_
LEED-NC Silver	First 10,000	\$3.50
	Next 40,000	\$1.75
	Over 50,000	

1		up to 500,000	\$.70
2	LEED-NC Gold	First 10,000	\$4.75
3		Next 40,000	\$2.00
4		Over 50,000	
5		up to 500,000	\$1.00
6	LEED-NC Platinum	First 10,000	\$6.25
7		Next 40,000	\$3.25
8		Over 50,000	
9		up to 500,000	\$2.00
10	LEED-EB or CS Silver	First 10,000	\$2.50
11		Next 40,000	\$1.25
12		Over 50,000	
13		up to 500,000	\$.50
14	LEED-EB or CS Gold	First 10,000	\$3.35
15		Next 40,000	\$1.40
16		Over 50,000	
17		up to 500,000	\$.70
18	LEED-EB or CS		
19	Platinum	First 10,000	\$4.40
20		Next 40,000	\$2.30
21		Over 50,000	
22		up to 500,000	\$1.40
23	LEED-CI Silver	First 10,000	\$1.40
24		Next 40,000	\$.70
25		Over 50,000	

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1		up to 500,000	\$.30
2	LEED-CI Gold	First 10,000	\$1.90
3		Next 40,000	\$.80
4		Over 50,000	
5		up to 500,000	\$.40
6	LEED-CI Platinum	First 10,000	\$2.50
7		Next 40,000	\$1.30
8		Over 50,000	
9		up to 500,000	\$.80.

D. The amount of the sustainable building tax credit that may be claimed with respect to a sustainable residential building shall be calculated based on the amount of qualified occupied square footage, as indicated on the following chart:

Rating System/Level	Qualified	Tax Credit
	Occupied	per Square
	Square Footage	Foot
LEED-H Silver or Build	First 2,000	\$5.00
Green NM Silver	Next 1,000	\$2.50
LEED-H Gold or Build	First 2,000	\$6.85
Green NM Gold	Next 1,000	\$3.40
LEED-H Platinum or Build	First 2,000	\$9.00
Green NM Emerald	Next 1,000	\$4.45
EPA ENERGY STAR		
Manufactured Housing	Up to 3,000	\$3.00.

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1	E. A person that is a building owner may apply for
2	a certificate of eligibility for the sustainable building tax
3	credit from the energy, minerals and natural resources
4	department after the construction, installation or renovation
5	of the sustainable building is complete. Applications shall
6	be considered in the order received. If the energy, minerals
7	and natural resources department determines that the building
8	owner meets the requirements of this subsection and that the
9	building with respect to which the tax credit application is
10	made meets the requirements of this section as a sustainable
11	residential building or a sustainable commercial building,
12	the energy, minerals and natural resources department may
13	issue a certificate of eligibility to the building owner,
14	subject to the limitation in Subsection F of this section.
15	The certificate shall include the rating system certification
16	level awarded to the building, the amount of qualified
17	occupied square footage in the building and a calculation of
18	the maximum amount of sustainable building tax credit for
19	which the building owner would be eligible. The energy,
20	minerals and natural resources department may issue rules
21	governing the procedure for administering the provisions of
22	this subsection. If the certification level for the
23	sustainable residential building is awarded on or after
24	January 1, 2007, the energy, minerals and natural resources
25	department may issue a certificate of eligibility to a

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- (1) the owner of the sustainable residential building at the time the certification level for the building is awarded; or
- (2) the subsequent purchaser of a sustainable residential building with respect to which no tax credit has been previously claimed.
- The energy, minerals and natural resources department may issue a certificate of eligibility only if the total amount of sustainable building tax credits represented by certificates of eligibility issued by the energy, minerals and natural resources department pursuant to this section and pursuant to the Income Tax Act shall not exceed in any calendar year an aggregate amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) with respect to sustainable commercial buildings and an aggregate amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) with respect to sustainable residential buildings; provided that no more than one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) of the aggregate amount with respect to sustainable residential buildings shall be for manufactured housing. If for any taxable year, the energy, minerals and natural resources department determines that the applications for sustainable building tax credits with respect to sustainable residential buildings for that taxable year exceed the aggregate limit set in this section, the energy,

minerals and natural resources department may issue certificates of eligibility under the aggregate annual limit for sustainable commercial buildings to building owners of multifamily dwelling units that meet the requirements of the energy, minerals and natural resources department and of this section; provided that applications for sustainable building credits for other sustainable commercial buildings total less than the full amount allocated for tax credits for sustainable commercial buildings.

G. Installation of a solar thermal system or a photovoltaic system eligible for the solar market development tax credit pursuant to Section 7-2-18.14 NMSA 1978 may not be used as a component of qualification for the rating system certification level used in determining eligibility for the sustainable building tax credit, unless a solar market development tax credit pursuant to Section 7-2-18.14 NMSA 1978 has not been claimed with respect to that system and the building owner and the taxpayer claiming the sustainable building tax credit certify that such a tax credit will not be claimed with respect to that system.

