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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing 3 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment, 4 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing 5 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain 7 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations 8 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and penalties," in tax for education, further providing for 9 10 licenses; in payment of tax, further providing for discount; 11 in assessment and collection of tax, further providing for 12 assessment; in interest, additions, penalties and crimes, 13 14 providing for failure to timely remit tax collected; in personal income tax, further providing for definitions and 15 16 for taxability of partners, providing for tax treatment 17 determined at partnership level and for tax imposed at partnership level, further providing for income of a 18 Pennsylvania S corporation, for tax withheld and for 19 requirement of withholding tax, providing for requirement of 20 withholding tax for nonemployers, further providing for 21 information statement, providing for information statement 22 23 for nonemployer payors and for information statement for nonemployer payees, further providing for time for filing employers' returns, for payment of taxes withheld, for 24 25 employers liability for withheld taxes, for employer's 26 failure to withhold, for designation of third parties to 27 perform acts required of employers, for general rule, for 28 amount of withholding tax and for treatment of nonresident 29 30 partners, members or shareholders, providing for withholding on income from oil and gas interests and for annual 31 withholding statement, further providing for return of 32 33 Pennsylvania S corporation, for requirements concerning returns, notices, records and statements, for assessment, for 34

- additions, penalties and fees and providing for failure to
- 2 timely remit tax withheld; in corporate net income tax,
- further providing for assessments; in realty transfer tax,
- 4 further providing for assessment and notice of tax and
- 5 review; in malt beverage tax, further providing for
- assessment by department; in general provisions, providing
- for administrative bank attachment for accounts of obligors to the Commonwealth, for tax delinquent placard and for
- additional citation authority; providing for applicability;
- 10 and making editorial changes.
- 11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 12 hereby enacts as follows:
- 13 Section 1. Section 208(b.1) and (c) of the act of March 4,
- 14 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971,
- 15 amended December 23, 2003 (P.L.250, No.46), are amended to read:
- 16 Section 208. Licenses. -- * * *
- 17 (b.1) If an applicant for a license or any person holding a
- 18 license has not filed all required State tax reports and paid
- 19 any State taxes not subject to a timely perfected administrative
- 20 or judicial appeal or subject to a duly authorized deferred
- 21 payment plan, the department may refuse to issue, may suspend or
- 22 may revoke said license. The department shall notify the
- 23 applicant or licensee of any refusal, suspension or revocation.
- 24 Such notice shall contain a statement that the refusal,
- 25 suspension or revocation may be made public. Such notice shall
- 26 be made by first class mail. An applicant or licensee aggrieved
- 27 by the determination of the department may file an appeal
- 28 pursuant to the provisions for administrative appeals in this
- 29 article, except the appeal must be filed within fifteen days of
- 30 the date of notice. In the case of a suspension or revocation
- 31 which is appealed, the license shall remain valid pending a
- 32 final outcome of the appeals process. Notwithstanding sections
- 33 274, 353(f), 408(b), 603, 702, 802, 904 and 1102 of the act or
- 34 any other provision of law to the contrary, if no appeal is
- 35 taken or if an appeal is taken and denied at the conclusion of

- 1 the appeal process, the department may disclose, by publication
- 2 or otherwise, the identity of a person and the fact that the
- 3 person's license has been refused, suspended or revoked under
- 4 this subsection. Disclosure may include the basis for refusal,
- 5 suspension or revocation.
- 6 (c) A person that maintains a place of business in this
- 7 Commonwealth for the purpose of selling or leasing services or
- 8 tangible personal property, the sale or use of which is subject
- 9 to tax, without having [first been licensed by the department] a
- 10 <u>valid license at the time of the sale or lease</u> shall be guilty
- 11 of a summary offense and, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced
- 12 to pay a fine of not less than three hundred dollars (\$300) nor
- 13 more than one thousand five hundred (\$1,500) and, in default
- 14 thereof, to undergo imprisonment of not less than five days nor
- 15 more than thirty days. The penalties imposed by this subsection
- 16 shall be in addition to any other penalties imposed by this
- 17 article. For purposes of this subsection, the offering for sale
- 18 or lease of any service or tangible personal property, the sale
- 19 or use of which is subject to tax, during any calendar day shall
- 20 constitute a separate violation. The Secretary of Revenue may
- 21 designate employes of the department to enforce the provisions
- 22 of this subsection. The employes shall exhibit proof of and be
- 23 within the scope of the designation when instituting proceedings
- 24 as provided by the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- 25 * * *
- 26 Section 1.1. Section 227 of the act is amended to read:
- 27 Section 227. Discount.--(a) If a return is filed by a
- 28 licensee and the tax shown to be due thereon less any discount
- 29 is paid all within the time prescribed, the licensee shall be
- 30 entitled to credit and apply against the tax payable by [him]

- 1 the licensee a discount of one per cent of the amount of the tax
- 2 collected by [him] the licensee on and after the effective date
- 3 of this article, as compensation for the expense of collecting
- 4 and remitting the [same] tax due by the licensee and as a
- 5 consideration of the prompt payment thereof.
- 6 (b) The discount under subsection (a) shall be limited to
- 7 the following:
- 8 (1) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per return.
- 9 (2) Only State and local sales tax discounts.
- 10 Section 1.2. Section 230 of the act, amended July 25, 2007
- 11 (P.L.373, No.55), is amended to read:
- 12 Section 230. Assessment. -- (a) The department is authorized
- 13 and required to make the inquiries, determinations and
- 14 assessments of the tax (including interest, additions and
- 15 penalties) imposed by this article. A notice of assessment and
- 16 demand for payment shall be mailed to the taxpayer. The notice
- 17 shall set forth the basis of the assessment.
- 18 [(b) The notice required by subsection (a) shall be mailed
- 19 by certified mail if the assessment is for \$300 or more.]
- 20 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
- 21 Section 268.1. Failure to Timely Remit Tax Collected. -- (a)
- 22 Penalties. If a person wilfully fails to timely remit tax
- 23 collected under this article and:
- 24 (1) The amount of the tax is one thousand dollars (\$1,000)
- 25 or less, the person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree
- 26 and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of one
- 27 thousand dollars (\$1,000) or to imprisonment for not more than
- 28 <u>two years</u>, or both.
- 29 (2) Except as set forth in subclause (3), the amount of the
- 30 tax exceeds one thousand dollars (\$1,000), the person commits a

- 1 <u>misdemeanor of the first degree and, upon conviction, shall be</u>
- 2 <u>sentenced to pay a fine of not more than five thousand dollars</u>
- 3 (\$5,000) or to imprisonment for not more than five years, or
- 4 both.
- 5 (3) The amount of the tax exceeds two thousand dollars
- 6 (\$2,000), the person commits a felony of the third degree and,
- 7 upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more
- 8 than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or to imprisonment
- 9 for not more than seven years, or both.
- 10 (b) Requirement. The penalties imposed by this section shall
- 11 be in addition to other penalties imposed by a provision of this
- 12 article.
- 13 Section 3. Section 301(n.1) of the act, amended July 6, 2006
- 14 (P.L.319, No.67), is amended and the section is amended by
- 15 adding subsections to read:
- 16 Section 301. Definitions. -- Any reference in this article to
- 17 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall mean the Internal
- 18 Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.),
- 19 as amended to January 1, 1997, unless the reference contains the
- 20 phrase "as amended" and refers to no other date, in which case
- 21 the reference shall be to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as
- 22 it exists as of the time of application of this article. The
- 23 following words, terms and phrases when used in this article
- 24 shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section except
- 25 where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
- 26 * * *
- 27 (d.2) "Corporate item" means any item, including income,
- 28 gain or loss, determined at the Pennsylvania S corporation
- 29 <u>level</u>, which is required to be taken into account for a
- 30 Pennsylvania S corporation's taxable year.

