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Senate Bill No. 310

(MR. McGraw, MR. PRESIDENT, original sponsor)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections two, two-k, three and three-b, article thirteen, chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; to amend and reenact sections three, four-c, fourd, sixteen and seventy-one, article twenty-one of said chapter eleven; to amend said article twenty-one by adding thereto a new section, designated section four-e; to amend and reenact sections four and nine. article twenty-four of said chapter eleven; and to further amend said article twenty-four by adding thereto three new sections, designated sections four-a, ten and seventeen-a, all relating to taxation on account of business and other activities on personal income, corporation net income, gross income and gross values; providing for the transitional reduction of business and occupation tax during five-year period beginning the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-five through June thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred ninety, and exception; providing for temporary surtax on redefined gross income of persons engaged in banking or financial business; increasing business and occupation tax annual exemption; amending definitions; providing for increase in personal income tax rate brackets above specified level; providing for temporary surtax on personal income in certain brackets; establishing minimum tax on personal income; creating separate classification and rate tables for heads of households; providing for effect of any rate changes during taxable year; increasing the amount of the West Virginia personal income tax exemption and providing for withholding conformity therewith; changing corporation net income tax rate and providing for two-rate brackets; imposing temporary surtax on corporations net income; providing for effect of any rate changes during taxable year; reducing amount of business and occupation tax or carrier tax credits applicable against corporation net income tax liability; providing for taxpayer, at his option, to elect full deduction of such tax liabilities in lieu of credit; providing a credit to manufacturing employers for hiring qualified employees during specified period, amount of credit and period thereof, limitations thereon and definitions thereof; and providing for application of interest to underpayments of tax or estimated tax.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections two, two-k, three and three-b, article thirteen, chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; that sections three, four-c, four-d, sixteen and seventy-one, article twenty-one of said chapter eleven be amended and reenacted; that said article twenty-one be further amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section four-e; that sections four and nine, article twenty-four of said chapter eleven, be amended and reenacted; and that said article twenty-four be further amended by adding thereto three new sections, designated sections four-a, ten and seventeen-a, all to read as follows:

CHAPTER 11. TAXATION.

ARTICLE 13. BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX.

- §11-13-2. Imposition of privilege tax; transitional reduction, across-the-board, of tax during five-year period July one, one thousand nine hundred eighty-five through June thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred ninety.
 - 1 There is hereby levied and shall be collected annual
 - 2 privilege taxes against the persons, on account of the

3 business and other activities, and in the amounts to be
4 determined by the application of rates against values or
5 gross income as set forth in sections two-a to two-m
6 inclusive, of this article and the application of the surtax
7 rate against gross income as set forth in section two-k.

8 During the five-year period, beginning on the first day of 9 July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-five and through 10 the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred ninety, 11 the taxes imposed by this section and at the rates set forth in 12 sections two-a through two-m, and the surtax imposed in 13 section two-k, shall be reduced by five percent for each year 14 thereof through reduction of the rates applicable and in 15 effect on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred 16 eighty-five: *Provided*, That there shall be no such reduction 17 of the tax imposed in section two-l for the use and benefit of 18 counties and municipalities.

19 If any person liable for any tax under sections two-a, 20 two-l or two-m shall ship or transport his products or any 21 part thereof out of the state without making sale of such 22 products, the value of the products in the condition or form 23 in which they exist immediately before transportation out 24 of the state shall be the basis for the assessment of the tax 25 imposed in said section, except in those instances in which 26 another measure of the tax is expressly provided. The tax 27 commissioner shall prescribe equitable and uniform rules 28 for ascertaining such value.

In determining value, however, as regards sales from one to another of affiliated companies or persons, or under other circumstances where the relation between the buyer and seller is such that the gross proceeds from the sale are not indicative of the true value of the subject matter of the sale, the tax commissioner shall prescribe uniform and equitable rules for determining the value upon which such privilege tax shall be levied, corresponding as nearly as possible to the gross proceeds from the sale of similar products of like quality or character where no common interest exists between the buyer and seller but the circumstances and conditions are otherwise similar.

41 Gross income included in the measure of the tax under 42 sections two-a, two-b, two-l and two-m of this article shall 43 neither be added nor deducted in computing the tax levied 44 under the other sections of this article.

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45 A person exercising any privilege taxable under section 46 two-a, two-b, two-l or two-m of this article and engaging in 47 the business of selling his natural resources, manufactured 48 products or electricity at retail in this state shall be required 49 to make returns of the gross proceeds of such retail sales and 50 pay the tax imposed in section two-c of this article for the privilege of engaging in the business of selling such natural 51 52 resources, manufactured products or electricity at retail in 53 this state. But any person exercising any privilege taxable 54 under section two-a, two-b, two-l or two-m of this article 55 and engaging in the business of selling his natural 56 resources, manufactured products or electricity to 57 producers of natural resources, manufacturers, 58 wholesalers, jobbers, retailers or commercial consumers for 59 use or consumption in the purchaser's business shall not be required to pay the tax imposed in section two-c of this 60 61 article.

62 Persons exercising any privilege taxable under section 63 two-b or two-m of this article shall not be required to pay 64 the tax imposed in section two-c of this article for the 65 privilege of selling their manufactured products or 66 electricity for delivery outside of this state, but the gross 67 income derived from the sale of such products or electricity 68 outside of this state shall be included in determining the 69 measure of the tax imposed on such person in section two-b 70 or two-m.

