THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY WOZNIAK, STOUT, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, O'PAKE, STACK, WAUGH, BOSCOLA AND D. WHITE, FEBRUARY 19, 2009

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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 9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and penalties," in personal income tax, providing for a credit 10 for weatherization projects. 11 12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 13 hereby enacts as follows: 14 Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as 15 the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding a section to 16 read: 17 Section 314.1. Credit for Weatherization Projects. -- (a) A 18 resident taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax 19 otherwise due under this article for expenses incurred by the 20 taxpayer in completing a weatherization project. 21 (b) Credit authorized under this section shall not exceed

the lesser of the total amount of expenses incurred in

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- 1 completing the weatherization project or the total amount of tax
- 2 <u>due under this article: Provided, however, That in no case shall</u>
- 3 the credit awarded under this section exceed one thousand two
- 4 <u>hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250).</u>
- 5 (c) The total amount of credits approved by the department
- 6 shall not exceed fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) in any
- 7 <u>fiscal year.</u>
- 8 (d) The secretary shall promulgate regulations necessary for
- 9 the implementation and administration of this section.
- 10 (e) For purposes of this section the phrase "weatherization
- 11 project" shall mean permanent improvements to a residential
- 12 <u>dwelling that maximize energy savings. Measures may include</u>
- 13 sealing air leaks and duct work, installing storm windows and
- 14 doors, adding or installing insulation, improving or replacing
- 15 <u>heating and cooling systems and associated repairs, including</u>
- 16 <u>roofing repair and replacement.</u>
- 17 Section 2. The addition of section 314.1 of the act shall
- 18 apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.
- 19 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.