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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," further providing for imposition of tax.

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

13 Section 1. Section 602 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6,
14 No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, amended August 4,
15 1991 (P.L.97, No.22), is amended to read:

16 Section 602. Imposition of Tax.--(a) That every domestic
17 entity from which a report is required under section 601 hereof,
18 shall be subject to, and pay to the department annually, a tax
19 which is the greater of (i) three hundred dollars (\$300) or (ii)
20 the amount computed at the rate of ten mills upon each dollar of
21 the capital stock value as defined in section 601(a) for the

1 calendar year 1971 and the fiscal year beginning in 1971 through
2 calendar year 1986 and fiscal years beginning in 1986, at the
3 rate of nine mills upon each dollar of the capital stock value
4 as defined in section 601(a) for the calendar year 1987 and
5 fiscal years beginning in 1987, at the rate of nine and one-half
6 mills upon each dollar of the capital stock value as defined in
7 section 601(a) for the calendar year 1988 and fiscal years
8 beginning in 1988 through calendar year 1990 and fiscal years
9 beginning in 1990 [and], at the rate of eleven mills upon each
10 dollar of the capital stock value as defined in section 601(a)
11 for the calendar year 1991 and fiscal years beginning in 1991
12 through the calendar year 1997 and fiscal years beginning in
13 1997 and at the rate of ten mills upon each dollar of the
14 capital stock value as defined in section 601(a) for the
15 calendar year 1998 and fiscal years beginning in 1998, at the
16 rate of nine mills upon each dollar of the capital stock value
17 as defined in section 601(a) for the calendar year 1999 and
18 fiscal years beginning in 1999, at the rate of eight mills upon
19 each dollar of the capital stock value as defined in section
20 601(a) for the calendar year 2000 and fiscal years beginning in
21 2000 and each year thereafter, with an additional surtax equal
22 to two mills upon each dollar of the capital stock value as
23 defined in section 601(a) for the calendar year 1991 and fiscal
24 years beginning in 1991 and with an additional surtax equal to
25 one and three-quarters mills upon each dollar of the capital
26 stock value as defined in section 601(a) for the calendar year
27 1992 and fiscal years beginning in 1992 and each year
28 thereafter, except that any domestic entity or company subject
29 to the tax prescribed herein may elect to compute and pay its
30 tax under and in accordance with the provisions of subsection

1 (b) of this section 602: Provided, That, except for the
2 imposition of the three hundred dollar (\$300) minimum tax, the
3 provisions of this section shall not apply to the taxation of
4 the capital stock of entities organized for manufacturing,
5 processing, research or development purposes, which is invested
6 in and actually and exclusively employed in carrying on
7 manufacturing, processing, research or development within the
8 State, except such entities as enjoy and exercise the right of
9 eminent domain, but every entity organized for the purpose of
10 manufacturing, processing, research or development except such
11 entities as enjoy and exercise the right of eminent domain shall
12 pay the State tax of the greater of (i) three hundred dollars
13 (\$300) or (ii) the amount computed at the rate of ten mills upon
14 each dollar of the capital stock value as defined in section
15 601(a) for the calendar year 1971 and the fiscal year beginning
16 in 1971 through calendar year 1986 and fiscal years beginning in
17 1986, at the rate of nine mills upon each dollar of the capital
18 stock value as defined in section 601(a) for the calendar year
19 1987 and fiscal years beginning in 1987 and at the rate of nine
20 and one-half mills upon each dollar of the capital stock value
21 as defined in section 601(a) for the calendar year 1988 and
22 fiscal years beginning in 1988 through calendar year 1990 and
23 fiscal years beginning in 1990 [and], at the rate of eleven
24 mills upon each dollar of the capital stock value as defined in
25 section 601(a) for the calendar year 1991 through the calendar
26 year 1997 and fiscal years beginning in 1997 and at the rate of
27 ten mills upon each dollar of the capital stock value as defined
28 in section 601(a) for the calendar year 1998 and fiscal years
29 beginning in 1998, at the rate of nine mills upon each dollar of
30 the capital stock value as defined in section 601(a) for the

1 calendar year 1999 and fiscal years beginning in 1999, at the
2 rate of eight mills upon each dollar of the capital stock value
3 as defined in section 601(a) for the calendar year 2000 and
4 fiscal years beginning in 2000 and each year thereafter, with an
5 additional surtax equal to two mills upon each dollar of the
6 capital stock value as defined in section 601(a) for the
7 calendar year 1991 and fiscal years beginning in 1991 and with
8 an additional surtax equal to one and three-quarters mills upon
9 each dollar of the capital stock value as defined in section
10 601(a) for the calendar year 1992 and fiscal years beginning in
11 1992 and each year thereafter, upon such proportion of its
12 capital stock, if any, as may be invested in any property or
13 business not strictly incident or appurtenant to the
14 manufacturing, processing, research or development business, in
15 addition to the local taxes assessed upon its property in the
16 district where located, it being the object of this provision to
17 relieve from State taxation, except for imposition of the three
18 hundred dollar (\$300) minimum tax under this section, only so
19 much of the capital stock as is invested purely in the
20 manufacturing, processing, research or development plant and
21 business.