71 A person exercising privileges taxable under the other 72 sections of this article, producing coal, oil, natural gas, 73 minerals, timber or other natural resource products, the 74 production of which is taxable under sections two-a and 75 two-l, and using or consuming the same in his business or 76 transferring or delivering the same as any royalty payment, 77 in kind, or the like, shall be deemed to be engaged in the 78 business of mining and producing coal, oil, natural gas, 79 minerals, timber or other natural resource products for sale, 80 profit or commerical use, and shall be required to make 81 returns on account of the production of the business 82 showing the gross proceeds or equivalent in accordance with uniform and equitable rules for determining the value 83 84 upon which such privilege tax shall be levied, corresponding as nearly as possible to the gross proceeds 85 from the sale of similar products of like quality or character 86

87 by other taxpayers, which rules the tax commissioner shall88 prescribe.

§11-13-2k. Banking and other financial business; rate of tax; additional, temporary surtax imposed and period thereof; legislative findings.

1 Upon every person engaging or continuing within this 2 state in the business of banking or financial business, from 3 and after the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred 4 seventy-one, the tax shall be equal to one and fifteen one-5 hundredths percent of the gross income received from 6 interest, premiums, discounts, dividends, service fees or charges, commissions, fines, rents from real or tangible 7 personal property, however denominated, royalties, 8 9 charges for bookkeeping or data processing, receipts from 10 check sales, charges or fees, and receipts from the sale of 11 tangible personal property: *Provided*, That gross income 12 shall not include (a) interest received on the obligations of 13 the United States, its agencies and instrumentalities, (b) 14 interest received on the obligations of this state, or any 15 political subdivision of this state, or (c) interest received on 16 investments or loans primarily secured by first mortgages 17 or deeds of trust on residential property occupied by 18 nontransients: Provided, however, That all interest derived 19 on activities exempt under (c) above, shall be reported, as to 20 amounts, on the return of a person taxable under the provisions of this section. 21

In addition to the primary tax hereinabove, there is hereby imposed an additional, temporary surtax of fifteen percent of such primary tax liability and with such primary tax and additional tax, the temporary surtax, together, to constitute the tax imposed by this section. Such additional, temporary surtax is imposed for the period on and after the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred eighty-three and to expire, be nullified and of no further force or effect whatsoever after the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred eighty-five.

32 Persons taxed pursuant to the provisions of this section
33 shall not be taxed under sections two-a to two-j, inclusive,
34 or section two-l or two-m of this article.

The Legislature hereby finds and declares that it is the intent of the Legislature to subject national banking associations and other financial organizations to the tax 38 imposed by this article, in accordance with the 39 authorization contained in section five thousand two 40 hundred nineteen of the Revised Statutes of the United 41 States as amended by Public Law 91-156 enacted the 42 twenty-fourth day of December, one thousand nine 43 hundred sixty-nine.

§11-13-3. Exemptions; transitional increase of annual exemption and periods thereof.

For any tax imposed under the provisions of this article 1 2 with respect to any period prior to the first day of July, one 3 thousand nine hundred eighty-three, there shall be an 4 exemption in every case of fifty dollars in amount of tax 5 computed under the provisions of this article. A person 6 exercising a privilege taxable hereunder for a fractional 7 part of a tax year shall be entitled to an exemption of the 8 sum bearing the proportion to fifty dollars that the period of 9 time the privilege is exercised bears to a whole year. Only 10 one exemption shall be allowed to any one person, whether 11 he exercises one or more privileges taxable hereunder. 12 For any tax imposed under the provisions of this article 13 with respect to (a) the period beginning on and after the first 14 day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-three and 15 through the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine 16 hundred eighty-four, there shall be an exemption in every 17 case of twenty-five dollars per month; (b) the period 18 beginning on and after the first day of July, one thousand 19 nine hundred eighty-four and through the thirtieth day of 20 June, one thousand nine hundred eighty-five, there shall be 21 an exemption in every case of thirty-three dollars and 22 thirty-three cents per month; and (c) the period beginning 23 on or after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred 24 eighty-five, there shall be an exemption in every case of 25 forty-one dollars and sixty-seven cents per month in 26 amount of tax computed under the provisions of this article. 27 Only one exemption shall be allowed to any one person, 28 whether he exercises one or more privileges taxable 29 hereunder.

The provisions of this article shall not apply to: (a)
Insurance companies which pay the state of West Virginia a
tax upon premiums: *Provided*, That said exemption shall
not extend to that part of the gross income of insurance