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- 2 (1.3) "Nonemployer payee" means an individual who receives
- 3 payments under section 316.1(a)(1).
- 4 (1.4) "Nonemployer payor" means a person subject to
- 5 <u>nonemployer withholding under section 316.1.</u>
- 6 * * *
- 7 (n.1) "Partnership item" means any item, including income,
- 8 gain or loss, determined at the partnership level, which is
- 9 required to be taken into account for a partnership's taxable
- 10 <u>year.</u>
- [(n.1)] $\underline{\text{(n.2)}}$ "Pennsylvania S corporation" means any small
- 12 corporation as defined in section 301(s.2) which does not have a
- 13 valid election under section 307 in effect. A qualified
- 14 Subchapter S subsidiary owned by a Pennsylvania S corporation
- 15 shall be treated as a Pennsylvania S corporation without regard
- 16 to whether an election under section 307 has been made with
- 17 respect to the subsidiary.
- 18 * * *
- 19 Section 4. Section 306 of the act, amended June 22, 2001
- 20 (P.L.353, No.23), is amended to read:
- 21 Section 306. Taxability of Partners.--[A] Except as provided
- 22 <u>in section 306.2, a</u> partnership as an entity shall not be
- 23 subject to the tax imposed by this article, but the income or
- 24 gain of a member of a partnership in respect of said partnership
- 25 shall be subject to the tax and the tax shall be imposed on his
- 26 share, whether or not distributed, of the income or gain
- 27 received by the partnership for its taxable year ending within
- 28 or with the member's taxable year.
- 29 Section 5. The act is amended by adding sections to read:
- 30 Section 306.1. Tax Treatment Determined at Partnership

- 1 <u>Level.--The tax treatment of a partnership item and the</u>
- 2 applicability of a penalty, addition of tax or additional amount
- 3 that relates to an adjustment to a partnership item must be
- 4 determined at the partnership level.
- 5 <u>Section 306.2. Tax Imposed at Partnership Level.--A</u>
- 6 partnership underreporting income by more than one hundred
- 7 thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be jointly liable with each
- 8 partner for any part of a deficiency resulting from the
- 9 treatment of a partnership item by any partner on that partner's
- 10 return in a manner that is consistent with the treatment of that
- 11 partnership item on the partnership return. If the tax is paid
- 12 by the partner, it may not be collected from the partnership.
- 13 Section 6. Section 307.8(a) of the act, amended May 7, 1997
- 14 (P.L.85, No.7), is amended and the section is amended by adding
- 15 a subsection to read:
- 16 Section 307.8. Income of a Pennsylvania S Corporation.--(a)
- 17 A Pennsylvania S corporation shall not be subject to the tax
- 18 imposed by this article, except as provided in subsection (f),
- 19 but the shareholders of the Pennsylvania S corporation shall be
- 20 subject to the tax imposed under this article as provided in
- 21 this article.
- 22 * * *
- 23 <u>(f) A Pennsylvania S corporation underreporting income by</u>
- 24 more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be
- 25 jointly liable with each shareholder for any part of a
- 26 deficiency resulting from the treatment of a corporate item by
- 27 <u>any shareholder on the shareholder's return in a manner that is</u>
- 28 consistent with the treatment of that corporate item on the
- 29 return of the Pennsylvania S corporation. If the tax is paid by
- 30 the shareholder, it may not be collected from the corporation.

- 1 Section 7. Sections 312 and 316 of the act, added August 31,
- 2 1971 (P.L.362, No.93), are amended to read:
- 3 Section 312. Tax Withheld. -- (a) The amount withheld under
- 4 section 316 shall be allowed to the recipient of the
- 5 compensation as a credit against the tax imposed on him by this
- 6 article.
- 7 (b) The amount withheld under section 316.1 shall be allowed
- 8 to the recipient of the Pennsylvania sourced income as a credit
- 9 against the tax imposed on the recipient by this article.
- 10 (c) The amount withheld under section 324.4 shall be allowed
- 11 to the lessor as a credit against the tax imposed on the lessor
- 12 by this article. For the purposes of this subsection, the term
- 13 "lessor" shall have the same meaning as given to it in section
- 14 <u>324.4(d).</u>
- 15 Section 316. Requirement of Withholding Tax for Employers.--
- 16 Every employer maintaining an office or transacting business
- 17 within this Commonwealth and making payment of compensation (i)
- 18 to a resident individual, or (ii) to a nonresident individual
- 19 taxpayer performing services on behalf of such employer within
- 20 this Commonwealth, shall deduct and withhold from such
- 21 compensation for each payroll period a tax computed in such
- 22 manner as to result, so far as practicable, in withholding from
- 23 the employe's compensation during each calendar year an amount
- 24 substantially equivalent to the tax reasonably estimated to be
- 25 due for such year with respect to such compensation. The method
- 26 of determining the amount to be withheld shall be prescribed by
- 27 regulations of the department.
- 28 Section 8. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
- 29 <u>Section 316.1. Requirement of Withholding Tax for</u>
- 30 Nonemployers. -- (a) This section applies as follows:

- 1 (1) Except as set forth in clause (2), to a person that
- 2 meets all of the following subclauses:
- 3 (i) Makes payments of income from sources within this
- 4 <u>Commonwealth under section 303(a)(1) or (2) to:</u>
- 5 (A) a nonresident individual; or
- 6 (B) an entity:
- 7 (I) which is disregarded under section 307.21; and
- 8 (II) the single owner of which is a nonresident individual.
- 9 (ii) Is required by section 335(g) to file a copy of form
- 10 1099-MISC with the department with respect to payments under
- 11 subclause (i).
- 12 (2) This section does not apply to payments made by any of
- 13 the following:
- 14 <u>(i) The United States of America. This subclause includes a</u>
- 15 Federal agency, authority and instrumentality.
- 16 <u>(ii) The Commonwealth. This subclause includes a</u>
- 17 Commonwealth agency, authority and instrumentality.
- 18 (iii) A political subdivision. This subclause includes a
- 19 municipal authority and instrumentality.
- 20 (b) A person subject to subsection (a), to the extent not
- 21 already required by section 316 to withhold on payments under
- 22 subsection (a)(1)(i), shall deduct and withhold from those
- 23 payments an amount obtained by multiplying:
- 24 (1) the net amount of the payments; by
- 25 (2) the tax rate specified in section 302(b).
- 26 (c) The department may promulgate regulations to implement
- 27 and clarify the withholding requirement set forth in subsection
- 28 (b).
- 29 (d) As used in this section, "payments" does not include a
- 30 partner's or shareholder's distributive share of income from a

- 1 partnership or Pennsylvania S corporation.
- 2 Section 9. Section 317 of the act, amended December 20, 1985
- 3 (P.L.489, No.115), is amended to read:
- 4 Section 317. Information Statement.--Every employer required
- 5 to deduct and withhold tax under [this article] section 316
- 6 shall furnish to each such employe to whom the employer has paid
- 7 compensation during the calendar year a written statement in
- 8 such manner and in such form as may be prescribed by the
- 9 department showing the amount of compensation paid by the
- 10 employer to the employe, the amount deducted and withheld as
- 11 tax[, pursuant to this article,] and such other information as
- 12 the department shall prescribe. Each statement required by this
- 13 section for a calendar year shall be furnished to the employe on
- 14 or before January 31 of the year succeeding such calendar year.
- 15 If the employe's employment is terminated before the close of
- 16 such calendar year, the employer, at his option, shall furnish
- 17 the statement to the employe at any time after the termination
- 18 but no later than January 31 of the year succeeding such
- 19 calendar year. However, if an employe whose employment is
- 20 terminated before the close of such calendar year requests the
- 21 employer in writing to furnish him the statement at an earlier
- 22 time, and, if there is no reasonable expectation on the part of
- 23 both employer and employe of further employment during the
- 24 calendar year, then the employer shall furnish the statement to
- 25 the employe on or before the later of the 30th day after the day
- 26 of the request or the 30th day after the day on which the last
- 27 payment of wages is made.
- 28 Section 10. The act is amended by adding sections to read:
- 29 <u>Section 317.1. Information Statement for Nonemployer</u>
- 30 Payors. -- A nonemployer payor shall furnish to each nonemployer

- 1 payee during a calendar year a copy of form 1099-MISC required
- 2 by section 335(q). The copy of form 1099-MISC required by this
- 3 section for a calendar year shall be forwarded to the
- 4 <u>nonemployer payee by March 1 of the next year.</u>
- 5 <u>Section 317.2. Information Statement for Nonemployer</u>
- 6 Payees. -- A nonemployer payee receiving a copy of form 1099-MISC
- 7 <u>from a nonemployer payor under section 317.1 shall file a</u>
- 8 <u>duplicate of the form with the nonemployer payee's tax return</u>
- 9 <u>under section 330.</u>
- 10 Section 11. Section 318 of the act, added August 31, 1971
- 11 (P.L.362, No.93), is amended to read:
- 12 Section 318. Time for Filing Employers' and Nonemployer
- 13 Payors' Returns. -- (a) Every employer required to deduct and
- 14 withhold tax under [this article] section 316 shall file a
- 15 quarterly withholding return on or before the last day of April,
- 16 July, October and January for the three months ending the last
- 17 day of March, June, September and December. Such quarterly
- 18 returns shall be filed with the department at its main office or
- 19 at any branch office which it may designate for filing returns.
- 20 (b) A nonemployer payor shall file a quarterly withholding
- 21 return by the last day of April, July, October and January for
- 22 the three months ending the last day of March, June, September
- 23 <u>and December. The quarterly return shall be filed with the</u>
- 24 <u>department in the manner promulgated by regulation.</u>
- Section 12. Section 319 of the act, amended October 9, 2009
- 26 (P.L.451, No.48), is amended to read:
- 27 Section 319. Payment of Taxes Withheld.--Every employer
- 28 withholding tax under [this article] section 316 and every
- 29 nonemployer payor shall pay over to the department or to a
- 30 depository designated by it the tax required to be deducted and

