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43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998 I NTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT
RELATI NG TO TAXATI ON; EXPANDI NG AND I NCREASI NG THE LOW I NCOME COMPREHENSI VE TAX REBATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEG SLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXI CO:
Section 1. Section 7-2-14 NM5A 1978 (bei ng Laws 1972, Chapter 20, Section 2 , as amended) is amended to read:
" 7-2-14. LOW I NCOME COMPREHENSI VE TAX REBATE. --
A. Except as otherwi se provi ded in Subsection B of thi s section, any resi dent who files an indi vi dual New Mexi co income tax return and who is not a dependent of another i ndi vi dual may claima tax rebate for a portion of state and I ocal taxes to whi ch the resi dent has been subject during the taxable year for whi ch the return is filed. The tax rebate may be clai med even though the resi dent has no income taxable under the Income Tax Act. A husband and wife who file
separate ret urns for a taxable year in whi ch they could have filed a joint return may each claimonly one-halfor the tax rebate that would have been allowed on a joint return.
B. No clai mfor the tax rebate provi ded in this section shall be filed by a resi dent who was an innate of a public institution for more than six months during the taxable year for whi ch the tax rebate could be clai red or who was not physi cally present in New Mexi co for at least six months during the taxable year for whi ch the tax rebate could be cl ai med.
C. For the purposes of this section, the total number of exemptions for whi ch a tax rebate may be clai med or al lowed is determined by adding the number of feder al exemptions allowable for federal income tax purposes for each indi vi dual included in the return who is domiciled in New Mexi co pl us two additional exemptions for each indi vi dual domiciled in New Mexico included in the return who is si xty-five years of age or ol der pl us one additional exemption for each indi vi dual domi ciled in New Mexi co included in the return who, for federal income tax purposes, is blind plus one exemption for each minor child or stepchild of the resi dent who would be a dependent for feder al income tax purposes if the public assistance contributing to the support of the child or stepchild was consi dered to have been contributed by the resi dent.
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D. The tax rebate provi ded for in this section may be clai med in the amount shown in the following table: Mbdified Gross And the total nunber Income is: of exemptions is:

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 $\begin{array}{llllllllll}2,500 & 3,000 & 135 & 190 & 240 & 290 & 325 & 450\end{array}$
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 $\begin{array}{llllllll}7,000 & 7,500 & 15 & 50 & 85 & 120 & 195 & 290 \\ 7,500 & 8,000 & 10 & 20 & 50 & 80 & 130 & 220\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllllll}8,000 & 8,500 & 10 & 20 & 30 & 60 & 90 & 180\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllllll}8,500 & 9,000 & 10 & 20 & 30 & 40 & 70 & 140\end{array}$
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E. If a taxpayer's modified gross income is zero, the taxpayer may cl ai macredit in the amount shown in the first row of the table appropriate for the taxpayer's number of exemptions.
F. The tax rebates provi ded for in this section may be deducted fromthe taxpayer's New Mexi co income tax liability for the taxable year. If the tax rebates exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability, the excess shall be ref unded to the taxpayer.
G. For purposes of thi s section, "dependent" means "dependent" as defined by Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as that section may be amended or renumbered, but al so incl udes any min child or stepchild of the resident who would be a dependent for federal income tax purposes if the publ ic assistance contributing to the support of the child or stepchild was consi dered to have been contributed by the resi dent."

Section 2. APPLI CABI LI TY.-- The provi si ons of this act appl y to taxable years begi nning on or after January 1, 1998. - 6 -
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Mr. Speaker:
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