34 companies which is received for the use of real property, other than property in which any such company maintains 35 36 its office or offices, in this state, whether such income be in the form of rentals or royalties; (b) nonprofit cemetery 37 companies organized and operated for the exclusive benefit 38 of their members; (c) fraternal societies, organizations and 39 associations organized and operated for the exclusive 40 benefit of their members and not for profit: Provided, That 41 said exemption shall not extend to that part of the gross 42 income arising from the sale of alcoholic liquor, food and 43 related services, of such fraternal societies, organizations 44 and associations which are licensed as private clubs under 45 the provisions of article seven, chapter sixty of this code; (d) 46 corporations, associations and societies organized and 47 operated exclusively for religious or charitable purposes; 48 (e) production credit associations, organized under the 49 provisions of the federal "Farm Credit Act of 1933"; (f) any 50 credit union organized under the provisions of chapter 51 thirty-one, or any other chapter of this code: Provided, That 52 the exemptions of this section shall not apply to 53 corporations or cooperative associations organized under 54 the provisions of article four, chapter nineteen of this code; 55 (g) gross income derived from advertising service rendered 56 in the business of radio and television broadcasting; and (h) 57 the gross income or gross proceeds of sale of a gasification 58 or liquefaction of coal project in the demonstration, pilot or 59 research stages: Provided, That prior to the commencement 60 or operation of any such project, the tax commissioner shall 61 have first certified the project as eligible for such 62 exemption: Provided, however, That such exemption shall 63 expire seven years from the date the project first receives 64 gross income or gross proceeds from sales. 65

§11-13-3b. Definitions; reduction allowed in tax due; how computed.

When used in this section, the phrase "normal tax" means
 the tax computed by the application of rates against values
 or gross incomes as set forth in sections two-a to two-m,
 inclusive, in this article, less the amount of the annual
 exemption for the period actually engaged in business.
 The normal tax shall be computed by the application of
 rates against values or gross income as set forth in sections

8 two-a to two-m, inclusive, of this article, less the amount of

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9 the annual exemption allowed and determined under 10 section three of this article.

11 The surtax shall be computed by the application of the

12 surtax rate against gross income as set forth in section

13 two-k of this article.

ARTICLE 21. PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

§11-21-3. Imposition of tax; additional, temporary surtax imposed; and effective and termination dates; minimum tax; persons subject to tax.

1 (a) Imposition of tax.

2 (1) *Primary tax.*—A tax determined in accordance with 3 the rates hereinafter set forth in this article is hereby 4 imposed for each taxable year on the West Virginia taxable 5 income of every individual, estate and trust.

6 (2) Temporary surtax.—In addition to the primary tax 7 imposed upon the persons, for the periods, on West Virginia 8 taxable income, and at the rates, as aforesaid, there is 9 hereby imposed an additional tax, a temporary surtax, of 10 twelve percent of such determined primary tax liability for 11 individuals and heads of household with West Virginia 12 taxable income in excess of ten thousand dollars and for 13 those filing a joint return with West Virginia taxable 14 income in excess of twenty thousand dollars; and with such 15 primary tax and additional tax, the temporary surtax, 16 together with the minimum tax herein, to constitute the tax 17 imposed by this section and under this article.

18 (3) Minimum tax.—In addition to the primary tax and 19 the temporary surtax imposed by this section, there is 20 imposed a minimum tax, which shall be the excess, if any, 21 by which an amount equal to twenty-five percent of any 22 federal minimum tax or alternative minimum tax for the 23 taxable year exceeds the sum of the primary tax and the 24 temporary surtax imposed by this section for the taxable 25 year.

26 (4) Effective date.—The additional tax, the temporary
27 surtax herein imposed, and the minimum tax herein
28 imposed are hereby made effective on and after the first day
29 of April, one thousand nine hundred eighty-three.
30 Provided, That the temporary surtax shall expire, be
31 nullified and of no further force or effect whatsoever after
32 the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred

eighty-five. Section four-e of this article, applicable to the
effect of any rate changes during a taxable year shall be
construed to include and also be applicable to the surtax
imposed in this section or any change of surtax hereafter
during a taxable year.

(b) Partners and partnerships.—A partnership as such
shall not be subject to tax under this article. Persons
carrying on business as partners shall be liable for tax
under this article only in their separate or individual
capacities.

43 (c) Associations taxable as corporations.—An
44 association, trust or other unincorporated organization
45 which is taxable as a corporation for federal income tax
46 purposes, shall not be subject to tax under this article.

47 (d) Exempt trusts and organizations.—A trust or other 48 unincorporated organization which by reason of its 49 purposes or activities is exempt from federal income tax 50 shall be exempt from tax under this article (regardless of 51 whether subject to federal income tax on unrelated business 52 taxable income).

53 (e) Cross references.—For definitions of West Virginia 54 taxable income of:

55 (1) Resident individual, see section eleven.

56 (2) Resident estate or trust, see section eighteen.

57 (3) Nonresident individual, see section thirty-one.

58 (4) Nonresident estate or trust, see section thirty-eight.

§11-21-4c. Rate of tax — taxable periods beginning on or after January 1, 1971 and ending before April 1, 1983.

