THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 705

Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY PIPPY, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, ARGALL, YUDICHAK, FERLO, LEACH, BRUBAKER, WAUGH, KASUNIC, BREWSTER, ALLOWAY, WOZNIAK AND BROWNE, FEBRUARY 25, 2011

REFERRED TO FINANCE, FEBRUARY 25, 2011

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, collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations 8 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and 9 penalties," in employment incentive payments, further 10 providing for limitation on credits and for time limitations 11 12 and report. 13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 14 hereby enacts as follows: 15 Section 1. Section 1705-A of the act of March 4, 1971 16 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, added 17 December 15, 1999 (P.L.926, No.63), is amended to read: Section 1705-A. Limitation on Credits. -- The total amount of 18 employment incentive payments authorized by this article shall 19 20 not exceed twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for fiscal 21 years through 2009-2010 and shall not exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in any fiscal year thereafter, excluding

- 1 <u>fiscal year 2010-2011</u>. To [insure] <u>ensure</u> that credits are not
- 2 claimed in excess of this amount, a taxpayer may claim the
- 3 incentive payments only upon presentation of an authorizing
- 4 certificate. Certificates will be issued to the taxpayer by the
- 5 Department of Labor and Industry upon presentation to the
- 6 Department of Labor and Industry of evidence of a qualifying
- 7 offer of employment. If necessary to avoid certificate issuances
- 8 in excess of the maximum authorized amount for any fiscal year,
- 9 the department shall advise the Department of Labor and Industry
- 10 of the total number of certificates which may be issued in each
- 11 calendar quarter.
- 12 Section 2. Section 1706-A of the act, amended November 19,
- 13 2004 (P.L.873, No.116), is amended to read:
- 14 Section 1706-A. Time Limitations and Report.--Employment
- 15 incentive payments shall not be available for employees hired
- 16 after December 31, 2009, and before July 1, 2011, [unless
- 17 reenacted by the General Assembly]. Not later than July 1, 2004,
- 18 and [December 31, 2008] each December 31 thereafter, excluding
- 19 <u>December 31, 2010</u>, the Secretary of Public Welfare shall report
- 20 to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of incentive
- 21 payments to encourage the employment of general assistance and
- 22 temporary assistance to needy families recipients and recommend
- 23 whether the program should be continued. Credits may be claimed
- 24 against taxes payable for tax years beginning January 1, 2000,
- 25 and thereafter, and may be claimed for employees hired after
- 26 December 31, 1999.
- 27 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.