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AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION: AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYER TAX CREDIT FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

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

A new section of the Income Tax Act is enacted Section 1. to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] EMPLOYER CREDIT--EMPLOYEES WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. --

Any taxpayer who files an individual New Mexico income tax return who is not a dependent of another individual may claim a credit for the taxpayer's employees who are persons with developmental disabilities. The credit may be claimed in an amount equal to the sum of the amount determined for each employee who is a person with a developmental disability, which amount for each employee is equal to the product of one dollar

(\$1.00) multiplied by the number of hours of the taxpayer's taxable year that the employee was employed by the taxpayer.

- B. 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 credit that would have been allowed on a joint return.
- C. A taxpayer who otherwise qualifies and claims a credit pursuant to Subsection A of this section and who is a member of a partnership or business association that is the employer may claim a credit only in proportion to his interest in the partnership or association. The total credit claimed by all members of the partnership or association shall not exceed an amount equal to the credit that would otherwise be available to a single taxpayer.
- D. The credit provided in this section may only be deducted from the taxpayer's income tax liability for the taxable year for which the credit is claimed.
- E. As used in this section, "developmental disability" has the same meaning as in the Developmental Disabilities Act."
- Section 2. A new section of the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act is enacted to read:
- "[NEW MATERIAL] EMPLOYER CREDIT--EMPLOYEES WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.--
  - A. Any taxpayer who files a corporate income tax

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return may claim a credit for the taxpayer's employees who are persons with developmental disabilities. The credit may be claimed in an amount equal to the sum of the amounts for each employee who is a person with a developmental disability, which amount for each employee is equal to the product of one dollar (\$1.00) multiplied by the number of hours of the taxpayer's taxable year that the employee was employed by the taxpayer.

- B. A taxpayer who otherwise qualifies and claims a credit pursuant to Subsection A of this section and who is a member of a partnership or business association that is the employer may claim a credit only in proportion to his interest in the partnership or association. The total credit claimed by all members of the partnership or association shall not exceed the credit that would otherwise be available to a single taxpayer.
- C. The credit provided in this section may only be deducted from the taxpayer's corporate income tax liability for the taxable year for which the credit is claimed.
- D. As used in this section, "developmental disability" has the same meaning as when used in the Developmental Disabilities Act."
- Section 3. APPLICABILITY.--The provisions of this act apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1997.

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