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RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX

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It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 44-30-2.6 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-30 entitled "Personal  
2 Income Tax" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **44-30-2.6. Rhode Island taxable income -- Rate of tax.**

4           (a) "Rhode Island taxable income" means federal taxable income as determined under the  
5 Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., not including the increase in the basic, standard-  
6 deduction amount for married couples filing joint returns as provided in the Jobs and Growth Tax  
7 Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 and the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of  
8 2001 (EGTRRA), and as modified by the modifications in § 44-30-12.

9           (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 44-30-1 and 44-30-2, for tax years beginning on  
10 or after January 1, 2001, a Rhode Island personal income tax is imposed upon the Rhode Island  
11 taxable income of residents and nonresidents, including estates and trusts, at the rate of twenty-five  
12 and one-half percent (25.5%) for tax year 2001, and twenty-five percent (25%) for tax year 2002  
13 and thereafter of the federal income tax rates, including capital gains rates and any other special  
14 rates for other types of income, except as provided in § 44-30-2.7, which were in effect immediately  
15 prior to enactment of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA);  
16 provided, rate schedules shall be adjusted for inflation by the tax administrator beginning in taxable  
17 year 2002 and thereafter in the manner prescribed for adjustment by the commissioner of Internal  
18 Revenue in 26 U.S.C. § 1(f). However, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a  
19 taxpayer may elect to use the alternative flat tax rate provided in § 44-30-2.10 to calculate his or

1 her personal income tax liability.

2 (c) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, if a taxpayer has an alternative  
3 minimum tax for federal tax purposes, the taxpayer shall determine if he or she has a Rhode Island  
4 alternative minimum tax. The Rhode Island alternative minimum tax shall be computed by  
5 multiplying the federal tentative minimum tax without allowing for the increased exemptions under  
6 the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (as redetermined on federal form 6251  
7 Alternative Minimum Tax-Individuals) by twenty-five and one-half percent (25.5%) for tax year  
8 2001, and twenty-five percent (25%) for tax year 2002 and thereafter, and comparing the product  
9 to the Rhode Island tax as computed otherwise under this section. The excess shall be the taxpayer's  
10 Rhode Island alternative minimum tax.

11 (1) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, and thereafter, the exemption  
12 amount for alternative minimum tax, for Rhode Island purposes, shall be adjusted for inflation by  
13 the tax administrator in the manner prescribed for adjustment by the commissioner of Internal  
14 Revenue in 26 U.S.C. § 1(f).

15 (2) For the period January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007, and thereafter, Rhode  
16 Island taxable income shall be determined by deducting from federal adjusted gross income as  
17 defined in 26 U.S.C. § 62 as modified by the modifications in § 44-30-12 the Rhode Island  
18 itemized-deduction amount and the Rhode Island exemption amount as determined in this section.

19 (A) Tax imposed.

20 (1) There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of married individuals filing joint  
21 returns and surviving spouses a tax determined in accordance with the following table:

22 If taxable income is:	The tax is:
23 Not over \$53,150	3.75% of taxable income
24 Over \$53,150 but not over \$128,500	\$1,993.13 plus 7.00% of the excess over \$53,150
25 Over \$128,500 but not over \$195,850	\$7,267.63 plus 7.75% of the excess over \$128,500
26 Over \$195,850 but not over \$349,700	\$12,487.25 plus 9.00% of the excess over \$195,850
27 Over \$349,700	\$26,333.75 plus 9.90% of the excess over \$349,700

28 (2) There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of every head of household a tax  
29 determined in accordance with the following table:

30 If taxable income is:	The tax is:
31 Not over \$42,650	3.75% of taxable income
32 Over \$42,650 but not over \$110,100	\$1,599.38 plus 7.00% of the excess over \$42,650
33 Over \$110,100 but not over \$178,350	\$6,320.88 plus 7.75% of the excess over \$110,100
34 Over \$178,350 but not over \$349,700	\$11,610.25 plus 9.00% of the excess over \$178,350

1 Over \$349,700 \$27,031.75 plus 9.90% of the excess over \$349,700

2 (3) There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of unmarried individuals (other than  
3 surviving spouses and heads of households) a tax determined in accordance with the following  
4 table:

5 If taxable income is:	The tax is:
6 Not over \$31,850	3.75% of taxable income
7 Over \$31,850 but not over \$77,100	\$1,194.38 plus 7.00% of the excess over \$31,850
8 Over \$77,100 but not over \$160,850	\$4,361.88 plus 7.75% of the excess over \$77,100
9 Over \$160,850 but not over \$349,700	\$10,852.50 plus 9.00% of the excess over \$160,850
10 Over \$349,700	\$27,849.00 plus 9.90% of the excess over \$349,700

