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AND McCLINTON, MARCH 20, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARCH 20, 2019

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," providing for caregiver tax credit.

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

13 Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as
14 the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding an article to
15 read:

16 ARTICLE XVIII-H

17 CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT

18 Section 1801-H. Scope of article.

19 This article relates to caregiver tax credits.

20 Section 1802-H. Definitions.

21 The following words and phrases when used in this article

1 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
2 context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "Credit." The caregiver tax credit provided for under this
4 article.

5 "Department." The Department of Human Services of the
6 Commonwealth.

7 "Taxpayer." An individual subject to payment of taxes under
8 Article III.

9 Section 1803-H. Tax credit.

10 (a) General rule.--For taxable years beginning on or after
11 January 1, 2020, a credit shall be allowed against a taxpayer's
12 aggregate tax liability under section 302 for taxpayers with an
13 adjusted gross income of less than \$40,000. The amount of the
14 credit shall equal 50% of the Federal dependent care credit that
15 the taxpayer is eligible for in the taxable year under section
16 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26
17 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.).

18 (b) Exception.--The amount of the credit for a taxpayer with
19 an adjusted gross income of less than \$20,000 shall equal the
20 Federal dependent care credit that the taxpayer is eligible for
21 in any case without regard to a limitation imposed under section
22 26 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

23 Section 1804-H. Application.

24 Eligible taxpayers must apply for the credit by submitting an
25 application to the department. The department shall issue a
26 certification for an approved application to the taxpayer. The
27 taxpayer shall attach the certification to the applicable income
28 tax return.

29 Section 1805-H. Guidelines.

30 The department shall establish guidelines necessary to

1 implement this article.

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