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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

A bill for an act

relating to taxation; individual income; modifying the working family income
tax credit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 290.0671,
subdivision 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 290.0671, subdivision 1,
is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Credit allowed.** (a) An individual who is a resident of Minnesota is
allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter equal to a percentage of earned
income. To receive a credit, a taxpayer must be eligible for a credit under section 32
of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to the earned income or adjusted gross
income limitations.

(b) For individuals with no qualifying children, the credit equals ~~2.10~~ 3.0 percent
of the first ~~\$6,180~~ \$6,500 of earned income. The credit is reduced by ~~2.01~~ 3.0 percent
of earned income or adjusted gross income, whichever is greater, in excess of ~~\$8,130~~
\$12,000, but in no case is the credit less than zero. For individuals qualifying under
this paragraph, the taxpayer must have been at least 21 years of age, but under 65 years
of age, at the end of the tax year.

(c) For individuals with one qualifying child, the credit equals ~~9.35~~ 12.71 percent
of the first ~~\$11,120~~ \$8,350 of earned income. The credit is reduced by ~~6.02~~ 5.2 percent
of earned income or adjusted gross income, whichever is greater, in excess of ~~\$21,190~~
\$21,620, but in no case is the credit less than zero.

(d) For individuals with two or more qualifying children, the credit equals ~~11~~ 14.94
percent of the first ~~\$18,240~~ \$13,700 of earned income. The credit is reduced by ~~10.82~~

2.1 9.2 percent of earned income or adjusted gross income, whichever is greater, in excess of
2.2 ~~\$25,130~~ \$25,640, but in no case is the credit less than zero.

2.3 (e) For a part-year resident, the credit must be allocated based on the percentage
2.4 calculated under section 290.06, subdivision 2c, paragraph (e).

2.5 (f) For a person who was a resident for the entire tax year and has earned income
2.6 not subject to tax under this chapter, including income excluded under section 290.01,
2.7 subdivision 19b, clause (9), the credit must be allocated based on the ratio of federal
2.8 adjusted gross income reduced by the earned income not subject to tax under this chapter
2.9 over federal adjusted gross income. For purposes of this paragraph, the subtractions
2.10 for military pay under section 290.01, subdivision 19b, clauses (10) and (11), are not
2.11 considered "earned income not subject to tax under this chapter."

2.12 For the purposes of this paragraph, the exclusion of combat pay under section 112
2.13 of the Internal Revenue Code is not considered "earned income not subject to tax under
2.14 this chapter."

2.15 ~~(g) For tax years beginning after December 31, 2007, and before December 31,~~
2.16 ~~2010, and for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017, the \$8,130 in paragraph (b),~~
2.17 ~~the \$21,190 in paragraph (c), and the \$25,130 in paragraph (d), after being adjusted for~~
2.18 ~~inflation under subdivision 7, are each increased by \$3,000 for married taxpayers filing joint~~
2.19 ~~returns. For tax years beginning after December 31, 2008, the commissioner shall annually~~
2.20 ~~adjust the \$3,000 by the percentage determined pursuant to the provisions of section 1(f)~~
2.21 ~~of the Internal Revenue Code, except that in section 1(f)(3)(B), the word "2007" shall be~~
2.22 ~~substituted for the word "1992." For 2009, the commissioner shall then determine the~~
2.23 ~~percent change from the 12 months ending on August 31, 2007, to the 12 months ending on~~
2.24 ~~August 31, 2008, and in each subsequent year, from the 12 months ending on August 31,~~
2.25 ~~2007, to the 12 months ending on August 31 of the year preceding the taxable year. The~~
2.26 ~~earned income thresholds as adjusted for inflation must be rounded to the nearest \$10. If the~~
2.27 ~~amount ends in \$5, the amount is rounded up to the nearest \$10. The determination of the~~
2.28 ~~commissioner under this subdivision is not a rule under the Administrative Procedure Act.~~

2.29 ~~(h)(1) For tax years beginning after December 31, 2012, and before January 1, 2014,~~
2.30 ~~the \$5,770 in paragraph (b), the \$15,080 in paragraph (c), and the \$17,890 in paragraph~~
2.31 ~~(d), after being adjusted for inflation under subdivision 7, are increased by \$5,340 for~~
2.32 ~~married taxpayers filing joint returns; and (2) For tax years beginning after December 31,~~
2.33 ~~2013~~ 2015, and before January 1, 2018, the ~~\$8,130~~ \$12,000 in paragraph (b), the ~~\$21,190~~
2.34 \$21,620 in paragraph (c), and the ~~\$25,130~~ \$25,640 in paragraph (d), after being adjusted for
2.35 inflation under subdivision 7, are each increased by ~~\$5,000~~ \$5,550 for married taxpayers
2.36 filing joint returns. For tax years ~~beginning after December 31, 2010, and before January~~

3.1 ~~1, 2012, and for~~ tax years beginning after December 31, ~~2013~~ 2016, ~~and before January~~
3.2 ~~1, 2018;~~ the commissioner shall annually adjust the \$5,000 \$5,550 by the percentage
3.3 determined pursuant to the provisions of section 1(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, except
3.4 that in section 1(f)(3)(B), the word "2008" "2015" shall be substituted for the word "1992."
3.5 For ~~2011~~ 2017, the commissioner shall then determine the percent change from the 12
3.6 months ending on August 31, ~~2008~~ 2015, to the 12 months ending on August 31, ~~2010~~
3.7 2016, and in each subsequent year, from the 12 months ending on August 31, ~~2008~~ 2015,
3.8 to the 12 months ending on August 31 of the year preceding the taxable year. The earned
3.9 income thresholds as adjusted for inflation must be rounded to the nearest \$10. If the
3.10 amount ends in \$5, the amount is rounded up to the nearest \$10. The determination of the
3.11 commissioner under this subdivision is not a rule under the Administrative Procedure Act.
3.12 (i) The commissioner shall construct tables showing the amount of the credit at
3.13 various income levels and make them available to taxpayers. The tables shall follow
3.14 the schedule contained in this subdivision, except that the commissioner may graduate
3.15 the transition between income brackets.
3.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for tax years beginning after
3.17 December 31, 2015.