11 (4) There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of married individuals filing separate  
12 returns and bankruptcy estates a tax determined in accordance with the following table:

13 If taxable income is:	The tax is:
14 Not over \$26,575	3.75% of taxable income
15 Over \$26,575 but not over \$64,250	\$996.56 plus 7.00% of the excess over \$26,575
16 Over \$64,250 but not over \$97,925	\$3,633.81 plus 7.75% of the excess over \$64,250
17 Over \$97,925 but not over \$174,850	\$6,243.63 plus 9.00% of the excess over \$97,925
18 Over \$174,850	\$13,166.88 plus 9.90% of the excess over \$174,850

19 (5) There is hereby imposed a taxable income of an estate or trust a tax determined in  
20 accordance with the following table:

21 If taxable income is:	The tax is:
22 Not over \$2,150	3.75% of taxable income
23 Over \$2,150 but not over \$5,000	\$80.63 plus 7.00% of the excess over \$2,150
24 Over \$5,000 but not over \$7,650	\$280.13 plus 7.75% of the excess over \$5,000
25 Over \$7,650 but not over \$10,450	\$485.50 plus 9.00% of the excess over \$7,650
26 Over \$10,450	\$737.50 plus 9.90% of the excess over \$10,450

27 (6) Adjustments for inflation.

28 The dollars amount contained in paragraph (A) shall be increased by an amount equal to:

29 (a) Such dollar amount contained in paragraph (A) in the year 1993, multiplied by;

30 (b) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 1993;

31 (c) The cost-of-living adjustment referred to in subparagraphs (a) and (b) used in making  
32 adjustments to the nine percent (9%) and nine and nine tenths percent (9.9%) dollar amounts shall  
33 be determined under section (J) by substituting "1994" for "1993."

34 (B) Maximum capital gains rates.

1 (1) In general.

2 If a taxpayer has a net capital gain for tax years ending prior to January 1, 2010, the tax  
3 imposed by this section for such taxable year shall not exceed the sum of:

4 (a) 2.5 % of the net capital gain as reported for federal income tax purposes under section  
5 26 U.S.C. § 1(h)(1)(a) and 26 U.S.C. § 1(h)(1)(b).

6 (b) 5% of the net capital gain as reported for federal income tax purposes under 26 U.S.C.  
7 § 1(h)(1)(c).

8 (c) 6.25% of the net capital gain as reported for federal income tax purposes under 26  
9 U.S.C. § 1(h)(1)(d).

10 (d) 7% of the net capital gain as reported for federal income tax purposes under 26 U.S.C.  
11 § 1(h)(1)(e).

12 (2) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, the tax imposed on net capital gain  
13 shall be determined under subdivision 44-30-2.6(c)(2)(A).

14 (C) Itemized deductions.

15 (1) In general.

16 For the purposes of section (2), "itemized deductions" means the amount of federal  
17 itemized deductions as modified by the modifications in § 44-30-12.

18 (2) Individuals who do not itemize their deductions.

19 In the case of an individual who does not elect to itemize his deductions for the taxable  
20 year, they may elect to take a standard deduction.

21 (3) Basic standard deduction.

22 The Rhode Island standard deduction shall be allowed in accordance with the following  
23 table:

24 Filing status	Amount
25 Single	\$5,350
26 Married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)	\$8,900
27 Married filing separately	\$4,450
28 Head of Household	\$7,850

29 (4) Additional standard deduction for the aged and blind.

30 An additional standard deduction shall be allowed for individuals age sixty-five (65) or  
31 older or blind in the amount of \$1,300 for individuals who are not married and \$1,050 for  
32 individuals who are married.

33 (5) Limitation on basic standard deduction in the case of certain dependents.

34 In the case of an individual to whom a deduction under section (E) is allowable to another

1 taxpayer, the basic standard deduction applicable to such individual shall not exceed the greater of:

- 2 (a) \$850;
- 3 (b) The sum of \$300 and such individual's earned income;
- 4 (6) Certain individuals not eligible for standard deduction.

5 In the case of:

- 6 (a) A married individual filing a separate return where either spouse itemizes deductions;
- 7 (b) Nonresident alien individual;
- 8 (c) An estate or trust;

9 The standard deduction shall be zero.

10 (7) Adjustments for inflation.

11 Each dollar amount contained in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) shall be increased by an amount  
12 equal to:

- 13 (a) Such dollar amount contained in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) in the year 1988, multiplied  
14 by
- 15 (b) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 1988.
- 16 (D) Overall limitation on itemized deductions.

