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HOUSE BILL No. 2008

By Select Committee on School Finance

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AN ACT relating to taxation; imposing a special guest worker payroll tax on income earned in Kansas by certain non-citizens of the United States; concerning procedures relating thereto.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, "guest worker" means a person who is a non-citizen of the United States and who earns income in Kansas, other than income from service as an active member of the United States military or income earned from a foreign government by a person who is in the United States under diplomatic passport.

- (b) Commencing July 1, 2006, and ending July 30, 2012, there is hereby imposed a special guest worker payroll tax on income earned in this state by guest workers. The tax shall be in an amount of 3% of the income earned in Kansas.
- (c) The tax imposed by this section shall be deducted from wages paid by the employer and shall be remitted to the Kansas department of revenue in accordance with rules and regulations of the secretary of revenue for deposit in the state general fund to assist in the payment of appropriations for bilingual and other education expenses.
- (d) The secretary of revenue is hereby authorized to adopt rules and regulations deemed necessary for the collection of the tax imposed by this section.
- (e) Employers failing to collect or remit the tax imposed by this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per occurrence plus the amount of estimated taxes not collected or remitted. Before imposing any such penalty, the secretary of revenue shall give each person notice and an opportunity to be heard at a hearing held pursuant to the Kansas administrative procedures act.
- (f) The tax imposed by this section shall be in addition to other taxes provided by law.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.