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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 2 AN ACT TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE 3 USED TO DETERMINE CERTAIN TAXABLE INCOME AND 4 EXEMPTIONS, TO AMEND THE TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 1989 TO PROVIDE ADJUSTMENTS RELATING **SUBCHAPTER** 5 TRANSITIONAL TO CORPORATIONS AND DEPRECIATION DEDUCTIONS, TO ADOPT THE 6 FEDERAL STANDARD DEDUCTION AND PERSONAL EXEMPTION 7 8 AMOUNTS FOR 1990, TO CORRECT AN ERROR THAT INADVERTENTLY 9 DISALLOWED DEDUCTIONS FOR SOME **MORTGAGE** INTEREST PAYMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TAX RELIEF 10 TAXPAYERS WITH DEPENDENTS WHO ARE PERMANENTLY AND 11 TOTALLY DISABLED. 12 13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: 14 Section 1. G.S. 105-134.1(1) reads as rewritten: Code. The Internal Revenue Code as enacted as of January 1, 1989, 15 1990, including any provisions enacted as of that date which become 16 17 effective either before or after that date, but not including sections 63(c)(4) and 151(d)(3). date." 18 19 Sec. 2. G.S. 105-134.6(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Additions. The following additions to taxable income shall be made in calculating North Carolina taxable income, to the extent each item is not included in gross income:

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Interest upon the obligations of states, other than this State, and their 1 (1) 2 political subdivisions. 3 **(2)** Any amount allowed as a deduction from gross income under the Code that is taxed under the Code by a separate tax other than the tax 4 5 imposed in section 1 of the Code. The Secretary shall report to the 6 1991 General Assembly all provisions under the Code for taxing 7 certain amounts separately and shall recommend whether those 8 amounts should be taxed separately under this Division or should be 9 added to taxable income in calculating North Carolina taxable income. 10 (3) Any amount deducted from gross income under section 164 of the Code as State, local, or foreign income tax to the extent that the 11 12 taxpaver's total itemized deductions deducted under the Code for the taxable year exceed the standard deduction allowable to the taxpayer 13 14 under the Code reduced by the amount by which the taxpayer's 15 allowable standard deduction has been increased under section 63(c)(4) of the Code. Code for taxable years beginning on or after 16 17 January 1, 1991. 18 **(4)** The amount by which the taxpayer's standard deduction has been increased under section 63(c)(4) of the Code for taxable years 19 20 beginning on or after January 1, 1991, and the amount by which the 21 taxpayer's personal exemptions have been increased under section 151(d)(3) of the Code. Code for taxable years beginning on or after 22 23 January 1, 1991." 24 Sec. 3. G.S. 105-134.2 reads as rewritten: "§ 105-134.2. Individual income tax imposed. 25 A tax is imposed upon the North Carolina taxable income of every individual. 26 27 The tax shall be levied, collected, and paid annually and shall be computed at the following percentages of the taxpayer's North Carolina taxable income. 28 29 For married individuals who file a joint return under G.S. 105-152.1 30 and for surviving spouses, as defined in section 2(a) of the Code: On the North Carolina taxable income up to twenty-one thousand 31 32 two hundred fifty dollars (\$21,250), thirteen thousand five hundred 33 dollars (\$13,500), six percent (6%); and 34 On the excess over twenty-one thousand two hundred fifty dollars 35 (\$21,250), thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500), seven percent (7%). 36 37 (2) For heads of households, as defined in section 2(b) of the Code: 38 On the North Carolina taxable income up to seventeen thousand 39 dollars (\$17,000), ten thousand eight hundred dollars (\$10,800), six percent (6%); and 40 41 On the excess over seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000),—ten 42 thousand eight hundred dollars (\$10,800), seven percent (7%). For unmarried individuals other than surviving spouses and heads of 43 (3) households: 44

On the North Carolina taxable income up to twelve thousand seven
hundred fifty dollars (\$12,750), eight thousand one hundred dollars
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(4) For married individuals who do not file a joint return under G.S. 105-152.1:

On the North Carolina taxable income up to ten thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$10,625), six thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$6,750), six percent (6%); and

On the excess over ten thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$10,625), six thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$6,750), seven percent (7%)."