17 (1) General rule.

18 In the case of an individual whose adjusted gross income as modified by § 44-30-12  
19 exceeds the applicable amount, the amount of the itemized deductions otherwise allowable for the  
20 taxable year shall be reduced by the lesser of:

- 21 (a) Three percent (3%) of the excess of adjusted gross income as modified by § 44-30-12  
22 over the applicable amount; or
- 23 (b) Eighty percent (80%) of the amount of the itemized deductions otherwise allowable for  
24 such taxable year.

25 (2) Applicable amount.

26 (a) In general.

27 For purposes of this section, the term "applicable amount" means \$156,400 (\$78,200 in the  
28 case of a separate return by a married individual)

29 (b) Adjustments for inflation.

30 Each dollar amount contained in paragraph (a) shall be increased by an amount equal to:

- 31 (i) Such dollar amount contained in paragraph (a) in the year 1991, multiplied by
- 32 (ii) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 1991.
- 33 (3) Phase-out of Limitation.

34 (a) In general.

1 In the case of taxable year beginning after December 31, 2005, and before January 1, 2010,  
2 the reduction under section (1) shall be equal to the applicable fraction of the amount which would  
3 be the amount of such reduction.

4 (b) Applicable fraction.

5 For purposes of paragraph (a), the applicable fraction shall be determined in accordance  
6 with the following table:

7 For taxable years beginning in calendar year	The applicable fraction is
8 2006 and 2007	2/3
9 2008 and 2009	1/3

10 (E) Exemption amount.

11 (1) In general.

12 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the term "exemption amount" means  
13 \$3,400.

14 (2) Exemption amount disallowed in case of certain dependents.

15 In the case of an individual with respect to whom a deduction under this section is allowable  
16 to another taxpayer for the same taxable year, the exemption amount applicable to such individual  
17 for such individual's taxable year shall be zero.

18 (3) Adjustments for inflation.

19 The dollar amount contained in paragraph (1) shall be increased by an amount equal to:

20 (a) Such dollar amount contained in paragraph (1) in the year 1989, multiplied by

21 (b) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 1989.

22 (4) Limitation.

23 (a) In general.

24 In the case of any taxpayer whose adjusted gross income as modified for the taxable year  
25 exceeds the threshold amount shall be reduced by the applicable percentage.

26 (b) Applicable percentage.

27 In the case of any taxpayer whose adjusted gross income for the taxable year exceeds the  
28 threshold amount, the exemption amount shall be reduced by two (2) percentage points for each  
29 \$2,500 (or fraction thereof) by which the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the taxable year  
30 exceeds the threshold amount. In the case of a married individual filing a separate return, the  
31 preceding sentence shall be applied by substituting "\$1,250" for "\$2,500." In no event shall the  
32 applicable percentage exceed one hundred percent (100%).

33 (c) Threshold Amount.

34 For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "threshold amount" shall be determined with

1 the following table:

2 Filing status	Amount
3 Single	\$156,400
4 Married filing jointly of qualifying widow(er)	\$234,600
5 Married filing separately	\$117,300
6 Head of Household	\$195,500

7 (d) Adjustments for inflation.

8 Each dollar amount contained in paragraph (b) shall be increased by an amount equal to:

9 (i) Such dollar amount contained in paragraph (b) in the year 1991, multiplied by

10 (ii) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 1991.

11 (5) Phase-out of limitation.

12 (a) In general.

13 In the case of taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005, and before January 1,  
14 2010, the reduction under section 4 shall be equal to the applicable fraction of the amount which  
15 would be the amount of such reduction.

16 (b) Applicable fraction.

17 For the purposes of paragraph (a), the applicable fraction shall be determined in accordance  
18 with the following table:

19 For taxable years beginning in calendar year	The applicable fraction is
20 2006 and 2007	2/3
21 2008 and 2009	1/3

22 (F) Alternative minimum tax.

23 (1) General rule. There is hereby imposed (in addition to any other tax imposed by this  
24 subtitle) a tax equal to the excess (if any) of:

25 (a) The tentative minimum tax for the taxable year, over

26 (b) The regular tax for the taxable year.

27 (2) The tentative minimum tax for the taxable year is the sum of:

28 (a) 6.5 percent of so much of the taxable excess as does not exceed \$175,000, plus

29 (b) 7.0 percent of so much of the taxable excess above \$175,000.

30 (3) The amount determined under the preceding sentence shall be reduced by the alternative  
31 minimum tax foreign tax credit for the taxable year.