- 1 withheld under this article.
- 2 (1) Where the aggregate amount required to be deducted and
- 3 withheld [by any employer] for a calendar year can reasonably be
- 4 expected to be less than twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200), such
- 5 employer or nonemployer payor shall file a return and pay the
- 6 tax on or before the last day for filing a quarterly return
- 7 under section 318.
- 8 (2) Where the aggregated amount required to be deducted and
- 9 withheld [by any employer] for a calendar year can reasonably be
- 10 expected to be twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) or more but less
- 11 than four thousand dollars (\$4,000), such employer or
- 12 <u>nonemployer payor</u> shall pay the tax monthly, on or before the
- 13 fifteenth day of the month succeeding the months of January to
- 14 November, inclusive, and on or before the last day of January
- 15 following the month of December.
- 16 (3) Where the aggregated amount required to be deducted and
- 17 withheld [by any employer] for a calendar year can reasonably be
- 18 expected to be four thousand dollars (\$4,000) or more but less
- 19 than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), such employer or
- 20 <u>nonemployer payor</u> shall pay the tax semi-monthly, within three
- 21 banking days after the close of the semi-monthly period.
- 22 (4) Where the aggregated amount required to be deducted and
- 23 withheld [by any employer] for a calendar year can reasonably be
- 24 expected to be twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or more, such
- 25 employer or nonemployer payor shall pay the tax on the Wednesday
- 26 after payday if the payday falls on a Wednesday, Thursday or
- 27 Friday and on the Friday after payday if the payday falls on a
- 28 Saturday, Sunday, Monday or Tuesday.
- 29 Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary,
- 30 whenever any employer or nonemployer payor fails to deduct or

- 1 truthfully account for or pay over the tax withheld or file
- 2 returns as prescribed by this article, the department may serve
- 3 a notice on such [employer] person requiring him to withhold
- 4 taxes which are required to be deducted under this article and
- 5 deposit such taxes in a bank approved by the department in a
- 6 separate account in trust for and payable to the department, and
- 7 to keep the amount of such tax in such account until payment
- 8 over to the department. Such notice shall remain in effect until
- 9 a notice of cancellation is served on the [employer] person by
- 10 the department.
- 11 Section 13. Sections 320, 321 and 322 of the act, added
- 12 August 31, 1971 (P.L.362, No.93), are amended to read:
- 13 Section 320. [Employer's] Liability for Withheld Taxes.--
- 14 Every employer required to deduct and withhold tax under [this
- 15 article] section 316 and every nonemployer payor is hereby made
- 16 liable for [such] tax deducted and withheld. For purposes of
- 17 assessment and collection, any amount required to be withheld
- 18 and paid over to the department and any additions to tax
- 19 penalties and interest with respect thereto, shall be considered
- 20 the tax of the employer or nonemployer payor. All taxes deducted
- 21 and withheld from employes pursuant to [this article] section
- 22 <u>316 or nonemployer payees pursuant to section 316.1</u> or under
- 23 color of [this article] section 316 or 316.1 shall constitute a
- 24 trust fund for the Commonwealth and shall be enforceable against
- 25 such employer or nonemployer payor, his representative or any
- 26 other person receiving any part of such fund.
- 27 Section 321. [Employer's] Failure to Withhold.--If an
- 28 employer or nonemployer payor fails to deduct and withhold tax
- 29 as prescribed herein and thereafter the tax against which such
- 30 tax may be credited is paid, the tax which was required to be

- 1 deducted and withheld shall not be collected from the employer
- 2 <u>or nonemployer payor</u>, but the employer <u>or nonemployer payor</u>
- 3 shall not be relieved of the liability for any penalty,
- 4 interest, or additions to the tax imposed with respect to such
- 5 failure to deduct and withhold.
- 6 Section 322. Designation of Third Parties to Perform Acts
- 7 Required of Employers or Nonemployer Payors. -- (a) In case a
- 8 fiduciary, agent or other person has the control, receipt,
- 9 custody or disposal of, or pays the compensation of an employe
- 10 or a group of employes, employed by one or more employers, the
- 11 department is authorized to designate such fiduciary, agent, or
- 12 other person to perform such acts as are required of employers
- 13 under this article as the department may by regulation
- 14 prescribe. Except as may be otherwise prescribed by the
- 15 department, all provisions of this article which are applicable
- 16 to an employer shall be applicable to a fiduciary, agent or
- 17 other person.
- 18 (b) In case a fiduciary, agent or other person has the
- 19 control, receipt, custody or disposal of, or pays income to a
- 20 nonemployer payee or a group of nonemployer payees on behalf of
- 21 a nonemployer payor, the department is authorized to designate
- 22 <u>such fiduciary</u>, agent or other person to perform such acts as
- 23 are required of nonemployer payors under this article as the
- 24 department may promulgate by regulation. Except as may be
- 25 otherwise prescribed by the department, all provisions of this
- 26 article which are applicable to a nonemployer payor shall be
- 27 <u>applicable to a fiduciary, agent or other person.</u>
- Section 14. Section 324 of the act, amended June 22, 2001
- 29 (P.L.353, No.23), is amended to read:
- 30 Section 324. General Rule.--(a) When a partnership, estate,

- 1 <u>trust</u> or Pennsylvania S corporation receives income from sources
- 2 within this Commonwealth for any taxable year and any portion of
- 3 the income is allocable to a nonresident partner, beneficiary,
- 4 member or shareholder thereof, the partnership, estate, trust or
- 5 Pennsylvania S corporation shall pay a withholding tax under
- 6 this section at the time and in the manner prescribed by the
- 7 department; however, notwithstanding any other provision of this
- 8 article, all such withholding tax shall be paid over on or
- 9 before the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the end
- 10 of the taxable year.
- 11 (b) This section shall not apply to any publicly traded
- 12 partnership as defined under section 7704 of the Internal
- 13 Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 7704) with
- 14 equity securities registered with the Securities and Exchange
- 15 Commission under section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of
- 16 1934 (48 Stat. 881, 15 U.S.C. § 78a).
- 17 Section 15. Section 324.1 of the act, added August 4, 1991
- 18 (P.L.97, No.22), is amended to read:
- 19 Section 324.1. Amount of Withholding Tax.--(a) The amount
- 20 of tax withheld from nonresidents and the amount of the
- 21 withholding tax payable under section 324 shall be equal to the
- 22 income from sources within this Commonwealth of the partnership,
- 23 association or Pennsylvania S corporation which is allocable to
- 24 nonresident partners, members or shareholders multiplied by the
- 25 tax rate specified in section 302(b).
- 26 (b) There shall not be taken into account any item of
- 27 income, gain, loss or deduction to the extent allocable to any
- 28 partner, member or shareholder who is not a nonresident.
- 29 (c) There shall not be taken into account any allocable
- 30 share of income of a nonresident partner, member or shareholder

- 1 <u>from sources within this Commonwealth to the extent:</u>
- 2 (1) the amount was subject to withholding under section
- 3 324.4; and
- 4 (2) withholding actually occurred under section 324.4 by the
- 5 time withholding is required to be made by the partnership,
- 6 <u>association or Pennsylvania S corporation under section 324.</u>
- 7 Section 16. Section 324.2 of the act, amended May 7, 1997
- 8 (P.L.85, No.7), is amended to read:
- 9 Section 324.2. Treatment of [Nonresident] Partners, Members
- 10 or Shareholders. -- (a) Each nonresident partner, member,
- 11 shareholder or holder of a beneficial interest shall be allowed
- 12 a credit for such partner's, member's, shareholder's or holder
- 13 of a beneficial interest's share of the withholding tax paid by
- 14 the partnership, association or Pennsylvania S corporation.
- 15 [Such credit shall be allowed for the partner's, member's,
- 16 shareholder's or holder of a beneficial interest's taxable year
- 17 in which, or with which, the partnership, association or
- 18 Pennsylvania S corporation taxable year (for which such tax was
- 19 paid) ends.]
- (b) Each resident and nonresident partner, member,
- 21 shareholder or holder of a beneficial interest shall be allowed
- 22 <u>a credit for the partner's, member's, shareholder's or holder of</u>
- 23 <u>a beneficial interest's share of the withholding tax paid by the</u>
- 24 lessee under section 324.4.
- 25 (c) The credits under this section shall be allowed for the
- 26 partner's, member's, shareholder's or holder of a beneficial
- 27 <u>interest's taxable year in which, or with which, the</u>
- 28 partnership, association or Pennsylvania S corporation taxable
- 29 <u>year for which the tax was paid ends.</u>
- 30 Section 17. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