Sec. 4. G.S. 105-2.1 reads as rewritten:

#### "§ 105-2.1. Internal Revenue Code definition.

As used in this Article, the term 'Code' means the Internal Revenue Code as enacted as of January 1, 1989, January 1, 1990, and includes any provisions enacted as of that date which become effective either before or after that date."

Sec. 5. G.S. 105-114 reads as rewritten:

### "§ 105-114. Nature of taxes; definitions.

- (a) <u>Nature of Taxes.</u> The taxes levied in this Article upon persons and partnerships are for the privilege of engaging in business or doing the act named. The taxes levied in this Article upon corporations are privilege or excise taxes levied upon:
  - (1) Corporations organized under the laws of this State for the existence of the corporate rights and privileges granted by their charters, and the enjoyment, under the protection of the laws of this State, of the powers, rights, privileges and immunities derived from the State by the form of such existence; and
  - (2) Corporations not organized under the laws of this State for doing business in this State and for the benefit and protection which such corporations receive from the government and laws of this State in doing business in this State.

If the corporation is organized under the laws of this State, the payment of the taxes levied by this Article shall be a condition precedent to the right to continue in such form of organization; and if the corporation is not organized under the laws of this State, payment of these taxes shall be a condition precedent to the right to continue to engage in doing business in this State. The taxes levied in this Article or schedule shall be for the fiscal year of the State in which the taxes become due; except that the taxes levied in G.S. 105-122 and G.S. 105-123 shall be for the income year of the corporation in which the taxes become due.

- (b) <u>Definitions. The following definitions apply in this Article:</u>
  - (1) As used in this Article, the The term 'Code' means the Internal Revenue Code as enacted as of January 1, 1989, January 1, 1990, and includes

1 any provisions enacted as of that date which become effective either 2 before or after that date. 3 <u>(2)</u> The term 'corporation' as used in this Article shall, unless the context 4 clearly requires another interpretation, mean and include not only 5 corporations but also associations or joint-stock companies and every 6 other form of organization for pecuniary gain, having capital stock 7 represented by shares, whether with or without par value, and having 8 privileges not possessed by individuals or partnerships; and whether 9 organized under, or without, statutory authority. The term 10 'corporation' as used in this Article shall also mean and include any electric membership corporation organized under Chapter 117, and any 11 electric membership corporation, whether or not organized under the 12 13 laws of this State, doing business within the State. 14 (3) The When the term 'doing business' is used in this Article, it shall mean 15 and include each and every act, power or privilege exercised or 16 enjoyed in this State, as an incident to, or by virtue of the powers and 17 privileges acquired by the nature of such organizations whether the 18 form of existence be corporate, associate, joint-stock company or 19 common-law trust. 20 If the corporation is organized under the laws of this State, the payment of the taxes 21 levied by this Article shall be a condition precedent to the right to continue in such form of organization; and if the corporation is not organized under the laws of this State, 22 payment of said taxes shall be a condition precedent to the right to continue to engage in 23 24 doing business in this State. The taxes levied in this Article or schedule shall be for the 25 fiscal year of the State in which said taxes become due; except, that the taxes levied in G.S. 105-122 and G.S. 105-123 shall be for the income year of the corporation in which 26 27 such taxes become due. For purposes of this Article, the words 28 (4) The term 'income year' shall mean an income year as defined in G.S. 29 105-130.2(5)." 30 Sec. 6. G.S. 105-130.2(1) reads as rewritten: 31 'Code' means the Internal Revenue Code as enacted as of January 1, "(1)32 1989, January 1, 1990, and includes any provisions enacted as of that 33 date which become effective either before or after that date." 34 Sec. 7. G.S. 105-131(b)(1) reads as rewritten: 35 "(1)'Code' means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as enacted as of January 1, 1989, January 1, 1990, and includes any provisions enacted 36 as of that date which become effective either before or after that date." 37 38 Sec. 8. G.S. 105-163.1(11) reads as rewritten: 39 'Code' means the Internal Revenue Code as enacted as of January 1, "(11)1989, January 1, 1990, and includes any provisions enacted as of 40

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Sec. 9. G.S. 105-212(f) reads as rewritten:

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"(f) As used in this section, the term 'Code' means the Internal Revenue Code as enacted as of <del>January 1, 1989, January 1, 1990, and includes any provisions enacted as of that date which become effective either before or after that date."</del>

Sec. 10. G.S. 105-131.4 reads as rewritten:

## "§ 105-131.4. Carryforwards; carrybacks; loss limitation.

- (a) Carryforwards and carrybacks to and from an S Corporation shall be restricted in the manner provided in section 1371(b) of the Code.
- (b) The aggregate amount of losses or deductions of an S Corporation taken into account by a shareholder pursuant to G.S. 105-131.1(b) may not exceed the combined adjusted bases, determined in accordance with G.S. 105-131.3, of the shareholder in the stock and indebtedness of the S Corporation.
- (c) Any loss or deduction that is disallowed for a taxable period pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be treated as incurred by the corporation in the succeeding taxable period with respect to that shareholder.
  - (d) (1) Any loss or deduction that is disallowed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for the corporation's last taxable period as an S Corporation shall be treated as incurred by the shareholder on the last day of any post-termination transition period.
    - (2) The aggregate amount of losses and deductions taken into account by a shareholder pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection may not exceed the adjusted basis of the shareholder in the stock of the corporation (determined in accordance with G.S. 105-131.3 at the close of the last day of any post-termination transition period and without regard to this subsection).
- Each shareholder's pro rata share of the reduction of an S Corporation's (e) income because of the allowance of a carryforward loss to the S Corporation under this subsection shall be taken into account by the shareholder as a transitional adjustment under G.S. 105-134.7. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, an S Corporation that sustained a net economic loss in a taxable year beginning before January 1, 1989, may carry the loss forward to a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 1989, and before July 1, 1990, and may deduct the loss in that year to the extent it could have carried forward and deducted the loss pursuant to G.S. 105-130.5(b)(4) and G.S. 105-130.8 if the S Corporation Income Tax Act had not become effective until taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 1990. Any loss carryforward allowed as a deduction by this subsection may not exceed the S Corporation's net income, as defined in the Code subject to the adjustments provided in G.S. 105-130.5 other than the adjustment provided in G.S. 105-130.5(b)(4), and is subject to the limitations provided in G.S. 105-131.4(b) and (d). Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 105-131.3, the basis of a shareholder in the stock of an S Corporation shall be adjusted for the shareholder's pro rata share of the carryforward loss allowed as a deduction to the S Corporation under this subsection. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 105-131.6(c)(2), the accumulated adjustments account maintained for each resident shareholder shall be adjusted for the shareholder's pro rata share of the carryforward loss allowed as a deduction to the S Corporation under this subsection."

Sec. 11. G.S. 105-151.19 reads as rewritten:

### "§ 105-151.19. Credit for North Carolina dividends.

There is allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this Division an amount equal to six percent (6%) of the amount of dividends received by the taxpayer during the taxable year from stock issued by a qualified corporation, up to a maximum credit of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per taxpayer for the taxable year. A corporation is a qualified corporation if fifty percent (50%) or more of the dividends from stock issued by the corporation would be deductible by a corporate shareholder for the taxable year under the provisions of G.S. 105-130.7(1), (2), (3), (3a), or (5) except that no credit shall be allowed for dividends issued with respect to deemed distributable from earnings for a taxable period during which the corporation is an S Corporation subject to the provisions of Division I-S of this Article.

This credit applies only with respect to dividends received while the taxpayer was a resident of this State. In the case of a married couple filing a joint return where both spouses received dividends during the taxable year, the three hundred dollar (\$300.00) maximum applies separately to each spouse's dividends for a potential total credit of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for the couple. This credit may not exceed the amount of tax imposed by this Division for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all credits allowed under this Division, except payments of tax made by or on behalf of the taxpayer."