32 (4) Taxable excess. For the purposes of this subsection the term "taxable excess" means so  
33 much of the federal alternative minimum taxable income as modified by the modifications in § 44-  
34 30-12 as exceeds the exemption amount.

1 (5) In the case of a married individual filing a separate return, subparagraph (2) shall be  
2 applied by substituting "\$87,500" for \$175,000 each place it appears.

3 (6) Exemption amount.

4 For purposes of this section "exemption amount" means:

5 Filing status	Amount
6 Single	\$39,150
7 Married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)	\$53,700
8 Married filing separately	\$26,850
9 Head of Household	\$39,150
10 Estate or trust	\$24,650

11 (7) Treatment of unearned income of minor children

12 (a) In general.

13 In the case of a minor child, the exemption amount for purposes of section (6) shall not  
14 exceed the sum of:

15 (i) Such child's earned income, plus

16 (ii) \$6,000.

17 (8) Adjustments for inflation.

18 The dollar amount contained in paragraphs (6) and (7) shall be increased by an amount  
19 equal to:

20 (a) Such dollar amount contained in paragraphs (6) and (7) in the year 2004, multiplied by

21 (b) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 2004.

22 (9) Phase-out.

23 (a) In general.

24 The exemption amount of any taxpayer shall be reduced (but not below zero) by an amount  
25 equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount by which alternative minimum taxable income  
26 of the taxpayer exceeds the threshold amount.

27 (b) Threshold amount.

28 For purposes of this paragraph, the term "threshold amount" shall be determined with the  
29 following table:

30 Filing status	Amount
31 Single	\$123,250
32 Married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)	\$164,350
33 Married filing separately	\$82,175
34 Head of Household	\$123,250



1 Estate or Trust \$82,150

2 (c) Adjustments for inflation

3 Each dollar amount contained in paragraph (9) shall be increased by an amount equal to:

4 (i) Such dollar amount contained in paragraph (9) in the year 2004, multiplied by

5 (ii) The cost-of-living adjustment determined under section (J) with a base year of 2004.

6 (G) Other Rhode Island taxes.

7 (1) General rule. There is hereby imposed (in addition to any other tax imposed by this  
8 subtitle) a tax equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of:

9 (a) The Federal income tax on lump-sum distributions.

10 (b) The Federal income tax on parents' election to report child's interest and dividends.

11 (c) The recapture of Federal tax credits that were previously claimed on Rhode Island  
12 return.

13 (H) Tax for children under 18 with investment income.

14 (1) General rule. There is hereby imposed a tax equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of:

15 (a) The Federal tax for children under the age of 18 with investment income.

16 (I) Averaging of farm income.

17 (1) General rule. At the election of an individual engaged in a farming business or fishing  
18 business, the tax imposed in section 2 shall be equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of:

19 (a) The Federal averaging of farm income as determined in IRC section 1301 [26 U.S.C. §  
20 1301].

21 (J) Cost-of-living adjustment.

22 (1) In general.

23 The cost-of-living adjustment for any calendar year is the percentage (if any) by which:

24 (a) The CPI for the preceding calendar year exceeds

25 (b) The CPI for the base year.

26 (2) CPI for any calendar year.

27 For purposes of paragraph (1), the CPI for any calendar year is the average of the consumer  
28 price index as of the close of the twelve (12) month period ending on August 31 of such calendar  
29 year.

30 (3) Consumer price index.

31 For purposes of paragraph (2), the term "consumer price index" means the last consumer  
32 price index for all urban consumers published by the department of labor. For purposes of the  
33 preceding sentence, the revision of the consumer price index that is most consistent with the  
34 consumer price index for calendar year 1986 shall be used.

1 (4) Rounding.

2 (a) In general.

3 If any increase determined under paragraph (1) is not a multiple of \$50, such increase shall  
4 be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$50.

5 (b) In the case of a married individual filing a separate return, subparagraph (a) shall be  
6 applied by substituting "\$25" for \$50 each place it appears.

7 (K) Credits against tax. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, a taxpayer  
8 entitled to any of the following federal credits enacted prior to January 1, 1996, shall be entitled to  
9 a credit against the Rhode Island tax imposed under this section:

10 (1) [Deleted by P.L. 2007, ch. 73, art. 7, § 5].

11 (2) Child and dependent care credit;

12 (3) General business credits;

13 (4) Credit for elderly or the disabled;

14 (5) Credit for prior year minimum tax;

15 (6) Mortgage interest credit;

16 (7) Empowerment zone employment credit;

17 (8) Qualified electric vehicle credit.