- 1 <u>Section 324.4. Withholding on Income from Oil and Gas</u>
- 2 Interests. -- (a) Every lessee who makes payments to a lessor
- 3 under a lease for oil and gas interests located in this
- 4 Commonwealth for any taxable year shall pay a withholding tax in
- 5 the manner determined by the department.
- 6 (b) Every lessee under subsection (a) shall withhold from
- 7 <u>each payment made to a lessor an amount equal to the net amount</u>
- 8 payable to the lessor multiplied by the tax rate specified under
- 9 section 302(b).
- 10 (c) This section shall not apply to:
- 11 (1) Payments made by a lessee to a lessor if the lessor is:
- 12 <u>(i) The United States or an agency of the Federal</u>
- 13 <u>Government.</u>
- 14 (ii) The Commonwealth or a political subdivision of the
- 15 <u>Commonwealth.</u>
- 16 (iii) A publicly traded partnership as defined under section
- 17 7704 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26
- 18 U.S.C. § 7704) with equity securities registered with the
- 19 Securities and Exchange Commission under section 12 of the
- 20 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (48 Stat. 881, 15 U.S.C. § 78a
- 21 et seq.).
- 22 (2) Any lessee that has twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or
- 23 <u>less in Pennsylvania taxable income in any taxable year from</u>
- 24 Pennsylvania-sourced oil and gas interests.
- 25 (d) For purposes of this section, the term "lessor" shall
- 26 include an individual, estate, trust, partnership, association
- 27 <u>or Pennsylvania S corporation.</u>
- 28 Section 324.5. Annual Withholding Statement. -- (a) Every
- 29 lessee shall furnish to each lessor an annual statement in the
- 30 manner determined by the department showing the total payments

- 1 made by the lessee to the lessor during the preceding taxable
- 2 year and the amount of the tax deducted and withheld from the
- 3 payments under section 324.4.
- 4 (b) Every lessee shall file with the department an annual
- 5 statement in the manner determined by the department showing the
- 6 total payments made to each lessor subject to withholding during
- 7 the preceding taxable year or any portion of the preceding
- 8 taxable year and the total amount of tax deducted and withheld
- 9 <u>under section 324.4.</u>
- 10 (c) Every lessor shall file a duplicate of the annual
- 11 <u>statement furnished by the lessee under this section with the</u>
- 12 <u>lessor's State income tax return.</u>
- 13 Section 18. Section 330.1 of the act, amended or added
- 14 December 23, 1983 (P.L.370, No.90) and July 13, 1987 (P.L.325,
- 15 No.59), is amended to read:
- 16 Section 330.1. Return of Pennsylvania S Corporation.--(a)
- 17 Every Pennsylvania S corporation shall make a return for each
- 18 taxable year, stating specifically all items of gross income and
- 19 deductions, the names and addresses of all persons owning stock
- 20 in the corporation at any time during the taxable year, the
- 21 number of shares of stock owned by each shareholder at all times
- 22 during the taxable year, the amount of money and other property
- 23 distributed by the corporation during the taxable year to each
- 24 shareholder, the date of each distribution, each shareholder's
- 25 pro rata share of each item of the corporation for the taxable
- 26 year and such other information as the department may require.
- 27 (b) The return shall be filed on or before thirty days after
- 28 the date when the corporation's Federal income tax return is
- 29 due.
- 30 (c) Every Pennsylvania S corporation shall also submit to

- 1 the department a true copy of the income tax return filed with
- 2 the Federal Government at the time the return required under
- 3 subsection (a) is filed.
- 4 (d) Each Pennsylvania S corporation required to file a
- 5 return under subsection (a) for any taxable year shall, on or
- 6 before the day on which the return for the taxable year was
- 7 <u>filed, furnish to each person who is a shareholder at any time</u>
- 8 <u>during the taxable year a copy of the Resident Schedule of</u>
- 9 <u>Shareholder/Partner/Beneficiary Pass Through Income, Loss and</u>
- 10 Credits (Schedule RK-1) or the Nonresident Schedule of
- 11 Shareholder/Partner/Beneficiary Pass Through Income, Loss and
- 12 Credits (Schedule NRK-1) form showing their share of income and
- 13 any other information as may be required by the department.
- 14 Section 19. Section 335 of the act, amended or added August
- 15 31, 1971 (P.L.362, No.93) and December 23, 2003 (P.L.250,
- 16 No.46), is amended to read:
- 17 Section 335. Requirements Concerning Returns, Notices,
- 18 Records and Statements. -- (a) The department may prescribe by
- 19 regulation for the keeping of records, the content and form of
- 20 returns, declarations, statements and other documents and the
- 21 filing of copies of Federal income tax returns and
- 22 determinations. The department may require any person, by
- 23 regulation or notice served upon such person, to make such
- 24 returns, render such statements, or keep such records, as the
- 25 department may deem sufficient to show whether or not such
- 26 person is liable for tax under this article.
- 27 (b) (1) When required by regulations prescribed by the
- 28 department:
- 29 (i) Any person required under the authority of this article
- 30 to make a return, declaration, statement, or other document

- 1 shall include in such return, declaration, statement or other
- 2 document such identifying number as may be prescribed for
- 3 securing proper identification of such person.
- 4 (ii) Any person with respect to whom a return, declaration,
- 5 statement, or other document is required under the authority of
- 6 this article to make a return, declaration, statement, or other
- 7 document with respect to another person, shall request from such
- 8 other person, and shall include in any such return, declaration,
- 9 statement, or other document, such identifying number as may be
- 10 prescribed for securing proper identification of such other
- 11 person.
- 12 (2) For purposes of this section, the department is
- 13 authorized to require such information as may be necessary to
- 14 assign an identifying number to any person.
- 15 (c) (1) Every partnership having a resident partner or
- 16 fiduciary of an estate or trust having a resident partner or
- 17 beneficiary or having any income derived from sources within
- 18 this Commonwealth shall make a return for the taxable year
- 19 setting forth all items of income, loss and deduction, and such
- 20 other pertinent information as the department may by regulations
- 21 prescribe. Such return shall be filed on or before the fifteenth
- 22 day of the fourth month following the close of each taxable
- 23 year. For purposes of this subsection, "taxable year" means year
- 24 or period which would be a taxable year of the partnership if it
- 25 were subject to tax under this article.
- 26 (2) Every partnership or fiduciary required to file a return
- 27 <u>under paragraph (1) shall also file with the department a true</u>
- 28 copy of the income tax return filed with the Federal Government_
- 29 at the time the return required under paragraph (1) is filed.
- 30 (3) Every partnership or fiduciary required to file a return

- 1 under paragraph (1) for any taxable year shall, on or before the
- 2 day the return is filed, furnish to each partner or nominee for
- 3 <u>another person or to each beneficiary to whom the income or</u>
- 4 gains of the estate or trust is taxable, whichever is
- 5 applicable, a copy of the Resident Schedule of
- 6 Shareholder/Partner/Beneficiary Pass Through Income, Loss and
- 7 Credits (Schedule RK-1) or the Nonresident Schedule of
- 8 Shareholder/Partner/Beneficiary Pass Through Income, Loss and
- 9 Credits (Schedule NRK-1) form showing their share of income and
- 10 any information as may be required by the department.
- 11 (4) Failure to file a timely return as required under
- 12 paragraph (2) and failure to furnish a copy of the returns
- 13 required under paragraph (3) shall result in a penalty of fifty
- 14 dollars (\$50) for each individual return or individual copy
- 15 required.
- 16 (d) The department may prescribe regulations requiring
- 17 returns of information to be made and filed on or before
- 18 February 28 of each year as to the payment or crediting in any
- 19 calendar year of amounts of ten dollars (\$10) or more to any
- 20 taxpayer. Such returns may be required of any person, including
- 21 lessees or mortgagors of real or personal property, fiduciaries,
- 22 employers and all officers and employes of this Commonwealth, or
- 23 of any municipal corporation or political subdivision of this
- 24 Commonwealth having the control, receipt, custody, disposal or
- 25 payment of interest, rents, salaries, wages, premiums,
- 26 annuities, compensations, remunerations, emoluments or other
- 27 fixed or determinable gains, profits or income, except interest
- 28 coupons payable to bearer. A duplicate of the statement as to
- 29 tax withheld on compensation required to be furnished by an
- 30 employer to an employe, shall constitute the return of

- 1 information required to be made under this section with respect
- 2 to such compensation.
- 3 (e) Any person who is required to make a form W-2G return to
- 4 the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States in regard to
- 5 taxable gambling or lottery winnings from sources within this
- 6 Commonwealth shall file a copy of the form with the department
- 7 by March 1 of each year or, if filed electronically, by March 31
- 8 of each year.
- 9 (f) (1) Every partnership, estate, trust or Pennsylvania S
- 10 corporation shall maintain an accurate list of partners,
- 11 members, beneficiaries or shareholders. The list shall include
- 12 current address and tax identification number and shall be
- 13 <u>updated to include new and withdrawing partners, members,</u>
- 14 beneficiaries or shareholders, including date of withdrawal and
- 15 admittance.
- 16 (2) If the partnership, estate, trust or Pennsylvania S
- 17 corporation does not maintain an accurate list as required under
- 18 paragraph (1), the tax, penalty and interest with respect to the
- 19 partner, member, beneficiary or shareholder shall be considered
- 20 the tax, penalty and interest of the partnership, estate, trust
- 21 or Pennsylvania S corporation and the general partner, tax
- 22 matters partner, corporate officer or trustee.
- 23 (g) (1) Any person who:
- (i) makes payments of income from sources within this
- 25 Commonwealth that fall within any of the eight classes of income
- 26 enumerated under section 303(a)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7)
- 27 and (8);
- 28 (ii) makes payments under subparagraph (i) to an individual,
- 29 an entity treated as a partnership for tax purposes or a single
- 30 member limited liability company; and