Sec. 12. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with respect to dividends received by a taxpayer from an S Corporation and included in the taxpayer's North Carolina taxable income under Division II of Article 4 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes for the taxpayer's 1989 taxable year, if (i) the dividends were distributed during the corporation's 1988 taxable year which began on or after January 2, 1988, and ended on or after January 1, 1989, or (ii) the dividends were distributed before October 1, 1989, then the three hundred dollar (\$300.00) limitation in G.S. 105-151.19 shall not apply and any credit otherwise allowable with respect to these dividends shall be allowed without regard to the three hundred dollar (\$300.00) limitation. No additional credit is allowed under G.S. 105-151.19 for dividends distributed on or after October 1, 1989, from an S Corporation during its 1989 taxable year, to the extent the taxpayer's total credit under G.S. 105-151.19 for the taxable year exceeds three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Sec. 13. G.S. 105-134.6(b) reads as rewritten:

- "(b) Deductions. The following deductions from taxable income shall be made in calculating North Carolina taxable income, to the extent each item is included in gross income:
  - (1) Interest upon the obligations of (i) the United States or its possessions, (ii) this State or a political subdivision of this State, or (iii) a nonprofit educational institution organized or chartered under the laws of this State.
  - (2) Interest upon obligations and gain from the disposition of obligations to the extent the interest or gain is exempt from tax under the laws of this State.

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- (3) Benefits received under Title II of the Social Security Act and amounts received from retirement annuities or pensions paid under the provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937.
- (4) Any amount not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) received by the taxpayer during the taxable year as compensation for the performance of duties as a member of the North Carolina organized militia, the national guard as defined in G.S. 127A-3.
- (5) Refunds of State, local, and foreign income taxes included in the taxpayer's gross income.
- (6) a. An amount, not to exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000), equal to the sum of the amount calculated in subparagraph b. plus the amount calculated in subparagraph c.
  - b. The amount calculated in this subparagraph is the amount received during the taxable year from one or more state, local, or federal government retirement plans.
  - c. The amount calculated in this subparagraph is the amount received during the taxable year from one or more retirement plans other than state, local, or federal government retirement plans, not to exceed a total of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in any taxable year.
  - d. In the case of a married couple filing a joint return where both spouses received retirement benefits during the taxable year, the maximum dollar amounts provided in this subdivision for various types of retirement benefits apply separately to each spouse's benefits.
- The amount of inheritance tax attributable to an item of income in **(7)** respect of a decedent required to be included in gross income under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.5, 105-134.6, and 105-134.7. The amount of inheritance tax attributable to an item of income in respect of a decedent is (i) the amount by which the inheritance tax paid under Article 1 of this Chapter on property transferred to a beneficiary by a decedent exceeds the amount of inheritance tax that would have been payable by the beneficiary if the item of income in respect of a decedent had not been included in the property transferred to the beneficiary by the decedent, (ii) multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount required to be included in gross income for the taxable year under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.5, 105-134.6, and 105-134.7, and the denominator of which is the total amount of income in respect of a decedent transferred to the beneficiary by the decedent. For an estate or trust, the deduction allowed by this subdivision shall be computed by excluding from the gross income of the estate or trust the portion, if any, of the items of income in respect of a decedent that are properly

paid, credited, or to be distributed to the beneficiaries during the 1 2 taxable year. 3 **(8)** The amount by which the taxpayer's mortgage interest deduction under the Code was reduced pursuant to section 163(g) of the Code." 4 5 Sec. 14. G.S. 105-134.7(a) reads as rewritten: 6 "(a) The following adjustments to taxable income shall be made in calculating 7 North Carolina taxable income: 8 (1) Amounts that were included in the basis of property under federal tax 9 law but not under State tax law before January 1, 1989, shall be added 10 to taxable income in the year the taxpayer disposes of the property. Amounts that were included in the basis of property under State tax 11 (2) 12 law but not under federal tax law before January 1, 1989, shall be 13 deducted from taxable income in the year the taxpayer disposes of the 14 property. 15 (3) Amounts that were recognized as income under federal law but not 16 under State law due to a taxpayer's use of the installment method set 17 out in G.S. 105-142(f) prior to January 1, 1989, shall be added to 18 taxable income in the taxpayer's first taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 1989. Amounts that were recognized as income under State 19 20 law but not under federal law due to a taxpayer's use of a different 21 installment method prior to January 1, 1989, shall be deducted from taxable income in the taxpayer's first taxable year beginning on or after 22 23 January 1, 1989. 24 **(4)** Losses in the nature of net economic losses sustained in any or all of the five taxable years preceding the taxpayer's first taxable year 25 beginning on or after January 1, 1989, arising from business 26 27 transactions, business capital, or business property, may be deducted from taxable income subject to the limitations contained in former 28 29 G.S. 105-147(9)a., c., and d. (repealed). The amount of any net operating loss for a taxable year beginning on 30 (5) or after January 1, 1989, carried back to a taxable year beginning 31 32 before January 1, 1989, pursuant to section 172 of the Code may be 33 deducted from taxable income in the taxable year following the taxable 34 vear for which the loss occurred. 35 (6) A loss or deduction that was incurred or paid and deducted from State taxable income in a taxable year beginning before January 1, 1989, and 36 37 is carried forward and deducted in a taxable year beginning on or after 38 January 1, 1989, under the Code shall be added to taxable income. 39 The transitional adjustments provided in Division I-S of this Article **(7)** shall be made with respect to a shareholder's pro rata share of S 40 41 Corporation income. 42 Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection, in (8) the case of property that the taxpayer elected to expense under section 43 179 of the Code for a taxable year beginning on or before December 44