18 (L) Credit against tax for adoption. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a  
19 taxpayer entitled to the federal adoption credit shall be entitled to a credit against the Rhode Island  
20 tax imposed under this section if the adopted child was under the care, custody, or supervision of  
21 the Rhode Island department of children, youth and families prior to the adoption.

22 (M) The credit shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the aforementioned federal credits  
23 provided there shall be no deduction based on any federal credits enacted after January 1, 1996,  
24 including the rate reduction credit provided by the federal Economic Growth and Tax  
25 Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA). In no event shall the tax imposed under this section be  
26 reduced to less than zero. A taxpayer required to recapture any of the above credits for federal tax  
27 purposes shall determine the Rhode Island amount to be recaptured in the same manner as  
28 prescribed in this subsection.

29 (N) Rhode Island earned-income credit .

30 (1) In general.

31 For tax years beginning before January 1, 2015, a taxpayer entitled to a federal earned-  
32 income credit shall be allowed a Rhode Island earned-income credit equal to twenty-five percent  
33 (25%) of the federal earned-income credit. Such credit shall not exceed the amount of the Rhode  
34 Island income tax.

1 For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2016, a taxpayer  
2 entitled to a federal earned-income credit shall be allowed a Rhode Island earned-income credit  
3 equal to ten percent (10%) of the federal earned-income credit. Such credit shall not exceed the  
4 amount of the Rhode Island income tax.

5 For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, a taxpayer entitled to a federal earned-  
6 income credit shall be allowed a Rhode Island earned-income credit equal to twelve and one-half  
7 percent (12.5%) of the federal earned-income credit. Such credit shall not exceed the amount of the  
8 Rhode Island income tax.

9 For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, a taxpayer entitled to a federal earned-  
10 income credit shall be allowed a Rhode Island earned-income credit equal to fifteen percent (15%)  
11 of the federal earned-income credit. Such credit shall not exceed the amount of the Rhode Island  
12 income tax.

13 (2) Refundable portion.

14 In the event the Rhode Island earned-income credit allowed under paragraph (N)(1) of this  
15 section exceeds the amount of Rhode Island income tax, a refundable earned-income credit shall  
16 be allowed as follows.

17 (i) For tax years beginning before January 1, 2015, for purposes of paragraph (2) refundable  
18 earned-income credit means fifteen percent (15%) of the amount by which the Rhode Island earned-  
19 income credit exceeds the Rhode Island income tax.

20 (ii) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, for purposes of paragraph (2)  
21 refundable earned-income credit means one hundred percent (100%) of the amount by which the  
22 Rhode Island earned-income credit exceeds the Rhode Island income tax.

23 (O) The tax administrator shall recalculate and submit necessary revisions to paragraphs  
24 (A) through (J) to the general assembly no later than February 1, 2010, and every three (3) years  
25 thereafter for inclusion in the statute.

26 (3) For the period January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011, and thereafter, "Rhode  
27 Island taxable income" means federal adjusted gross income as determined under the Internal  
28 Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., and as modified for Rhode Island purposes pursuant to § 44-  
29 30-12 less the amount of Rhode Island Basic Standard Deduction allowed pursuant to subparagraph  
30 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(B), and less the amount of personal exemption allowed pursuant to subparagraph  
31 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(C).

32 (A) Tax imposed.

33 (I) There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of married individuals filing joint  
34 returns, qualifying widow(er), every head of household, unmarried individuals, married individuals

1 filing separate returns and bankruptcy estates, a tax determined in accordance with the following  
 2 table:

3 RI Taxable Income			4 RI Income Tax
5 Over	6 But not over	7 Pay +% on Excess	8 on the amount over
9 \$0 -	10 \$ 55,000	11 \$ 0 + 3.75%	12 \$0
13 55,000 -	14 125,000	15 2,063 + 4.75%	16 55,000
17 125,000 -		18 5,388 + 5.99%	19 125,000

20 (II) There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of an estate or trust a tax determined in  
 21 accordance with the following table:

22 RI Taxable Income			23 RI Income Tax
24 Over	25 But not over	26 Pay + % on Excess	27 on the amount over
28 \$0 -	29 \$ 2,230	30 \$ 0 + 3.75%	31 \$0
32 2,230 -	33 7,022	34 84 + 4.75%	35 2,230
36 7,022 -		37 312 + 5.99%	38 7,022

39 (B) Deductions:

40 (I) Rhode Island Basic Standard Deduction.