- 1 (iii) is required to make a form 1099-MISC return to the
- 2 Secretary of the Treasury of the United States with respect to
- 3 the payments, shall file a copy of form 1099-MISC with the
- 4 <u>department and send a copy of form 1099-MISC to the payee by</u>
- 5 March 1 of each year or, if filed electronically, by March 31 of
- 6 each year. If form 1099-MISC filed by a payor with the Secretary
- 7 of the Treasury of the United States is not completed in a
- 8 manner that State income and State tax withheld information is
- 9 reflected on the form, the payor shall update the copies of form
- 10 <u>1099-MISC</u> required to be provided under this section to reflect
- 11 the information prior to filing it with the department and
- 12 sending it to the payee.
- 13 (2) If the payor is required to perform electronic filing
- 14 for Pennsylvania employer withholding purposes, the form 1099-
- 15 MISC shall be filed electronically with the department.
- Section 19.1. Section 338 of the act, amended July 25, 2007
- 17 (P.L.373, No.55), is amended to read:
- 18 Section 338. Assessment.--(a) The department is authorized
- 19 and required to make the inquiries, determinations and
- 20 assessments of all taxes imposed by this article.
- 21 (b) If the mode or time for the assessment of any tax is not
- 22 otherwise provided for, the department may establish the same by
- 23 regulations.
- 24 (c) In the event that any taxpayer fails to file a return
- 25 required by this article, the department may make an estimated
- 26 assessment (based on information available) of the proper amount
- 27 of tax owing by the taxpayer. A notice of assessment in the
- 28 estimated amount shall be sent to the taxpayer. The tax shall be
- 29 paid within ninety days after a notice of such estimated
- 30 assessment has been mailed to the taxpayer, unless within such

- 1 period the taxpayer has filed a petition for reassessment in the
- 2 manner prescribed by Article XXVII.
- 3 (d) A notice of assessment issued by the department pursuant
- 4 to this article shall be mailed to the taxpayer. The notice
- 5 shall set forth the basis of the assessment.
- 6 [(e) The notice required by subsection (d) shall be mailed
- 7 by certified mail if the assessment is for \$300 or more.]
- 8 Section 19.2. Section 352(j) of the act, added May 7, 1997
- 9 (P.L.85, No.7), is amended and subsection (f) is amended by
- 10 adding paragraphs to read:
- 11 Section 352. Additions, Penalties and Fees. --* * *
- 12 (f) * * *
- 13 (4) Any person required to file an annual statement with the
- 14 department under the provisions of section 324.5 who wilfully
- 15 furnishes a false or fraudulent statement or who wilfully fails
- 16 to file the statement in the manner, at the time and showing the
- 17 information required under section 324.5 and the regulations
- 18 prescribed thereunder shall, for each such failure, be subject
- 19 to a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50).
- 20 (5) Any person required under the provisions of section
- 21 324.5 to furnish an annual statement to a lessor who wilfully
- 22 <u>furnishes a false or fraudulent statement or who wilfully fails</u>
- 23 to furnish a statement in the manner, at the time and showing
- 24 the information required by section 324.5 and the regulations
- 25 prescribed thereunder shall, for each such failure, be subject
- 26 to a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50).
- 27 (6) Any person required to file a copy of form 1099-MISC
- 28 with the department under the provisions of section 317.2 or
- 29 335(q) who wilfully furnishes a false or fraudulent form or who
- 30 wilfully fails to file the form in the manner, at the time and

- 1 showing the information required under section 335(g) and the
- 2 regulations prescribed thereunder shall, for each such failure,
- 3 <u>be subject to a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50).</u>
- 4 (7) Any person required under the provisions of section
- 5 317.1 or 335(q) to furnish a copy of form 1099-MISC to a payee
- 6 who wilfully furnishes a false or fraudulent form or who
- 7 wilfully fails to furnish a form in the manner, at the time and
- 8 showing the information required by section 317.1 or 335(g) and
- 9 the regulations prescribed thereunder shall, for each such
- 10 failure, be subject to a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50).
- 11 * * *
- 12 (j) If any amount of tax required to be withheld by a
- 13 partnership, association [or]_ Pennsylvania S corporation or
- 14 <u>lessee</u> and paid over to the department under section 324 <u>or</u>
- 15 324.4 is not paid on or before the date prescribed therefor,
- 16 there shall be added to the tax and paid to the department each
- 17 month five per cent of such underpayment for each month or
- 18 fraction thereof from the due date, for the period from the due
- 19 date to the date paid; but the underpayment shall, for purposes
- 20 of computing the addition for any month, be reduced by the
- 21 amount of any part of the tax which is paid by the beginning of
- 22 that month. The total of such additions shall not exceed fifty
- 23 per cent of the amount of such tax.
- 24 Section 19.3. The act is amended by adding a section to
- 25 read:
- 26 Section 353.1. Failure to Timely Remit Tax Withheld. -- (a) If
- 27 <u>a person wilfully fails to timely remit tax withheld under this</u>
- 28 article, the grading for the offense is as follows:
- 29 <u>(1) If the amount of the tax is one thousand dollars</u>
- 30 (\$1,000) or less, the person commits a misdemeanor of the second

- 1 degree and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine
- 2 not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or to imprisonment
- 3 for not more than two years, or both.
- 4 (2) Except as set forth in paragraph (3), if the amount of
- 5 the tax exceeds one thousand dollars (\$1,000), the person
- 6 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree and, upon conviction,
- 7 <u>shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five thousand</u>
- 8 dollars (\$5,000) or to imprisonment for not more than five
- 9 <u>years</u>, or both.
- 10 (3) If the amount of the tax exceeds two thousand dollars
- 11 (\$2,000), the person commits a felony of the third degree and,
- 12 upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding
- 13 <u>twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or to imprisonment for</u>
- 14 <u>not more than seven years, or both.</u>
- 15 (b) The penalties imposed by this section shall be in
- 16 addition to any other penalties imposed by any provision of this
- 17 article.
- 18 Section 19.4. Section 401(3)1(p) of the act, amended May 12,
- 19 1999 (P.L.26, No.4), is amended to read:
- 20 Section 401. Definitions. -- The following words, terms, and
- 21 phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meaning
- 22 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
- 23 clearly indicates a different meaning:
- 24 * * *
- 25 (3) "Taxable income." 1. * * *
- 26 (p) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1998,
- 27 in the case of a corporation that is a Pennsylvania S
- 28 corporation, as defined in section [301(n.1)] 301(n.2), the term
- 29 "taxable income" shall mean such corporation's net recognized
- 30 built-in gain to the extent of and as determined for Federal

- 1 income tax purposes under section 1374(d)(2) of the Internal
- 2 Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 1374). For
- 3 purposes of this article, a Pennsylvania S corporation and each
- 4 qualified Subchapter S subsidiary, as defined in section
- 5 301(0.3), shall be treated as separate corporations.
- 6 * * *
- 7 Section 20. Sections 407.1 and 1111-C of the act, amended
- 8 July 25, 2007 (P.L.373, No.55), are amended to read:
- 9 Section 407.1. Assessments.--(a) If the department
- 10 determines that unpaid or unreported tax is due the
- 11 Commonwealth, the department shall issue an assessment under
- 12 this section and sections 407.2, 407.3, 407.4 and 407.5. Such an
- 13 assessment is not subject to the settlement procedure in the act
- 14 of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code.
- 15 (b) A notice of assessment and demand for payment shall be
- 16 mailed to the taxpayer. The notice shall set forth the basis of
- 17 the assessment. The assessment shall be paid to the department
- 18 upon receipt of the notice of assessment. Payment of the
- 19 assessment shall be without prejudice to the right of the
- 20 taxpayer to file a petition for reassessment in the manner
- 21 prescribed by Article XXVII.
- 22 (c) In the event that a taxpayer fails to file a report for
- 23 a tax governed by this article, the department may issue an
- 24 estimated assessment based upon the records and information
- 25 available or that may come into the department's possession. If
- 26 prior to the filing of a report the department estimates that
- 27 additional unpaid or unreported tax is due the Commonwealth, the
- 28 department may issue additional estimated assessments.
- 29 (d) A notice of estimated assessment and demand for payment
- 30 shall be mailed to the taxpayer. The assessment shall be paid to