1 (a) Rate of tax on individuals, heads of households, 2 estates and trusts.—The tax imposed by section three of this 3 article on the West Virginia taxable income of every 4 individual, every individual who is a head of a household in 5 the determination of his federal income tax for the taxable 6 year, and every estate and trust shall be determined in 7 accordance with the following table:

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| 8 | If the West Virginia taxable | |
|----|---------------------------------------|---|
| | income is: | The tax is: |
| 10 | Not over \$2,000 | . 2.1% of the taxable income |
| | Over \$2,000 but not over \$4,000 | |
| | Over \$4,000 but not over \$6,000 | |
| | Over \$6,000 but not over \$8,000 | |
| | Over \$8,000 but not over \$10,000 | |
| 15 | Over \$10,000 but not over \$12,000 | . \$278.00, plus 4.0% of excess over \$10,000 |
| 16 | Over \$12,000 but not over \$14,000 | . \$358.00, plus 4.6% of excess over \$12,000 |
| | Over \$14,000 but not over \$16,000 | |
| 18 | Over \$16,000 but not over \$18,000 | . \$548.00, plus 5.3% of excess over \$16,000 |
| | Over \$18,000 but not over \$20,000 | |
| | Over \$20,000 but not over \$22,000 | |
| 21 | Over \$22,000 but not over \$26,000 | . \$882.00, plus 6.1% of excess over \$22,000 |
| | Over \$26,000 but not over \$32,000 | |
| | Over \$32,000 but not over \$38,000 | |
| | Over \$38,000 but not over \$44,000 | |
| | Over \$44,000 but not over \$50,000 | - |
| | Over \$50,000 but not over \$60,000 | |
| | Over \$60,000 but not over \$70,000 | |
| | Over \$70,000 but not over \$80,000 | |
| | Over \$80,000 but not over \$90,000 | |
| | Over \$90,000 but not over \$100,000 | |
| | Over \$100,000 but not over \$150,000 | |
| | Over \$150,000 but not over \$200,000 | - |
| 33 | Over \$200,000 | . \$16,466.00, plus 9.6% of excess over \$200,000 |

34 (b) Rate of tax in case of joint return or return of 35 surviving spouse.—In the case of a joint return of a husband 36 and wife and the return of an individual who is entitled to 37 file his federal income tax return for the taxable year as a 38 surviving spouse, the tax imposed by section three of this 39 article on the West Virginia taxable income shall be 40 determined in accordance with the following table:

| 41 If the West Virginia tax | able |
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| 42 | income is: | The tax is: |
|----|---------------------------------------|---|
| 43 | Not over \$4,000 | . 2.1% of the taxable income |
| 44 | Over \$4,000 but not over \$8,000 | . \$84.00, plus 2.3% of excess of over \$4,000 |
| 45 | Over \$8,000 but not over \$12,000 | |
| 46 | Over \$12,000 but not over \$16,000 | . \$288.00, plus 3.2% of excess over \$12,000 |
| 47 | Over \$16,000 but not over \$20,000 | . \$416.00, plus 3.5% of excess over \$16,000 |
| | Over \$20,000 but not over \$24,000 | |
| | Over \$24,000 but not over \$28,000 | |
| | Over \$28,000 but not over \$32,000 | • |
| | Over \$32,000 but not over \$36,000 | |
| | Over \$36,000 but not over \$40,000 | • |
| | Over \$40,000 but not over \$44,000 | - |
| | Over \$44,000 but not over \$52,000 | - |
| | Over \$52,000 but not over \$64,000 | |
| | Over \$64,000 but not over \$76,000 | |
| | Over \$76,000 but not over \$88,000 | |
| | Over \$88,000 but not over \$100,000 | |
| | Over \$100,000 but not over \$120,000 | |
| | Over \$120,000 but not over \$140,000 | - |
| | Over \$140,000 but not over \$160,000 | |
| | Over \$160,000 but not over \$180,000 | |
| | Over \$180,000 but not over \$200,000 | |
| | Over \$200,000 but not over \$300,000 | - |
| | Over \$300,000 but not over \$400,000 | - |
| 66 | Over \$400,000 | . \$32,932.00, plus 9.6% of excess over \$400,000 |

67 (c) Applicability of this section.—The provisions of this 68 section shall be applicable in determining the rate of tax 69 imposed by this article for all taxable years or portions 70 thereof beginning on or after the first day of January, one 71 thousand nine hundred seventy-one, and ending before the 72 first day of April, one thousand nine hundred eighty-three.

§11-21-4d. Rate of tax — taxable periods beginning on or after April 1, 1983.

1 (a) Rate of tax on individuals, estates and trusts.—The tax

2 imposed by section three of this article on the West Virginia

3 taxable income of every individual, and every estate and

4 trust shall be determined in accordance with the following

5 table:

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| 6 | If the West Virginia taxable |
|---|------------------------------|
| 7 | income is: |
| 8 | Not over \$2 000 |

| 1 | income is: | The tax is: |
|----|---------------------------------------|--|
| 8 | Not over \$2,000 | . 2.1% of the taxable income |
| 9 | Over \$2,000 but not over \$4,000 | . \$42.00, plus 2.3% of excess over \$2,000 |
| | Over \$4,000 but not over \$6,000 | • • |
| | Over \$6,000 but not over \$8,000 | |
| | Over \$8,000 but not over \$10,000 | |
| | Over \$10,000 but not over \$12,000 | |
| | Over \$12,000 but not over \$14,000 | |
| | Over \$14,000 but not over \$16,000 | |
| | Over \$16,000 but not over \$18,000 | |
| | Over \$18,000 but not over \$20,000 | - |
| | Over \$20,000 but not over \$22,000 | |
| 19 | Over \$22,000 but not over \$26,000 | . \$1,030.00, plus 9.2% of excess over \$22,000 |
| 20 | Over \$26,000 but not over \$32,000 | . \$1,398.00, plus 10.5% of excess over \$26,000 |
| | Over \$32,000 but not over \$38,000 | - |
| | Over \$38,000 but not over \$44,000 | |
| | Over \$44,000 but not over \$50,000 | |
| 24 | Over \$50,000 but not over 60,000 | . \$4,254.00, plus 12.9% of excess over \$50,000 |
| 25 | Over \$60,000 but not over \$70,000 | . \$5,544.00, plus 13.0% of excess over \$60,000 |
| 26 | Over \$70,000 but not over \$80,000 | . \$6,844.00, plus 13.0% of excess over \$70,000 |
| | Over \$80,000 but not over \$90,000 | · · · · · |
| | Over \$90,000 but not over \$100,000 | - |
| | Over \$100,000 but not over \$150,000 | - |
| | Over \$150,000 but not over \$200,000 | - |
| 31 | Over \$200,000 | . \$23,744.00, plus 13.0% of excess over \$200,000 |
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32 (b) Rate of tax on heads of households.—The tax 33 imposed by section three of this article, on the West Virginia 34 taxable income of every individual who is a head of a 35 household in the determination of his federal income tax for 36 the taxable year, shall be determined in accordance with 37 the following table:

| 38 If th | ne West Virginia taxable | | _ |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--|------|
| 39 inco | ome is: | The tax is: | Enr. |
| 40 Not | over \$2,000 | . 2.1% of the taxable income | 1.0 |
| 41 Ove | r \$2,000 but not over \$4,000 | .\$42.00, plus 2.3% of excess over \$2,000 | Com. |
| | r \$4,000 but not over \$6,000 | | |
| | r \$6,000 but not over \$8,000 | | Sub. |
| | r \$8,000 but not over \$10,000 | | è |
| | r \$10,000 but not over \$12,000 | - | for |
| 46 Ove | r \$12,000 but not over \$14,000 | . \$354.00, plus 4.7% of excess over \$12,000 | ល |
| 47 Ove | r \$14,000 but not over \$16,000 | . \$448.00, plus 5.3% of excess over \$14,000 | Β |
| 48 Ove | r \$16,000 but not over \$18,000 | . \$554.00, plus 6.1% of excess over \$16,000 | No. |
| 49 Ove | r \$18,000 but not over \$20,000 | . \$676.00, plus 6.6% of excess over \$18,000 | |
| 50 Ove | r \$20,000 but not over \$22,000 | . \$808.00, plus 7.4% of excess over \$20,000 | 310] |
| 51 Ove | er \$22,000 but not over \$26,000 | . \$956.00, plus 8.2% of excess over \$22,000 | Ē |
| 52 Ove | er \$26,000 but not over \$32,000 | . \$1,284.00, plus 9.5% of excess over \$26,000 | |
| 53 Ove | er \$32,000 but not over \$38,000 | . \$1,854.00, plus 10.4% of excess over \$32,000 | 16 |
| 54 Ove | er \$38,000 but not over \$44,000 | . \$2,478.00, plus 11.4% of excess over \$38,000 | |
| 55 Ove | er \$44,000 but not over \$50,000 | . \$3,162.00, plus 11.6% of excess over \$44,000 | |
| 56 Ove | er \$50,000 but not over \$60,000 | . \$3,858.00, plus 11.6% of excess over \$50,000 | |
| 57 Ove | er \$60,000 but not over \$70,000 | . \$5,018.00, plus 11.7% of excess over \$60,000 | |
| 58 Ove | er \$70,000 but not over \$80,000 | . \$6,188.00, plus 13.0% of excess over \$70,000 | |
| 59 Ove | er \$80,000 but not over \$90,000 | . \$7,488.00, plus 13.0% of excess over \$80,000 | |

38 If the West Virginia taxable

42 Over \$4,000 but not over \$6,000 43 Over \$6,000 but not over \$8,000 44 Over \$8,000 but not over \$10,000 45 Over \$10,000 but not over \$12,000 46 Over \$12,000 but not over \$14,000 47 Over \$14,000 but not over \$16,000 48 Over \$16,000 but not over \$18,000 49 Over \$18,000 but not over \$20,000 50 Over \$20,000 but not over \$22,000 51 Over \$22,000 but not over \$26,000 52 Over \$26,000 but not over \$32,000 53 Over \$32,000 but not over \$38,000 54 Over \$38,000 but not over \$44,000 55 Over \$44,000 but not over \$50,000 56 Over \$50,000 but not over \$60,000 57 Over \$60,000 but not over \$70,000 58 Over \$70,000 but not over \$80,000 59 Over \$80,000 but not over \$90,000 60 Over \$90,000 but not over \$100,000 \$8,788.00, plus 13.0% of excess over \$90,000 61 Over \$100,000 but not over \$150,000 \$10,088.00, plus 13.0% of excess over \$100,000 62 Over \$150,000 but not over \$200,000 \$16,588.00, plus 13.0% of excess over \$150,000

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64 (c) Rate of tax in case of joint return or return of 65 surviving spouse.—In the case of a joint return of a husband 66 and wife and the return of an individual who is entitled to 67 file his federal income tax return for the taxable year as a 68 surviving spouse, the tax imposed by section three of this 69 article on the West Virginia taxable income shall be 70 determined in accordance with the following table:

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71 If the West Virginia taxable

| 72 | income is: | The tax is: |
|----|---------------------------------------|---|
| 73 | Not over \$4,000 | 2.1% of the taxable income |
| | Over \$4,000 but not over \$8,000 | |
| 75 | Over \$8,000 but not over \$12,000 | . \$176.00, plus 2.8% of excess of over \$8,000 |
| 76 | Over \$12,000 but not over \$16,000 | \$288.00, plus 3.2% of excess over \$12,000 |
| 77 | Over \$16,000 but not over \$20,000 | . \$416.00, plus 3.5% of excess over \$16,000 |
| | Over \$20,000 but not over \$24,000 | |
| | Over \$24,000 but not over \$28,000 | |
| | Over \$28,000 but not over \$32,000 | |
| | Over \$32,000 but not over \$36,000 | |
| | Over \$36,000 but not over \$40,000 | - |
| | Over \$40,000 but not over \$44,000 | |
| | Over \$44,000 but not over \$52,000 | |
| | Over \$52,000 but not over \$64,000 | |
| | Over \$64,000 but not over \$76,000 | |
| | Over \$76,000 but not over \$88,000 | |
| | Over \$88,000 but not over \$100,000 | |
| | Over \$100,000 but not over \$120,000 | |
| | Over \$120,000 but not over \$140,000 | - |
| | Over \$140,000 but not over \$160,000 | |
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97 (d) Applicability of this section.—The provisions of this
98 section shall be applicable in determining the rate of tax
99 imposed by this article for all taxable periods or portions
100 thereof beginning on or after the first day of April, one
101 thousand nine hundred eighty-three.

§11-21-4e. Effect of rate changes during taxable year.

1 (a) If any rate of tax imposed by this article changes to 2 become effective after the thirty-first day of December, of a 3 calendar year, and if the taxable year includes the effective 4 date of the change of rate (unless that date is the first day of 5 the taxable year) then: (1) Tentative taxes shall be 6 computed by applying the rate for the period before the 7 effective date of the change of rate, and the rate for the 8 period on and after such date, to the taxable income for the 9 entire taxable year; and (2) the tax for such taxable year 10 shall be the sum of that proportion of each tentative tax 11 which the number of months in each period bears to the 12 number of months in the entire taxable year.

13 (b) For purposes of subsection (a):

14 (1) If the rate changes for taxable years "beginning
15 after" or "ending after" a certain date, the following day
16 shall be considered the effective date of the change; and

17 (2) If a rate changes for taxable years "beginning on or18 after" a certain date, that date shall be considered the19 effective date of the change of rate.

§11-21-16. West Virginia personal exemptions of resident individual.

1 (a) General.—For any tax imposed under the provisions 2 of this article with respect to any taxable year prior to the 3 first day of January, one thousand nine hundred eighty-4 three, a resident individual shall be allowed a West Virginia 5 exemption of six hundred dollars for each exemption for 6 which he is entitled to a deduction for the taxable year for 7 federal income tax purposes. With respect to any taxable 8 year beginning on or after the first day of January, one 9 thousand nine hundred eighty-three, and prior to the first 10 day of January, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four, 11 said exemption shall be seven hundred dollars; and with 12 respect to any taxable year beginning on or after the first 13 day of January, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four, 14 said exemption shall be eight hundred dollars.

(b) Husband and wife.—If the West Virginia income 15 16 taxes of a husband and wife are separately determined but 17 their federal income tax is determined on a joint return, 18 each of them shall be separately entitled, with respect to 19 any taxable year prior to the first day of January, one 20 thousand nine hundred eighty-three, to a West Virginia 21 exemption of six hundred dollars for each federal 22 exemption to which he would be separately entitled for the 23 taxable year if their federal income taxes had been 24 determined on separate returns. With respect to any taxable 25 year beginning on or after the first day of January, one 26 thousand nine hundred eighty-three, and prior to the first 27 day of January, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four, 28 said exemption shall be seven hundred dollars; and with 29 respect to any taxable year beginning on or after the first 30 day of January, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four, 31 said exemption shall be eight hundred dollars.

§11-21-71. Requirement of withholding tax from wages.

(a) General.—Every employer maintaining an office or 1 2 transacting business within this state and making payment 3 of any wage taxable under this article to a resident or 4 nonresident individual shall deduct and withhold from 5 such wages for each payroll period a tax computed in such 6 manner as to result, so far as practicable, in withholding 7 from the employer's wages during each calendar year an 8 amount substantially equivalent to the tax reasonably 9 estimated to be due under this article resulting from the 10 inclusion in the employee's West Virginia adjusted gross 11 income of his wages received during such calendar year. 12 The method of determining the amount to be withheld shall 13 be prescribed by the tax commissioner, with due regard to 14 the West Virginia withholding exemption of the employee. 15 This section shall not apply to payments by the United 16 States for service in the armed forces of the United States. Withholding exemptions.—For purposes of this 17 (b) 18 section: 19 (1) An employee shall be entitled to the same number of 20 West Virginia withholding exemptions as the number of 21 withholding exemptions to which he is entitled for federal

22 income tax withholding purposes. An employer may rely

23 upon the number of federal withholding exemptions

claimed by the employee, except where the employee claims
a higher number of West Virginia withholding exemptions.
(2) With respect to any taxable year prior to the first day
of January, one thousand nine hundred eighty-three, the
amount of each West Virginia exemption shall be six
hundred dollars whether the individual is a resident or
nonresident. With respect to any taxable year beginning on
or after the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred
eighty-three, and prior to the first day of January, one
thousand nine hundred eighty-four, said exemption shall
be seven hundred dollars and with respect to any taxable
year beginning on or after the first day of January, one
thousand nine hundred eighty-five, said exemption shall
be seven hundred dollars and with respect to any taxable
year beginning on or after the first day of January, one
thousand nine hundred eighty-five, said exemption shall be
eight hundred dollars.

