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SENATE BILL 53

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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FOR THE REVENUE STABILIZATION AND TAX POLICY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; CREATING THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
SMALL BUSINESS TAX CREDIT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the
"Research and Development Small Business Tax Credit Act".

Section 2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Research and
Development Small Business Tax Credit Act:

A. "department" means the taxation and revenue
department, the secretary of taxation and revenue or any
employee of the department exercising authority lawfully
delegated to that employee by the secretary;

B. "qualified research" means research:

(1) that is undertaken for the purpose of
discovering information that is technological in nature and the

1 application of which is intended to be useful in the
2 development of a new or improved business component of the
3 taxpayer; and

4 (2) in which substantially all activities
5 constitute elements of a process of experimentation related to
6 new or improved function, performance, reliability or quality,
7 but not related to style, taste, cosmetic or seasonal design
8 factors;

9 C. "qualified research and development small
10 business" means a business, including a corporation, general
11 partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company,
12 sole proprietorship or other similar entity, that:

13 (1) employed no more than twenty-five
14 employees on a full-time-equivalent basis in any prior calendar
15 month;

16 (2) had total revenues of no more than five
17 million dollars (\$5,000,000) in any prior fiscal year;

18 (3) did not in any prior calendar month have
19 more than fifty percent of its voting securities or other
20 equity interest with the right to designate or elect the board
21 of directors or other governing body of the qualified business
22 owned directly or indirectly by another business; and

23 (4) has made qualified research expenditures
24 for the period of twelve calendar months ending with the month
25 for which the credit is sought of at least twenty percent of

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1 its total expenditures for those twelve calendar months;

2 D. "qualified research expenditure" means an
3 expenditure directly related to qualified research, but does
4 not include any expenditure on research funded by any grant,
5 contract or similar mechanism by another person or governmental
6 entity, and does not include any expenditure on property that
7 is owned by a municipality or county in connection with an
8 industrial revenue bond project or expenditures for which the
9 taxpayer has received any credit pursuant to the Capital
10 Equipment Tax Credit Act, the Investment Credit Act or the
11 Technology Jobs Tax Credit Act; and

12 E. "taxpayer" means a person liable for payment of
13 any tax, a person responsible for withholding and payment or
14 collection and payment of any tax or a person to whom an
15 assessment has been made if the assessment remains unabated or
16 the amount thereof has not been paid.

17 Section 3. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SMALL BUSINESS TAX
18 CREDIT-- AMOUNT-- ELIGIBILITY. --

19 A. Until June 30, 2009, a taxpayer that is a
20 qualified research and development small business is eligible
21 for a credit in a reporting period in an amount equal to the
22 sum of all gross receipts taxes, compensating taxes or
23 withholding taxes due to the state or payable by the taxpayer
24 with respect to that business for that reporting period. The
25 credit provided in this section may be referred to as the

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1 "research and development small business tax credit".

2 B. A taxpayer is not eligible for the credit with
3 respect to a reporting period month:

4 (1) before July 2005;

5 (2) that is more than thirty-five consecutive
6 calendar months after the first month for which a claim for the
7 credit is made by the taxpayer or by a person to whom the
8 taxpayer is a successor, pursuant to Section 7-1-61 NMSA 1978;

9 (3) after which the qualified research and
10 development small business employs more than twenty-five
11 employees on a full-time-equivalent basis;

12 (4) in a fiscal year of the qualified research
13 and development small business after the first fiscal year in
14 which that business has total revenues in excess of five
15 million dollars (\$5,000,000);

16 (5) after the calendar month in which more
17 than fifty percent of the qualified research and development
18 small business' voting securities or other equity interests
19 having the right to designate or elect the board of directors
20 or other governing body of that business are owned directly or
21 indirectly by another business;

22 (6) if the business was not a qualified
23 research and development small business in the twelve-calendar-
24 month period ending with that calendar month;

25 (7) during which the taxpayer is the

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1 beneficiary of an industrial revenue bond issued by a
2 municipality or county; or

3 (8) during which the taxpayer sold any goods
4 of which the taxpayer is not the manufacturer, unless the
5 taxpayer has received an appropriate nontaxable transaction
6 certificate for such sale or sales.

7 Section 4. CLAIMING THE CREDIT--CREDIT CLAIM FORMS.--The
8 taxpayer shall claim the research and development small
9 business tax credit within one year after the end of the
10 reporting period to which the credit is applicable. The
11 department shall provide credit claim forms for the research
12 and development small business tax credit. A credit claim form
13 shall accompany any return in which the taxpayer claims the
14 credit, and the claim shall specify the amount of credit
15 intended to apply to each return.

16 Section 5. LIMITATION ON OTHER CREDITS.--Claiming the
17 research and development small business tax credit with respect
18 to a reporting period renders the taxpayer ineligible to claim
19 a credit with respect to that same reporting period pursuant to
20 the Capital Equipment Tax Credit Act, the Investment Credit Act
21 or the Technology Jobs Tax Credit Act.

22 Section 6. ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT.--The department
23 shall administer the Research and Development Small Business
24 Tax Credit Act pursuant to the Tax Administration Act.

25 Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the

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