- 1 the department upon receipt of the notice of assessment. Payment
- 2 of the estimated assessment does not eliminate the taxpayer's
- 3 obligation to file a report.
- 4 (e) A taxpayer shall have no right to petition for
- 5 reassessment, petition for refund or otherwise appeal a notice
- 6 of estimated assessment except as provided in subsection (f).
- 7 (f) The department shall remove an estimated assessment
- 8 within ninety days of the filing of a report and other
- 9 information required to determine the tax due the Commonwealth,
- 10 whereupon the department may issue an assessment as provided in
- 11 subsection (a). Any tax due the Commonwealth that is included in
- 12 an estimated assessment shall retain its lien priority as of the
- 13 date of the estimated assessment to the extent such amount is
- 14 included with an assessment issued upon the review of the filed
- 15 report.
- 16 [(g) The notice required by subsections (b) and (d) shall be
- 17 mailed by certified mail if the assessment is for \$300 or more.]
- 18 Section 1111-C. Assessment and Notice of Tax; Review.--(a)
- 19 If any person shall fail to pay any tax imposed by this article
- 20 for which he is liable, the department is hereby authorized and
- 21 empowered to make an assessment of additional tax and interest
- 22 due by such person based upon any information within its
- 23 possession or that shall come into its possession. All of such
- 24 assessments shall be made within three years after the date of
- 25 the recording of the document, subject to the following:
- 26 (1) If the taxpayer underpays the correct amount of the tax
- 27 by twenty-five per cent or more, the tax may be assessed at any
- 28 time within six years after the date of the recording of the
- 29 document.
- 30 (2) If any part of an underpayment of tax is due to fraud or

- 1 an undisclosed, intentional disregard of rules and regulations,
- 2 the full amount of the tax may be assessed at any time.
- 3 (b) Promptly after the date of such assessment, the
- 4 department shall send a copy thereof, including the basis of the
- 5 assessment, to the person against whom it was made. Any taxpayer
- 6 against whom an assessment is made may petition the department
- 7 for a reassessment pursuant to Article XXVII.
- 8 [(d) The notice required by subsection (b) shall be sent by
- 9 certified mail if the assessment is for \$300 or more.]
- 10 Section 20.1. The definition of "pass-through entity" in
- 11 sections 1702-B, 1702-D and 1702-E of the act, added July 7,
- 12 2005 (P.L.149, No.40), are amended to read:
- 13 Section 1702-B. Definitions.--The following words and
- 14 phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings
- 15 given to them in this section, except where the context clearly
- 16 indicates a different meaning:
- 17 * * *
- 18 "Pass-through entity." A partnership as defined in section
- 19 301(n.0) or a Pennsylvania S corporation as defined in section
- 20 [301(n.1)] <u>301(n.2)</u>.
- 21 * * *
- 22 Section 1702-D. Definitions.
- The following words and phrases when used in this article
- 24 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 25 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 26 * * *
- 27 "Pass-through entity." A partnership as defined in section
- 28 301(n.0) or a Pennsylvania S corporation as defined in section
- 29 [301(n.1)] 301(n.2).
- 30 * * *

- 1 Section 1702-E. Definitions.
- 2 The following words and phrases when used in this article
- 3 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 4 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 5 * * *
- 6 "Pass-through entity." A partnership as defined in section
- 7 301(n.0) or a Pennsylvania S corporation as defined in section
- $8 \quad [301(n.1)] \quad 301(n.2)$.
- 9 * * *
- 10 Section 21. The definition of "pass-through entity" in
- 11 section 1702-F of the act, added October 9, 2009 (P.L.451,
- 12 No.48), is amended to read:
- 13 Section 1702-F. Definitions.
- 14 The following words and phrases when used in this article
- 15 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 16 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 17 * * *
- 18 "Pass-through entity." A partnership as defined in section
- 19 301(n.0), a single-member limited liability company treated as a
- 20 disregarded entity for Federal income tax purposes or a
- 21 Pennsylvania S corporation as defined in section [301(n.1)]
- 22 <u>301(n.2)</u>.
- 23 * * *
- 24 Section 21.1. The definition of "pass-through entity" in
- 25 section 1902-A of the act, added July 25, 2007 (P.L.373, No.55),
- 26 is amended to read:
- 27 Section 1902-A. Definitions.--The following words, terms and
- 28 phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings
- 29 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
- 30 clearly indicates a different meaning:

- 1 * * *
- 2 "Pass-through entity." A partnership as defined under
- 3 section 301(n.0) or a Pennsylvania S corporation as defined
- 4 under section [301(n.1)] 301(n.2).
- 5 * * *
- 6 Section 21.2. Section 2005 of the act, amended July 25, 2007
- 7 (P.L.373, No.55), is amended to read:
- 8 Section 2005. Assessment by Department.--(a) If any person
- 9 shall fail to pay any tax imposed by this article for which he
- 10 is liable, the department is hereby authorized and empowered to
- 11 make an assessment of additional tax due by such person, based
- 12 upon any information within its possession, or that shall come
- 13 into its possession.
- 14 (b) Promptly after the date of such assessment, the
- 15 department shall send a copy of the assessment, including the
- 16 basis of the assessment, to the person against whom it was made.
- 17 Within ninety days after the date upon which the copy of any
- 18 such assessment was mailed, such person may file with the
- 19 department a petition for reassessment of such taxes. Every
- 20 petition for reassessment shall state specifically the reasons
- 21 which the petitioner believes entitle him to such reassessment,
- 22 and it shall be supported by affidavit that it is not made for
- 23 the purpose of delay, and that the facts set forth therein are
- 24 true. It shall be the duty of the department, within six months
- 25 after the date of any assessment, to dispose of any petition for
- 26 reassessment. Notice of the action taken upon any petition for
- 27 reassessment shall be given to the petitioner promptly after the
- 28 date of reassessment by the department.
- 29 [(b.1) The notice required by subsection (b) shall be sent
- 30 by certified mail if the assessment is for \$300 or more.]

- 1 (c) Within ninety days after the date of mailing of notice
- 2 by the department of the action taken on any petition for
- 3 reassessment filed with it, the person against whom such
- 4 assessment was made, may, by petition, request the Board of
- 5 Finance and Revenue to review such action. Every petition for
- 6 review filed hereunder shall state specifically the reason upon
- 7 which the petitioner relies, or shall incorporate by reference
- 8 the petition for reassessment in which such reasons shall have
- 9 been stated. The petition shall be supported by affidavit that
- 10 it is not made for the purpose of delay, and that the facts
- 11 therein set forth are true. If the petitioner be a corporation,
- 12 joint-stock association or limited partnership, the affidavit
- 13 must be made by one of the principal officers thereof. A
- 14 petition for review may be amended by the petitioner at any time
- 15 prior to the hearing, as hereinafter provided. The Board of
- 16 Finance and Revenue shall act finally in disposition of such
- 17 petitions filed with it within six months after they have been
- 18 received, and, in the event of the failure of said board to
- 19 dispose of any such petition within six months, the action taken
- 20 by the department upon the petition for reassessment shall be
- 21 deemed sustained. The Board of Finance and Revenue may sustain
- 22 the action taken on the petition for reassessment, or it may
- 23 reassess the tax due upon such basis as it shall deem according
- 24 to law and equity. Notice of the action of the Board of Finance
- 25 and Revenue shall be given by mail, or otherwise, to the
- 26 department and to the petitioner.
- 27 (d) In all cases of petitions for reassessment, review or
- 28 appeal, the burden of proof shall be upon the petitioner or
- 29 appellant, as the case may be.
- 30 (e) Whenever any assessment of additional tax is not paid

- 1 within ninety days after the date of the assessment, if no
- 2 petition for reassessment has been filed, or within ninety days
- 3 from the date of reassessment, if no petition for review has
- 4 been filed, or within thirty days from the date of the decision
- 5 of the Board of Finance and Revenue upon a petition for review,
- 6 or the expiration of the board's time for acting upon such
- 7 petition, if no appeal has been made, and in all cases of
- 8 judicial sales, receiverships, assignments or bankruptcies, the
- 9 department may call upon the Office of Attorney General to
- 10 collect such assessment. In such event, in a proceeding for the
- 11 collection of such taxes, the person against whom they were
- 12 assessed shall not be permitted to set up any ground of defense
- 13 that might have been determined by the department, the Board of
- 14 Finance and Revenue or the courts. The department may also
- 15 certify to the Liquor Control Board, for such action as the
- 16 board may deem proper, the fact that any person has failed to
- 17 pay or duly appeal from such assessment of additional tax. The
- 18 department may also provide, adopt, promulgate and enforce such
- 19 rules and regulations, as may be appropriate, to prevent further
- 20 shipment or transportation of malt or brewed beverages into this
- 21 Commonwealth by any person against whom such unpaid assessment
- 22 shall have been made.
- 23 Section 21.3. The act is amended by adding sections to read:
- 24 <u>Section 3003.22. Administrative Bank Attachment for Accounts</u>
- 25 of Obligors to the Commonwealth. -- (a) The department may order
- 26 the attachment and seizure of funds in an obligor's account that
- 27 the department reasonably believes to hold property subject to a
- 28 <u>lien in favor of the Commonwealth. Upon receiving seized funds,</u>
- 29 the department shall apply the amount seized to the obligor's
- 30 <u>lien obligation.</u>