(c) Exception for certain nonresidents.—If the income
tax law of another state of the United States or of the
District of Columbia results in its residents being allowed a
credit under section forty sufficient to offset all taxes
required by this article to be withheld from the wages of an
employee, the tax commmissioner may by regulation relieve
the employers of such employees from the withholding
requirements of this article with respect to such employees.

ARTICLE 24. CORPORATION NET INCOME TAX.

§11-24-4. Imposition of primary tax and rate thereof; imposition of additional, temporary surtax; effective and termination dates.

1 (a) Primary tax.

2 (1) In the case of taxable periods beginning after the 3 thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred sixtyseven, and ending prior to the first day of January, one 4 5 thousand nine hundred eighty-three, a tax is hereby imposed for each taxable year at the rate of six per centum 6 per annum on the West Virginia taxable income of every 7 domestic or foreign corporation engaging in business in this 8 state or deriving income from property, activity or other 9 10 sources in this state, except corporations exempt under 11 section five.

(2) In the case of taxable periods beginning on or after
the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred eightythree, a tax is hereby imposed for each taxable year on the
West Virginia taxable income of every domestic or foreign

16 corporation engaging in business in this state or deriving

17 income from property, activity or other sources in this state,

18 except corporations exempt under section five, at the rates19 which follow:

20 (A) On taxable income not in excess of fifty thousand21 dollars, the rate of six percent; and

22 (B) On taxable income in excess of fifty thousand 23 dollars, the rate of seven percent.

(b) Temporary surtax.—In addition to the primary tax 24 25 imposed, determinable and with exemptions, as aforesaid, 26 there is hereby imposed an additional tax, a temporary 27 surtax, of fifteen percent of the determined primary tax 28 liability (as determined prior to application of any credits 29 allowable under section nine of this article), and with such 30 additional, temporary surtax being hereby made effective 31 and applicable to taxable years or portions thereof 32 beginning on and after the first day of January, one 33 thousand nine hundred eighty-three, with such additional, 34 temporary surtax to expire, be nullified and be of no further 35 force or effect whatsoever after the thirtieth day of June, 36 one thousand nine hundred eighty-five. Section four-a of 37 this article, applicable to the effect of any rate changes • 38 during a taxable year, shall be construed to include and also 39 be applicable to this surtax or any change of such surtax 40 hereafter occurring during a taxable year. Corporations 41 exempt under section five of this article from the primary 42 tax, as imposed, are hereby made exempt from the

43 additional, temporary surtax, as imposed.

§11-24-4a. Effect of rate changes during taxable year.

1 (a) If any rate of tax imposed by this article changes to 2 become effective after the thirty-first day of December of a 3 calendar year, and if the taxable year included the effective 4 date of the change of rate (unless that date is the first day of 5 the taxable year) then: (1) Tentative taxes shall be 6 computed by applying the rate for the period before the 7 effective date of the change of rate, and the rate for the 8 period on and after such date, to the taxable income for the 9 entire taxable year; and (2) the tax for such taxable year 10 shall be the sum of that proportion of each tentative tax 11 which the number of months in each period bears to the 12 number of months in the entire taxable year. 13 (b) For purposes of subsection (a):

14 (1) If the rate changes for taxable years "beginning 15 after" or "ending after" a certain date, the following day 16 shall be considered the effective date of the change; and

17 (2) If a rate changes for taxable years "beginning on or 18 after" a certain date, that date shall be considered the

19 effective date of the change of rate.

§11-24-9. Credits against primary tax; election of taxpayer.

1 (a) Credit for primary taxes imposed under article 2 thirteen, chapter eleven of this code.—A credit shall be 3 allowed against the primary tax imposed by this article 4 equal to the amount of the liability of the taxpayer for the 5 taxable year for any tax imposed under article thirteen, 6 chapter eleven of this code: *Provided*, That the amount of 7 such business and occupation tax credit shall not exceed 8 fifty percent of the primary tax liability of the taxpayer 9 under this article which is attributable to the West Virginia 10 taxable income derived by the taxpayer for the taxable year 11 from the business or occupation with respect to which said 12 tax under article thirteen was imposed and shall not in any 13 event exceed fifty percent of the primary tax liability of the 14 taxpayer under this article for such taxable year: *Provided*, 15 however, That the entire amount of the business and 16 occupation tax liability of the taxpayer, which was taken as a deduction in determining its federal taxable income for 17 18 the taxable year, shall be an adjustment increasing federal 19 taxable income under section six of this article: Provided 20 further, That the taxpayer may at its option elect in lieu of 21 claiming the credit allowable by this subsection, to not 22 increase its federal taxable income under section six of this 23 article and thereby take as a full deduction under this 24 article for the taxable year by the amount of its business and 25 occupation tax liability for the taxable year, which was 26 taken as a deduction on its federal return for such taxable 27 vear. 28 For purposes of this section, the tax imposed under article

thirteen of chapter eleven of this code shall be the amount of
the liability of the taxpayer for such tax under said article

31 thirteen computed without reduction for the tax credit for

32 industrial expansion or revitalization allowed for such33 year.