22 (b) (1) Every foreign entity from which a report is
23 required under section 601 hereof, shall be subject to and pay
24 to the department annually, a franchise tax which is the greater
25 of (i) three hundred dollars (\$300) or (ii) the amount computed
26 at the rate of ten mills for the calendar year 1971 and the
27 fiscal years beginning in 1971 through calendar year 1986 and
28 fiscal years beginning in 1986, at the rate of nine mills for
29 the calendar year 1987 and for fiscal years beginning in 1987,
30 at the rate of nine and one-half mills for calendar year 1988

1 and fiscal years beginning in 1988 through calendar year 1990
2 and fiscal years beginning in 1990 [and], at the rate of eleven
3 mills upon each dollar of the capital stock value as defined in
4 section 601(a) for the calendar year 1991 and fiscal years
5 beginning in 1991 through the calendar year 1997 and fiscal
6 years beginning in 1997 and at the rate of ten mills upon each
7 dollar of the capital stock value as defined in section 601(a)
8 for the calendar year 1998 and fiscal years beginning in 1998,
9 at the rate of nine mills upon each dollar of the capital stock
10 value as defined in section 601(a) for the calendar year 1999
11 and fiscal years beginning in 1999, at the rate of eight mills
12 upon each dollar of the capital stock value as defined in
13 section 601(a) for the calendar year 2000 and fiscal years
14 beginning in 2000 and each year thereafter, with an additional
15 surtax equal to two mills upon each dollar of the capital stock
16 value as defined in section 601(a) for the calendar year 1991
17 and fiscal years beginning in 1991 and with an additional surtax
18 equal to one and three-quarters mills upon each dollar of the
19 capital stock value as defined in section 601(a) for the
20 calendar year 1992 and fiscal years beginning in 1992 and each
21 year thereafter, upon a taxable value to be determined in the
22 following manner. The capital stock value shall be ascertained
23 in the manner prescribed in section 601(a) of this article. The
24 taxable value shall then be determined by employing the relevant
25 apportionment factors set forth in Article IV: Provided, That
26 the manufacturing, processing, research and development
27 exemptions contained under section 602(a) shall also apply to
28 foreign corporations and in determining the relevant
29 apportionment factors the numerator of the property, payroll, or
30 sales factors shall not include any property, payroll or sales

1 attributable to manufacturing, processing, research or
2 development activities in the Commonwealth. Any foreign
3 corporation, joint-stock association, limited partnership or
4 company subject to the tax prescribed herein may elect to
5 compute and pay its tax under section 602(a): Provided, That any
6 foreign corporation, joint-stock association, limited
7 partnership or company electing to compute and pay its tax under
8 section 602(a) shall be treated as if it were a domestic
9 corporation for the purpose of determining which of its assets
10 are exempt from taxation and for the purpose of determining the
11 proportion of the value of its capital stock which is subject to
12 taxation.

13 (2) The provisions of this article shall apply to the
14 taxation of entities organized for manufacturing, processing,
15 research or development purposes, but shall not apply to such
16 entities as enjoy and exercise the right of eminent domain.

17 (d) It shall be the duty of the treasurer or other officers
18 having charge of any domestic or foreign entity, upon which a
19 tax is imposed by this section, to transmit the amount of tax to
20 the department within the time prescribed by law: Provided, That
21 for the purposes of this act interest in limited partnerships or
22 joint-stock associations shall be deemed to be capital stock,
23 and taxable accordingly: Provided, further, That entities liable
24 to a tax under this section, shall not be required to pay any
25 further tax on the mortgages, bonds, and other securities owned
26 by them and in which the whole body of stockholders or members,
27 as such, have the entire equitable interest in remainder; but
28 entities owning or holding such securities as trustees,
29 executors, administrators, guardians, or in any other manner
30 than for the whole body of stockholders or members thereof as

1 sole equitable owners in remainder, shall return and pay the tax
2 imposed by this act upon all securities so owned or held by
3 them, as in the case of individuals.