41 Only the Rhode Island standard deduction shall be allowed in accordance with the  
 42 following table:

43 Filing status:	44 Amount
45 Single	46 \$7,500
47 Married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)	48 \$15,000
49 Married filing separately	50 \$7,500
51 Head of Household	52 \$11,250

53 (II) Nonresident alien individuals, estates and trusts are not eligible for standard  
 54 deductions.

55 (III) In the case of any taxpayer whose adjusted gross income, as modified for Rhode Island  
 56 purposes pursuant to § 44-30-12, for the taxable year exceeds one hundred seventy-five thousand  
 57 dollars (\$175,000), the standard deduction amount shall be reduced by the applicable percentage.  
 58 The term "applicable percentage" means twenty (20) percentage points for each five thousand  
 59 dollars (\$5,000) (or fraction thereof) by which the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the taxable  
 60 year exceeds one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000).

61 (C) Exemption Amount:

62 (I) The term "exemption amount" means three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500)  
 63 multiplied by the number of exemptions allowed for the taxable year for federal income tax  
 64

1 purposes. For tax years beginning on or after 2018, the term "exemption amount" means the same  
2 as it does in 26 U.S.C. § 151 and 26 U.S.C. § 152 just prior to the enactment of the Tax Cuts and  
3 Jobs Act (Pub. L. 115-97) on December 22, 2017.

4 (II) Exemption amount disallowed in case of certain dependents. In the case of an  
5 individual with respect to whom a deduction under this section is allowable to another taxpayer for  
6 the same taxable year, the exemption amount applicable to such individual for such individual's  
7 taxable year shall be zero.

8 (III) Identifying information required.

9 (1) Except as provided in § 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(C)(II) of this section, no exemption shall be  
10 allowed under this section with respect to any individual unless the Taxpayer Identification Number  
11 of such individual is included on the federal return claiming the exemption for the same tax filing  
12 period.

13 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(C)(I) of this section, in the event  
14 that the Taxpayer Identification Number for each individual is not required to be included on the  
15 federal tax return for the purposes of claiming a personal exemption(s), then the Taxpayer  
16 Identification Number must be provided on the Rhode Island tax return for the purpose of claiming  
17 said exemption(s).

18 (D) In the case of any taxpayer whose adjusted gross income, as modified for Rhode Island  
19 purposes pursuant to § 44-30-12, for the taxable year exceeds one hundred seventy-five thousand  
20 dollars (\$175,000), the exemption amount shall be reduced by the applicable percentage. The term  
21 "applicable percentage" means twenty (20) percentage points for each five thousand dollars  
22 (\$5,000) (or fraction thereof) by which the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the taxable year  
23 exceeds one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000).

24 (E) Adjustment for inflation. The dollar amount contained in subparagraphs 44-30-  
25 2.6(c)(3)(A), 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(B) and 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(C) shall be increased annually by an amount  
26 equal to:

27 (I) Such dollar amount contained in subparagraphs 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(A), 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(B)  
28 and 44-30-2.6(c)(3)(C) adjusted for inflation using a base tax year of 2000, multiplied by;

29 (II) The cost-of-living adjustment with a base year of 2000.

30 (III) For the purposes of this section, the cost-of-living adjustment for any calendar year is  
31 the percentage (if any) by which the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year exceeds  
32 the consumer price index for the base year. The consumer price index for any calendar year is the  
33 average of the consumer price index as of the close of the twelve-month (12) period ending on  
34 August 31, of such calendar year.

1 (IV) For the purpose of this section the term "consumer price index" means the last  
2 consumer price index for all urban consumers published by the department of labor. For the purpose  
3 of this section the revision of the consumer price index that is most consistent with the consumer  
4 price index for calendar year 1986 shall be used.

5 (V) If any increase determined under this section is not a multiple of fifty dollars (\$50.00),  
6 such increase shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of fifty dollars (\$50.00). In the case of a  
7 married individual filing separate return, if any increase determined under this section is not a  
8 multiple of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), such increase shall be rounded to the next lower multiple  
9 of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

10 (F) Credits against tax.

11 (I) Notwithstanding any other provisions of Rhode Island Law, for tax years beginning on  
12 or after January 1, 2011, the only credits allowed against a tax imposed under this chapter shall be  
13 as follows:

14 (a) Rhode Island earned-income credit: Credit shall be allowed for earned-income credit  
15 pursuant to subparagraph 44-30-2.6(c)(2)(N).

16 (b) Property Tax Relief Credit: Credit shall be allowed for property tax relief as provided  
17 in § 44-33-1 et seq.

18 (c) Lead Paint Credit: Credit shall be allowed for residential lead abatement income tax  
19 credit as provided in § 44-30.3-1 et seq.