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34 (b) Credit for tax imposed under article twelve-a, 35 chapter eleven of this code.—A credit shall be allowed 36 against the primary tax imposed by this article equal to the 37 amount of the liability of the taxpayer for the taxable year **38** for any tax imposed on the taxpayer under article twelve-a, 39 chapter eleven of this code: *Provided*, That the amount of 40 such credit shall not exceed fifty percent of the primary tax 41 liability of the taxpayer under this article which is 42 attributable to the West Virginia taxable income derived by 43 the taxpayer for the taxable year from any source with 44 respect to which said tax under article twelve-a was 45 imposed and shall not in any event exceed fifty percent of 46 the primary tax liability of the taxpayer this article for such 47 taxable year: Provided, however, That the entire amount of 48 the carrier income tax liability of the taxpayer, which was 49 taken as a deduction in determining its federal taxable 50 income for the taxable year shall be an adjustment 51 increasing federal taxable income under section six of this 52 article: Provided further, That the taxpayer may at its 53 option elect in lieu of claiming the credit allowable by this 54 subsection, to not increase its federal taxable income under 55 section six of this article and thereby take as a full 56 deduction under this article for the taxable year by the 57 amount of its carrier income tax liability for the taxable 58 year, which was taken as a deduction on its federal return 59 for the taxable year.

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§11-24-10. Credit for hiring of qualified employees by eligible taxpayers engaged in manufacturing.

1 (a) A credit shall be allowed under the provisions of this 2 section against the primary tax liability of the taxpayer 3 under this article to eligible taxpayers who hire qualified 4 employees during the period beginning April first, one 5 thousand nine hundred eighty-three, and ending December 6 thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four.

7 (b) For the purpose of this section, the term "eligible 8 taxpayer" shall mean a taxpayer who:

9 (1) is subject to tax liability under section two-b, article 10 thirteen, chapter eleven of this code, relating to business 11 and occupation tax upon the business of manufacturing, 12 compounding, or preparing for sale any articles, 13 substances, or commodities; and 14 (2) hires a qualified employee, as defined herein, during
15 the period beginning April first, one thousand nine hundred
16 eighty-three, and ending December thirty-first, one
17 thousand nine hundred eighty-four; which employee to
18 such employer is not a returning seasonal employee or
19 employee of like-type.

(c) For the purpose of this section, the term "qualified
employee" shall mean an employee who is hired and
employed at a location within this state by an eligible
taxpayer for full-time employment, which, for the purposes
of this section, shall mean employment for at least one
hundred twenty hours per month at a wage equal to, or
greater than, the prevailing federal minimum wage; and

(1) at the time he or she is hired, has either exhausted
entitlement to unemployment compensation benefits under
the provisions of chapter twenty-one-a of this code or
would have exhausted such benefits within a period of six
weeks from date of employment; or

32 (2) at the time of employment, he or she is hired so that
33 one or more present employees will not be required to
34 continue working overtime, and with a resultant decrease
35 in the amount of overtime compensation paid by the
36 employer.

37 (d) The term "qualified employee" shall not include a
38 person who displaces an employed individual, other than an
39 individual who is discharged for cause, or shall not include
40 an individual employed and who is closely related to a
41 person who owns, directly or indirectly, more than fifty
42 percent of the outstanding stock of the business, or an
43 individual employed and who is closely related to the owner
44 or owners of an unincorporated business.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the
contrary, the department of employment security shall
disclose, upon request, to the state tax commissioner or his
employees, any wage, benefits, or eligibility information
with respect to an identified individual which is contained
in its records.

(f) The maximum total credits allowed to any eligible
taxpayer in all taxable years because of the hiring of any
one qualified employee shall be one thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the amount of the credit allowed by this
section in any one taxable year shall be the lesser of either

56 one thousand dollars for each qualified employee hired in 57 such taxable year, or ten percent of the gross wages paid by 58 the eligible taxpayer to each qualified employee hired in 59 such taxable year: *Provided, however*, That unused credit 60 for an eligible employee may be carried forward to the next 61 tax year if necessary and until the lesser of either one 62 thousand dollars for each qualified employee or ten percent 63 of the gross wages paid to the eligible employee during his 64 or her first employment year is taken as a credit by the 65 eligible taxpayer. The credit allowable by this section for a 66 taxable year is not subject to the fifty percent limitation 67 specified in section nine of this article, and any unused 68 credit may be carried over to each of the next three taxable 69 years following the unused credit year until used or 70 forfeited due to lapse of time.

§11-24-17a. Interest and additions to tax on payments of estimated tax.

1 The interest provisions of subsection (a), section 2 seventeen, and the additions to tax provisions of section 3 eighteen, both of article ten of this chapter, shall apply to an 4 underpayment of estimated tax under this article, whether 5 such underpayment is because of a failure to pay the entire 6 installment payment then due or because of an under-7 estimation by more than twenty percent of the amount of 8 tax due for the taxable year under this article. The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing is correctly enrolled.

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