1 31, 1988, the taxpayer shall deduct an allowance for depreciation equal
2 to the amount that would have been allowed under former G.S. 1053 147(12)(repealed) each year until the amount deductible for
4 depreciation is equal to the amount deducted under section 179 of the
5 Code. Amounts deductible under this subdivision may not be
6 deducted from taxable income under subdivision (2) of this subsection
7 in the year the taxpayer disposes of the property."

Sec. 15. G.S. 105-151.18 reads as rewritten:

## "§ 105-151.18. Credit for the disabled.

- (a) <u>Disabled Taxpayer.</u> A <u>person-taxpayer</u> who (i) is retired on disability, (ii) at the time of retirement, was permanently and totally <u>disabled, disabled as defined in section 22 of the Code</u>, and (iii) claims a federal income tax credit under section 22 of the Code for the taxable year, is allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this Division an amount equal to one-third of the amount of the federal income tax credit for which he the taxpayer is eligible under section 22 of the Code.
- (b) Disabled Dependent. If a dependent or spouse for whom a taxpayer is allowed an exemption under the Code is permanently and totally disabled, the taxpayer is allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this Division. In order to claim the credit allowed by this subsection, the taxpayer must attach to the tax return on which the credit is claimed a statement from a physician or local health department certifying that the dependent or spouse for whom the credit is claimed is permanently and totally disabled, as defined in this section. The amount of the credit allowed shall be determined as follows: For a taxpayer whose North Carolina adjusted gross income does not exceed the appropriate income amount provided in the table below, based on the taxpayer's filing status, the credit allowed is the appropriate initial credit provided in the table below. For a taxpayer whose North Carolina adjusted gross income does exceed the appropriate income amount, the credit allowed is the appropriate initial credit reduced by five dollars (\$5.00) for every one thousand dollars (\$1,000) by which the taxpayer's North Carolina adjusted gross income exceeds the appropriate income amount.

31	Filing Status	Initial Credit	Income Amount
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33	Head of Household	<u>\$ 80.00</u>	<u>\$16,000</u>
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35	Surviving Spouse or		
36	Joint Return	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
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38	Single	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
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40	Married Filing		
41	Separately	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
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(c) <u>Definitions</u>. The following definitions apply in this section:

- North Carolina Adjusted Gross Income. Adjusted gross income, as determined under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.6 and G.S. 105-134.7.
  - (2) Permanently and Totally Disabled. Unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or that has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.
  - (d) <u>Limitations</u>. A nonresident or part-year resident who claims the credit allowed by this section shall reduce the amount of the credit by multiplying it by the fraction calculated under G.S. 105-134.5(b) or (c), as appropriate. The credit allowed under this section may not exceed the amount of tax imposed by this Division for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all credits allowed under this Division, except payments of tax made by or on behalf of the taxpayer."

Sec. 16. Sections 1 through 9 and 15 of this act are effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1990. Section 10 of this act is effective retroactively for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, and shall expire for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 1990. The remainder of this act is effective retroactively for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1989.