
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY FONTANA, BREWSTER, COSTA, BOSCOLA, SMITH, FARNESE,
HUGHES AND LEACH, JANUARY 15, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An
2 act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying
3 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing
4 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment,
5 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing
6 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and
7 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain
8 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations
9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and
10 penalties," in film production tax credit, further providing
11 for limitations.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 1707-D(b) of the act of March 4, 1971
15 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, amended
16 July 2, 2012 (P.L.751, No.85), is amended to read:

17 Section 1707-D. Limitations.

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19 (b) Individual limitations.--The following shall apply:

20 (1) Except as set forth in paragraph (1.1), the
21 aggregate amount of film production tax credits awarded by
22 the department under section 1703-D(d) to a taxpayer for a

1 film may not exceed 25% of the qualified film production
2 expenses to be incurred.

3 (1.1) In addition to the tax credit under paragraph (1),
4 a taxpayer is eligible for a credit in the amount of 5% of
5 the qualified film production expenses incurred by the
6 taxpayer if the taxpayer:

7 (i) films a feature film, television film or
8 television series, which is intended as programming for a
9 national audience; and

10 (ii) films in a qualified production facility which
11 meets the minimum stage filming requirements.

12 (2) A taxpayer that has received a grant under 12
13 Pa.C.S. § 4106 (relating to approval) shall not be eligible
14 for a film production tax credit under this act for the same
15 film.

16 (3) In addition to the other limitations provided under
17 this subsection, a taxpayer that uses a qualified production
18 facility that satisfies the criteria under subsection (c) for
19 the production of a television series that is intended as
20 programming for a national audience and whose primary purpose
21 is the sale of commercial goods is subject to the following:

22 (i) The taxpayer is eligible for an individual tax
23 credit not to exceed of 1.5% of the maximum tax credit
24 provided under this article.

25 (ii) The taxpayer is not eligible for a tax credit
26 under this article if the taxpayer received a tax credit
27 under this article in at least three of the preceding
28 five years.

29 (iii) The taxpayer is not eligible for a tax credit
30 under this article if the taxpayer is domiciled in this

1 Commonwealth and incurred expenses in the production of
2 the following:

3 (A) A television commercial.

4 (B) Employee community programs.

5 (C) Public service announcements or programs.

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7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.