- 1 (b) (1) If the department has a reasonable belief that an
- 2 <u>obligor's account holds property subject to a lien in favor of</u>
- 3 the Commonwealth, the department may order the attachment of
- 4 <u>funds in the obligor's account by sending a notice to the</u>
- 5 financial institution.
- 6 (2) The notice shall be sent by an electronic format or any
- 7 other reasonable manner as agreed to by the department and the
- 8 financial institution.
- 9 (3) The notice shall include all of the following:
- 10 (i) The name of the obligor.
- 11 (ii) The amount of the Commonwealth's lien, including
- 12 <u>interest and penalty accrued up to forty-five days after the</u>
- 13 <u>date of notice</u>.
- 14 (iii) The current or last known address of the obligor.
- 15 <u>(iv) The Social Security number, Federal employer</u>
- 16 <u>identification number or other taxpayer identification number of</u>
- 17 the obligor.
- 18 (v) An order to immediately attach one or more accounts held
- 19 by the financial institution in the name of the obligor for an
- 20 aggregate amount equal to the lesser of the amounts in all
- 21 accounts or the Commonwealth's lien.
- 22 (c) (1) Upon receipt of the notice described in subsection
- 23 (b), the financial institution shall promptly attach one or more
- 24 of the accounts of the obligor held by the financial institution
- 25 for an aggregate amount equal to the lesser of:
- 26 (i) the total of the amounts in all the accounts of the
- 27 obligor held by the financial institution; or
- 28 (ii) the amount stated in the notice.
- 29 Upon the attachment and until the financial institution receives
- 30 further notice from the department, as provided in this section,

- 1 the financial institution may not allow any activity to occur in
- 2 any of the accounts attached up to the amount of the attachment.
- 3 (2) Within twenty days after the financial institution
- 4 <u>receives the notice described in subsection (b), the financial</u>
- 5 <u>institution shall inform the department that the financial</u>
- 6 institution has complied with the attachment order and shall
- 7 specify the aggregate amount attached pursuant to the order.
- 8 (3) (i) The financial institution may assess a reasonable
- 9 administrative fee against the accounts or the obligor in
- 10 addition to the amount attached.
- 11 (ii) In the case of insufficient funds to cover both the fee
- 12 <u>authorized by subparagraph (i) and the amount identified in the</u>
- 13 <u>notice under subsection (b), the financial institution may first</u>
- 14 deduct the fee from the amount attached and retain it from the
- 15 amount seized and forwarded to the department as provided in
- 16 this section.
- 17 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3),
- 18 within ten business days after the department has received
- 19 notice from the financial institution under subsection (c)(2) of
- 20 compliance with the order to attach the obligor's account, the
- 21 department shall send a notice to the obligor by first class
- 22 mail to the obligor's current or last known address.
- 23 (2) The notice shall contain the following information:
- 24 (i) The address of the department.
- 25 (ii) The telephone number, address and name of a contact
- 26 person at the department.
- 27 (iii) The name and Social Security number, Federal employer
- 28 identification number or other taxpayer identification number of
- 29 <u>the obligor</u>.
- 30 (iv) The current or last known address of the obligor.

- 1 (v) The total amount of the Commonwealth's lien owed by the
- 2 obligor, including interest and penalty accrued up to forty-five
- 3 <u>days after the date of notice.</u>
- 4 (vi) The date the notice is being sent.
- 5 (vii) A statement informing the obligor that the department
- 6 has ordered the financial institution to attach the amount of
- 7 the Commonwealth's lien owed by the obligor from one or more of
- 8 the accounts of the obligor.
- 9 (viii) For each account of the obligor, the name of the
- 10 financial institution that has attached amounts as required by
- 11 this section.
- 12 (ix) A statement that the order may be challenged in
- 13 <u>accordance with subsection (e).</u>
- 14 (x) A statement informing the obligor that unless a timely
- 15 challenge is made by the obligor or an account holder of
- 16 interest under subsection (e), the department shall notify the
- 17 financial institution to seize the amount attached by the
- 18 financial institution and forward it to the department.
- 19 (3) The department shall not be required to send the notice
- 20 described under this subsection if, prior to the time that the
- 21 notice must be sent, the department and the obligor agree to an
- 22 arrangement under which the obligor will pay amounts owed under
- 23 the Commonwealth's lien.
- 24 (e) (1) An obligor or an account holder of interest may
- 25 challenge the actions of the department under this section by
- 26 filing a motion with the court of common pleas within ten days
- 27 of the date of the notice sent under subsection (d).
- 28 (2) An obligor or an account holder of interest may
- 29 <u>challenge the actions of the department based on:</u>
- 30 (i) a mistake as to any of the following:

- 1 (A) The identity of the obligor.
- 2 (B) The ownership of the account.
- 3 (C) The contents of the account.
- 4 (D) The amount of the lien obligation due.
- 5 (ii) a request for spousal relief from joint liability; or
- 6 (iii) any other good cause.
- 7 (3) An obligor or an account holder of interest may not
- 8 challenge the actions of the department based on a mistake or
- 9 <u>error in the original assessment underlying a lien against the</u>
- 10 obligor.
- (f) (1) If a timely challenge is not made by the obligor or
- 12 <u>an account holder of interest under subsection (e), the</u>
- 13 <u>department shall direct the financial institution to:</u>
- 14 (i) seize the amount attached by the financial institution
- 15 and forward it to the department;
- 16 (ii) reduce the amount attached by the financial institution
- 17 to a revised amount as stated by the department, seize the
- 18 revised amount and forward it to the department and release the
- 19 balance of the account; or
- 20 (iii) release the amount attached by the financial
- 21 institution.
- 22 (2) The department may direct a financial institution to
- 23 seize and forward attached funds before the time for filing a
- 24 timely challenge under subsection (e) upon agreement among the
- 25 department, the obligor and, in cases where the department is
- 26 aware of an account holder of interest, the account holder of
- 27 interest.
- 28 (q) (1) If a determination is made by the court, pursuant
- 29 to a challenge under subsection (e), that the account of the
- 30 <u>obligor should not have been attached, the department shall</u>

- 1 <u>notify the financial institution, in the manner specified in</u>
- 2 subsection (b)(2), to release the amount attached by the
- 3 financial institution.
- 4 (2) If a determination is made by the court, pursuant to a
- 5 challenge under subsection (e), to reduce the amount attached by
- 6 the financial institution, the department shall notify the
- 7 <u>financial institution</u>, in the manner specified in subsection
- 8 (b) (2), to revise the amount as stated by the department, to
- 9 <u>seize and forward the revised amount to the department and to</u>
- 10 release the balance of the account attached by the financial
- 11 institution.
- 12 (3) If a determination is made by the court, pursuant to a
- 13 <u>challenge made under subsection (e), that the attachment by the</u>
- 14 <u>financial institution was proper, the department shall notify</u>
- 15 the financial institution, in the manner specified in subsection
- 16 (b)(2), to seize the amount attached by the financial
- 17 institution and forward it to the department.
- 18 (h) A financial institution that complies with an order and
- 19 <u>notice from the department under this section is not liable to</u>
- 20 any person, including the department, the obligor or any account
- 21 holder of interest, for any of the following:
- 22 (1) disclosing information to the department under this
- 23 section;
- 24 (2) sending any amount seized to the department;
- 25 (3) wrongful dishonor or any other claim relating to the
- 26 attachment and seizure of any account as ordered by the
- 27 <u>department; or</u>
- 28 (4) any other action taken in good faith to comply with the
- 29 <u>requirements of this section.</u>
- 30 (i) A financial institution shall not be required to