H. To be eligible for the sustainable building tax credit, the building owner shall provide to the taxation and revenue department a certificate of eligibility issued by the energy, minerals and natural resources department pursuant to the requirements of Subsection E of this section and any

- complied with, the department shall issue to the building owner a document granting a sustainable building tax credit. The document shall be numbered for identification and declare its date of issuance and the amount of the tax credit allowed pursuant to this section. The document may be submitted by the building owner with that taxpayer's income tax return, if applicable, or may be sold, exchanged or otherwise transferred to another taxpayer. The parties to such a transaction shall notify the department of the sale, exchange or transfer within ten days of the sale, exchange or transfer.
- J. Except as provided in Subsection K of this section, the sustainable building tax credit represented by the document issued pursuant to Subsection I of this section shall be applied against the taxpayer's corporate income tax liability for the taxable year for which the credit is approved and the three subsequent taxable years, in increments of twenty-five percent of the total credit amount in each of the four taxable years. If the amount of the credit available in a taxable year exceeds the taxpayer's corporate income tax liability for that taxable year, the

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- L. A taxpayer that otherwise qualifies and claims a sustainable building tax credit with respect to a sustainable building owned by a partnership or other business association of which the taxpayer is a member may claim a credit only in proportion to that taxpayer's interest in the partnership or association. The total credit claimed in the aggregate by all members of the partnership or association with respect to the sustainable building shall not exceed the amount of the credit that could have been claimed by a sole owner of the property.
 - M. For the purposes of this section:
- (1) "build green New Mexico rating system"
 means the certification standards adopted by the homebuilders
 association of central New Mexico;
 - (2) "LEED-CI" means the LEED rating system

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2	(3) "LEED-CS" means the LEED rating system
3	for the core and shell of buildings;
4	(4) "LEED-EB" means the LEED rating system
5	for existing buildings;
6	(5) "LEED gold" means the rating in
7	compliance with, or exceeding, the second-highest rating
8	awarded by the LEED certification process;
9	(6) "LEED" means the most current leadership
10	in energy and environmental design green building rating
11	system guidelines developed and adopted by the United States
12	green building council;
13	(7) "LEED-H" means the LEED rating system
14	for homes;
15	(8) "LEED-NC" means the LEED rating system
16	for new buildings and major renovations;
17	(9) "LEED platinum" means the rating in
18	compliance with, or exceeding, the highest rating awarded by
19	the LEED certification process;
20	(10) "LEED silver" means the rating in
21	compliance with, or exceeding, the third-highest rating
22	awarded by the LEED certification process;
23	(ll) "manufactured housing" means a
24	multisectioned home that is:
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2	(b) a single-family dwelling with a	
3	heated area of at least thirty-six feet by twenty-four feet	
4	and a total area of at least eight hundred sixty-four square	
5	feet;	
6	(c) constructed in a factory to the	
7	standards of the United States department of housing and	
8	urban development, the National Manufactured Housing	
9	Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 and the Housing	
10	and Urban Development Zone Code 2 or New Mexico construction	
11	codes up to the date of the unit's construction; and	
12	(d) installed consistent with the	
13	Manufactured Housing Act and rules adopted pursuant to that	
14	act relating to permanent foundations;	
15	(12) "qualified occupied square footage"	
16	means the occupied spaces of the building as determined by:	
17	(a) the United States green building	
18	council for those buildings obtaining LEED certification;	
19	(b) the administrators of the build	
20	green New Mexico rating system for those homes obtaining	
21	build green New Mexico certification; and	
22	(c) the United States environmental	
23	protection agency for ENERGY STAR-certified manufactured	
24	homes;	

(16) "sustainable residential building"

1	means:		
2	(a) a building used as a single-family		
3	residence as registered and certified under the build green		
4	New Mexico or LEED-H rating systems that: 1) is certified by		
5	the United States green building council as LEED-H silver or		
6	higher or by build green New Mexico as silver or higher; and		
7	2) has achieved a home energy rating system index of sixty or		
8	lower as developed by the residential energy services		
9	network;		
10	(b) a multifamily dwelling unit, as		
11	registered and certified under the LEED-H or build green New		
12	Mexico rating system that: 1) is certified by the United		
13	States green building council as LEED-H silver or higher or		
14	by build green New Mexico as silver or higher; and 2) has		
15	achieved a home energy rating system index of sixty or lower		
16	as developed by the residential energy services network; or		
17	(c) manufactured housing that is ENERGY		
18	STAR-qualified by the United States environmental protection		
19	agency; and		
20	(17) "tribal" means of, belonging to or		
21	created by a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or		
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