20 (d) Credit for income taxes of other states. Credit shall be allowed for income tax paid to  
21 other states pursuant to § 44-30-74.

22 (e) Historic Structures Tax Credit: Credit shall be allowed for historic structures tax credit  
23 as provided in § 44-33.2-1 et seq.

24 (f) Motion Picture Productions Tax Credit: Credit shall be allowed for motion picture  
25 production tax credit as provided in § 44-31.2-1 et seq.

26 (g) Child and Dependent Care: Credit shall be allowed for twenty-five percent (25%) of  
27 the federal child and dependent care credit allowable for the taxable year for federal purposes;  
28 provided, however, such credit shall not exceed the Rhode Island tax liability.

29 (h) Tax credits for contributions to Scholarship Organizations: Credit shall be allowed for  
30 contributions to scholarship organizations as provided in chapter 62 of title 44.

31 (i) Credit for tax withheld. Wages upon which tax is required to be withheld shall be taxable  
32 as if no withholding were required, but any amount of Rhode Island personal income tax actually  
33 deducted and withheld in any calendar year shall be deemed to have been paid to the tax  
34 administrator on behalf of the person from whom withheld, and the person shall be credited with

1 having paid that amount of tax for the taxable year beginning in that calendar year. For a taxable  
2 year of less than twelve (12) months, the credit shall be made under regulations of the tax  
3 administrator.

4 (j) Stay Invested in RI Wavemaker Fellowship: Credit shall be allowed for stay invested in  
5 RI wavemaker fellowship program as provided in § 42-64.26-1 et seq.

6 (k) Rebuild Rhode Island: Credit shall be allowed for rebuild RI tax credit as provided in  
7 § 42-64.20-1 et seq.

8 (l) Rhode Island Qualified Jobs Incentive Program: Credit shall be allowed for Rhode  
9 Island new qualified jobs incentive program credit as provided in § 44-48.3-1 et seq.

10 (m) Historic homeownership assistance act: Effective for tax year 2017 and thereafter,  
11 unused carryforward for such credit previously issued shall be allowed for the historic  
12 homeownership assistance act as provided in § 44-33.1-4. This allowance is for credits already  
13 issued pursuant to § 44-33.1-4 and shall not be construed to authorize the issuance of new credits  
14 under the historic homeownership assistance act.

15 (n) Residential renewable energy system tax credit: Effective for tax year 2021 and  
16 thereafter, credit shall be allowed for the residential renewable energy system tax credit, and unused  
17 carryforward for such credit previously issued shall be allowed for the residential renewable energy  
18 system tax credit, as provided in chapter 57 of title 44.

19 (2) Except as provided in section 1 above, no other state and federal tax credit shall be  
20 available to the taxpayers in computing tax liability under this chapter.

21 SECTION 2. Sections 44-57-1 and 44-57-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-57 entitled  
22 "Residential Renewable Energy System Tax Credit" are hereby amended to read as follows:

23 **44-57-1. Tax credit for principal or secondary residence.**

24 (a) An eligible person, as defined in § 44-57-3, who shall pay all or part of the cost of an  
25 eligible renewable energy system, as defined in § 44-57-4, which is installed in a dwelling, as  
26 defined in § 44-57-2(13), shall be entitled to a tax credit against the tax liability imposed by chapters  
27 11 and 30 of this title. The credit, which shall be nonrefundable, shall be computed in accordance  
28 with § 44-57-5.

29 (b) The credit shall be claimed in the tax year in which the renewable energy system is  
30 placed into service. The credit may be claimed in the tax year the renewable energy system is  
31 purchased if the system is placed in service by April 1 of the following tax year.

32 (c) Any credit not used in accordance with subsection (b) of this section shall ~~not be carried~~  
33 ~~over to any following year or years~~ be carried over to the following tax year, up to three (3) years  
34 maximum. The tax credit shall not reduce the tax in any tax year below the minimum tax where a

1 minimum tax is provided by law.

2 (d) In the event the eligible person is a partnership, joint venture, or corporation, the credit  
3 shall be divided in the same manner as income.

4 **44-57-5. Computation of tax credit.**

5 (a) The tax credit on each system as provided for in this chapter shall be determined as  
6 follows:

7 (1) Photovoltaic systems:

8 (i)(A) Photovoltaic systems shall have a minimum module size of twenty-four (24) square  
9 feet; and

10 (B) Be connected to a battery storage system or be grid interconnected;

11 (ii) Qualifying systems shall receive a tax credit of:

12 (A) ~~Twenty five percent (25%)~~ Thirty percent (30%) of the cost of the system.