- 1 reimburse fees assessed against an account or an obligor as a
- 2 result of the department instituting an action under this
- 3 section or as otherwise permitted by law or authorized by
- 4 contract.
- 5 (j) (1) If, under the provisions of this section, a
- 6 <u>financial institution fails to attach accounts as required in a</u>
- 7 timely manner or fails to forward the proper amount of funds
- 8 attached to the department in a timely manner, the financial
- 9 <u>institution shall be subject to a penalty of five per cent of</u>
- 10 the amount of funds which should have been attached or forwarded
- 11 for each month or fraction thereof from the date the funds
- 12 should have been attached or forwarded to the date the funds are
- 13 attached or forwarded. The total amount of the penalty shall not
- 14 exceed fifty per cent of the proper amount of funds which should
- 15 have been attached or forwarded.
- 16 (2) The penalty imposed by this section shall be assessed,
- 17 enforced, administered or collected under the provisions of
- 18 Article II.
- 19 (k) This section shall not be construed to prohibit the
- 20 <u>department or any other Commonwealth agency from collecting</u>
- 21 obligations due from an obligor in any other manner authorized
- 22 <u>by law.</u>
- 23 (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
- 24 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:
- 25 "Account." (1) Any of the following:
- 26 (i) Funds from a demand deposit account, checking account,
- 27 <u>negotiable order of withdrawal account, savings account, time</u>
- 28 deposit account, money market mutual fund account or certificate
- 29 <u>of deposit account.</u>
- 30 (ii) Funds paid toward the purchase of shares or other

- 1 <u>interest in an entity as described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of</u>
- 2 the definition of "financial institution."
- 3 (iii) Funds or property held by a depository institution as
- 4 <u>described in paragraph (3) of the definition of "financial</u>
- 5 institution."
- 6 (2) The term shall not include any of the following:
- 7 (i) An account that an obligor does not have access due to a
- 8 pledge of the funds as security for a loan or other obligation.
- 9 (ii) Funds or property deposited to an account after the
- 10 time that a financial institution initially attaches the
- 11 <u>account.</u>
- 12 <u>(iii) An account that a financial institution has a present</u>
- 13 <u>right to exercise a right of setoff.</u>
- 14 (iv) An account that has an account holder of interest named
- 15 as an owner on the account.
- 16 (v) An account that an obligor does not have an
- 17 unconditional right of access.
- 18 "Account holder of interest." A person, other than an
- 19 <u>obligor of an account, who asserts an ownership interest in an</u>
- 20 account.
- 21 "Department." The Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth.
- 22 "Financial institution." Any of the following:
- 23 (1) A depository institution, as defined in section 3(c) of
- 24 the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (64 Stat. 873, 12 U.S.C. §
- 25 1813(c)).
- 26 (2) A Federal credit union or State credit union, as defined
- 27 <u>in section 1752(1) of the Federal Credit Union Act (48 Stat.</u>
- 28 1216, 12 U.S.C. § 1752(1)).
- 29 (3) A benefit association, insurance company, safe deposit
- 30 company, money market mutual fund or similar entity doing

- 1 business in this Commonwealth that holds property or maintains
- 2 <u>accounts reflecting property belonging to others.</u>
- 3 "Obligor." Any of the following:
- 4 (1) An entity engaged in a business whose property is
- 5 subject to a Commonwealth tax lien or liens totaling at least
- 6 one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- 7 (2) An individual operating as a sole proprietor whose
- 8 property is subject to a Commonwealth tax lien or liens totaling
- 9 <u>at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000).</u>
- 10 (3) A shareholder, member or partner of a pass-through
- 11 entity whose property is subject to a Commonwealth tax lien or
- 12 <u>liens totaling at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000).</u>
- 13 <u>(4) A corporate officer or other responsible individual who</u>
- 14 has been assessed pursuant to the provisions of section 225 or
- 15 320 and whose property is subject to a Commonwealth tax lien or
- 16 liens totaling at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- 17 <u>"Pass-through entity." A partnership as defined in section</u>
- 18 301(n.0) or a Pennsylvania S corporation as defined in section
- 19 301(n.2).
- 20 Section 3003.23. Tax Delinguent Placard. -- (a)
- 21 Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the department
- 22 shall have the authority to attach a removable, damage-proof
- 23 placard as specified in subsection (b) to a conspicuous position
- 24 on the exterior of a person's place of business if any of the
- 25 following apply:
- 26 (1) The person fails to pay a State tax within ninety days
- 27 <u>after the due date and the tax liability has not been timely</u>
- 28 appealed or subject to a duly authorized deferred payment plan.
- 29 (2) The person fails to file a State tax return or report
- 30 within ninety days after the due date of the applicable return

- 1 <u>or report.</u>
- 2 (b) The placard may list the following information:
- 3 (1) "TAX DELINQUENT" at the top of the placard.
- 4 (2) The person's name, business name or trade name.
- 5 (3) The address of the person or business.
- 6 (4) The type of tax delinquent and the specifics of the
- 7 <u>delinquencies</u>, including the amount of tax due, if applicable.
- 8 (5) "THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE" at the bottom
- 9 <u>of the placard.</u>
- 10 (6) Any other information the department deems necessary.
- 11 (c) The placard shall not be removed until all State taxes
- 12 are paid in full, including interest and penalty, or all State
- 13 tax returns or reports are filed. The placard shall be removed
- 14 by the department or the person upon written authorization from
- 15 the department.
- (d) Anyone who defaces, covers or removes the placard
- 17 without prior approval of the department shall be quilty of a
- 18 summary offense and, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to
- 19 pay a fine of not less than three hundred dollars (\$300) nor
- 20 more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) and, in
- 21 default thereof, to undergo imprisonment of not less than five
- 22 days nor more than thirty days.
- 23 (e) The penalties imposed by this subsection shall be in
- 24 addition to any other penalties imposed by this article. The
- 25 Secretary of Revenue may designate employes of the department to
- 26 enforce the provisions of this section. The employes shall
- 27 exhibit proof of and be within the scope of the designation when
- 28 instituting proceedings as provided by the Pennsylvania Rules of
- 29 Criminal Procedure.
- 30 (f) For purposes of administering the provisions of this

- 1 <u>section</u>, an employe designated by the Secretary of Revenue is
- 2 authorized to place the placard on the exterior of the place of
- 3 <u>business at reasonable times to enforce the provisions of this</u>
- 4 <u>section subject to constitutional restrictions on unreasonable</u>
- 5 searches or seizures.
- 6 (g) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
- 7 <u>shall have the meanings given to them in this section:</u>
- 8 <u>"Person." Any association, joint venture or joint-stock</u>
- 9 company, partnership, limited partnership association, limited
- 10 <u>liability company, business corporation, nonprofit corporation,</u>
- 11 sole proprietor or any other group of individuals, however
- 12 <u>organized.</u>
- 13 <u>Section 3003.24. Additional Citation Authority.--</u>
- 14 Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, any person who:
- 15 (1) does not pay any State tax, interest or penalty within
- 16 ninety days after the due date and the tax liability due has not
- 17 been timely appealed or subject to a duly authorized deferred
- 18 payment plan;
- 19 (2) underpays any State tax, interest or penalty within
- 20 ninety days after the due date and the tax liability due has not
- 21 been timely appealed or subject to a duly authorized deferred
- 22 payment plan; or
- 23 (3) fails to file a tax return or report or any other
- 24 reporting document within ninety days after the due date of the
- 25 applicable payment or return, report or any other reporting
- 26 document;
- 27 <u>shall be guilty of a summary offense and, upon conviction</u>
- 28 thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than three
- 29 <u>hundred dollars (\$300) nor more than one thousand five hundred</u>
- 30 dollars (\$1,500) and, in default thereof, to undergo

- 1 <u>imprisonment of not less than five days nor more than thirty</u>
- 2 days. The penalties imposed by this subsection shall be in
- 3 addition to any other penalties imposed by this article. For
- 4 purposes of this subsection, the offering for sale or lease of
- 5 any service or tangible personal property, the sale or use of
- 6 which is subject to tax, during any calendar day shall
- 7 constitute a separate violation. The Secretary of Revenue may
- 8 <u>designate employes of the department to enforce the provisions</u>
- 9 of this subsection. The employes shall exhibit proof of and be
- 10 within the scope of the designation when instituting proceedings
- 11 as provided by the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- 12 Section 22. This act shall apply as follows:
- 13 (1) The addition of sections 268.1 and 353.1 of the act
 14 shall apply to tax due on or after July 1, 2012.
- 15 (2) The amendment of section 227 of the act shall apply 16 to returns due on or after July 1, 2012.
- 17 (3) The amendment of sections 230, 338, 407.1, 1111-C
 18 and 2005 of the act shall apply to all assessments issued on
 19 or after June 30, 2012.
- 20 Section 23. This act shall take effect as follows:
- 21 (1) The following provisions shall take effect 22 immediately:
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- (i) The amendment of section 208 of the act.
- 24 (ii) The amendment of section 230 of the act.
- 25 (iii) The amendment of section 338 of the act.
- 26 (iv) The amendment of section 407.1 of the act.
- 27 (v) The amendment of section 1111-C of the act.
- (vi) The amendment of section 2005 of the act.
- 29 (vii) The addition of section 3003.23 of the act.
- 30 (viii) The addition of section 3003.24 of the act.

- 1 (ix) This section.
- 2 (2) The addition of section 3003.22 of the act shall
- 3 take effect in 60 days.
- 4 (3) The remainder of this act shall take effect January
- 5 1, 2013.