4 (e) Any holding company subject to the capital stock tax or
5 the franchise tax imposed by this section may elect to compute
6 the capital stock or franchise tax by applying the rate of tax
7 of ten mills for the calendar year 1971 and the fiscal year
8 beginning in 1971 through the calendar year 1986 and fiscal
9 years beginning in 1986, at the rate of nine mills for the
10 calendar year 1987 and fiscal years beginning in 1987, at the
11 rate of nine and one-half mills for calendar year 1988 and
12 fiscal years beginning in 1988 through calendar year 1990 and
13 fiscal years beginning in 1990 [and], at the rate of eleven
14 mills for calendar year 1991 and fiscal years beginning in 1991
15 through the calendar year 1997 and fiscal years beginning in
16 1997 and at the rate of ten mills upon each dollar of the
17 capital stock value as defined in section 601(a) for the
18 calendar year 1998 and fiscal years beginning in 1998, at the
19 rate of nine mills upon each dollar of the capital stock value
20 as defined in section 601(a) for the calendar year 1999 and
21 fiscal years beginning in 1999, at the rate of eight mills upon
22 each dollar of the capital stock value as defined in section
23 601(a) for the calendar year 2000 and fiscal years beginning in
24 2000 and each year thereafter, with an additional surtax equal
25 to two mills for calendar year 1991 and fiscal years beginning
26 in 1991 and with an additional surtax equal to one and three-
27 quarters mills upon each dollar of the capital stock value as
28 defined in section 601(a) for the calendar year 1992 and fiscal
29 years beginning in 1992 and each year thereafter, upon each
30 dollar to ten per cent of the capital stock value, but in no

1 case shall the tax so computed be less than three hundred
2 dollars (\$300). If exercised, this election shall be in lieu of
3 any other apportionment or allocation to which such company
4 would otherwise be entitled.

5 (f) Every domestic corporation and every foreign corporation
6 (i) registered to do business in Pennsylvania; (ii) which
7 maintains an office in Pennsylvania; (iii) which has filed a
8 timely election to be taxed as a regulated investment company
9 with the Federal Government; and (iv) which duly qualifies to be
10 taxed as a regulated investment company under the provisions of
11 the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended, shall be taxed as
12 a regulated investment company and shall be subject to the
13 capital stock or franchise tax imposed by section 602, in either
14 case for the privilege of having an office in Pennsylvania,
15 which tax shall be computed pursuant to the provisions of this
16 subsection in lieu of all other provisions of this section 602.
17 The tax shall be in an amount which is the greater of three
18 hundred dollars (\$300) or the sum of the amounts determined
19 pursuant to clauses (1) and (2):

20 (1) The amount determined pursuant to this clause shall be
21 seventy-five dollars (\$75) times that number which is the result
22 of dividing the net asset value of the regulated investment
23 company by one million, rounded to the nearest multiple of
24 seventy-five dollars (\$75). Net asset value shall be determined
25 by adding the monthly net asset values as of the last day of
26 each month during the taxable period and dividing the total sum
27 by the number of months involved. Each such monthly net asset
28 value shall be the actual market value of all assets owned
29 without any exemptions or exclusions, less all liabilities,
30 debts and other obligations.

1 (2) The amount determined pursuant to this clause shall be
2 the amount which is the result of multiplying the rate of
3 taxation applicable for purposes of the personal income tax
4 during the same taxable year times the apportioned undistributed
5 personal income tax income of the regulated investment company.
6 For the purposes of this clause:

7 (A) Personal income tax income shall mean income to the
8 extent enumerated and classified in section 303.

9 (B) Undistributed personal income tax income shall mean all
10 personal income tax income other than personal income tax income
11 undistributed on account of the capital stock or foreign
12 franchise tax, less all personal income tax income distributed
13 to shareholders. At the election of the company, income
14 distributed after the close of a taxable year, but deemed
15 distributed during the taxable year for Federal income tax
16 purposes, shall be deemed distributed during that year for
17 purposes of this clause. If a company in a taxable year has both
18 current income and income accumulated from a prior year,
19 distributions during the year shall be deemed to have been made
20 first from current income.

21 (C) Undistributed personal income tax income shall be
22 apportioned to Pennsylvania by a fraction, the numerator of
23 which is all income distributed during the taxable period to
24 shareholders who are resident individuals, estates or trusts and
25 the denominator of which is all income distributed during the
26 taxable period. Resident trusts shall not include charitable,
27 pension or profit-sharing, or retirement trusts.

28 (D) Personal income tax income and other income of a company
29 shall each be deemed to be either distributed to shareholders or
30 undistributed in the proportion each category bears to all

1 income received by the company during the taxable year.

2 (g) In the event that a domestic or foreign entity is
3 required to file a report pursuant to section 601(b) on other
4 than an annual basis, the tax imposed by this section, including
5 the three hundred dollar (\$300) minimum tax, shall be prorated
6 to reflect the portion of a taxable year for which the report is
7 filed by multiplying the tax liability by a fraction equal to
8 the number of days in the taxable year divided by three hundred
9 sixty-five days.

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