13 (iii) The maximum cost of the system shall not exceed ~~fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)~~  
14 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); provided, systems costing more than ~~fifteen thousand~~  
15 ~~dollars (\$15,000)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) will receive a tax credit based on a ~~fifteen~~  
16 ~~thousand dollars (\$15,000)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) system cost.

17 (2) Solar domestic hot water systems:

18 (i)(A) Solar domestic hot water systems shall have a minimum collector area of thirty-four  
19 (34) square feet; and

20 (B) A solar storage tank that is at least eighty (80) gallons.

21 (ii) Qualifying systems shall receive a tax credit of:

22 (A) ~~Twenty five percent (25%)~~ Thirty percent (30%) of the cost of the system.

23 (iii) The maximum cost of the system shall not exceed ~~seven thousand dollars (\$7,000)~~  
24 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); provided, systems costing more than ~~seven thousand~~  
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26 ~~thousand dollars (\$7,000)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) system cost.

27 (3) Active solar heating systems:

28 (i)(A) Active solar space heating systems shall have a minimum collector area of one  
29 hundred twenty-five (125) square feet; and

30 (B) A system for storing and/or distributing the heat to the living area of the house.

31 (ii) Qualifying systems shall receive a tax credit of:

32 (A) ~~Twenty five percent (25%)~~ Thirty percent (30%) of the cost of the system.

33 (iii) The maximum cost of the system shall not exceed ~~fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)~~  
34 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); provided, systems costing more than ~~fifteen thousand~~



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2 ~~thousand dollars (\$15,000)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) system cost.

3 (4) Wind energy systems:

4 (i)(A) Wind energy systems must have a rotor diameter of at least forty-four inches (44");  
5 and

6 (B) Have a minimum factory rated output of at least two hundred fifty (250) watts at  
7 twenty-eight (28) mph.

8 (ii) Qualifying systems shall receive a tax credit of:

9 (A) ~~Twenty five percent (25%)~~ Thirty percent (30%) of the cost of the system.

10 (iii) The maximum cost of the system shall not exceed ~~fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)~~  
11 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); provided, systems costing more than ~~fifteen thousand~~  
12 ~~dollars (\$15,000)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) will receive a tax credit based on a ~~fifteen~~  
13 ~~thousand dollars (\$15,000)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) system cost.

14 (5) Geothermal systems:

15 (i) Geothermal systems must have either a coefficient of performance of 3.4 or greater or  
16 an efficiency ratio of sixteen (16) or greater. All geothermal systems must have a commissioning  
17 sign-off by the manufacturer or distributor of the equipment to verify the proper installation and  
18 performance of the system. All geothermal systems must meet the following standards:

19 (A) ARI/ASHRAE/ISO-13256-1 for water to air geothermal systems;

20 (B) ARI/ASHRAE/ISO-13256-2 for water to water geothermal systems;

21 (C) ARI/ASHRAE/ISO-13256 GWHP for groundwater heat pumps;

22 (D) ARI/ASHRAE/ISO-13256 GLHP for closed loop heat pumps;

23 (ii) Qualifying systems shall receive a tax credit of:

24 (A) ~~Twenty five percent (25%)~~ Thirty percent (30%) of the cost of the system.

25 (iii) The maximum cost of the system shall not exceed ~~seven thousand dollars (\$7,000)~~  
26 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). Provided, systems costing more than ~~seven thousand~~  
27 ~~dollars (\$7,000)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) will receive a tax credit based on a ~~seven~~  
28 ~~thousand dollars (\$7,000)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) system cost.

29 (b) For purposes of the tax credit, the cost of the renewable energy system shall be the net  
30 cost of acquiring the system, and shall not include:

31 (1) Unpaid labor including the applicant's labor;

32 (2) Operating and maintenance costs;

33 (3) Land costs;

34 (4) Legal and court costs;

- 1           (5) Patent search fees;
- 2           (6) Fees for variances;
- 3           (7) Loan interest;
- 4           (8) Service contracts;
- 5           (9) Cost of moving a used renewable energy system from one site to another;
- 6           (10) Cost of repair or resale of a system;
- 7           (11) Any part of the purchase price that is optional, such as an extended warranty or an
- 8           upgraded monitoring system; and
- 9           (12) Delivery fees.
- 10          SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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OF  
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RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX

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1           This act would amend the residential renewable energy system tax credit to remove the tax  
2 credit carryover restriction, increase the tax credit from twenty-five percent (25%) to thirty percent  
3 (30%) and increase the amount that may be credited from fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to  
4 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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