SENATE BILL No. 634

By Committee on Commerce

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9 AN ACT concerning economic development; relating to qualified goods
10 manufacturers; providing certain income tax credits.
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12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

13 Section 1. The provisions of sections 1 through 3, and amendments

thereto, shall be known as and may be cited as the qualified goods manufacturer act.
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- Sec. 2. As used in sections 1 through 3, and amendments thereto, the following words and phrases shall have the following meaning unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:
- (a) "Agreement" means an agreement entered into between the qualified goods manufacturer and the secretary for benefits under sections 1 through 3, and amendments thereto.
- (b) "Qualified business facility" means a building constructed by a qualified goods manufacturer for use in such manufacturer's business that is located on property that is contiguous to the qualified goods manufacturer's existing business facilities and is constructed as part of a qualified investment made by the qualified goods manufacturer.
- (c) "Qualified goods manufacturer" means a person, corporation, partnership or other entity engaged in the manufacturing of paper products and packaging in Johnson county, Kansas, that satisfies the following conditions:
 - (1) Anticipates making a qualified investment; and
- (2) anticipates maintaining a qualified business facility as part of such qualified investment for a period of at least 10 years.
- (d) "Qualified investment" means the expenditures made in the acquisition of land, the construction of a qualified business facility, the acquisition of new equipment and the hiring of new employees the aggregate amount of which exceeds \$50,000,000.
 - (e) "Secretary" means the secretary of commerce.
- Sec. 3. (a) For taxable years commencing after December 31, 2008, a qualified goods manufacturer who complies with the conditions set forth in this act and the agreement entered into by the secretary and the qualified goods manufacturer under this act shall be allowed a credit against the qualified goods manufacturer's tax liability under the Kansas income

tax act in an amount equal to 6% of the qualified investment. Expenditures used to qualify for this credit shall not be used to qualify for any other type of Kansas income tax credit.

- (b) If the amount of the credit allowed by subsection (a) exceeds the qualified goods manufacturer's income tax liability imposed under the Kansas income tax act, such excess amount shall be refunded to the qualified goods manufacturer, except that any amount refunded to the qualified goods manufacturer shall not exceed \$1,200,000 in any one fiscal year. If the amount of the credit allowed by subsection (a) exceeds \$1,200,000 in any one fiscal year, then the amount in excess of \$1,200,000 may be carried forward for credit in the succeeding taxable year or years until the total amount of the credit is used, except that no such tax credit shall be carried forward for deduction after the 5th taxable year succeeding the taxable year in which such credit was claimed. If the amount of the credit carried forward exceeds the qualified goods manufacturer's income tax liability imposed under the Kansas income tax act, such excess amount shall be refunded to the qualified goods manufacturer, except that any amount refunded to the qualified goods manufacturer shall not exceed \$1,200,000 in any one fiscal year.
- (c) In no event shall the total amount of credits allowed pursuant to this section exceed \$6,000,000.
- (d) (1) Before making a qualified investment, a qualified goods manufacturer shall apply to the secretary to enter into an agreement for a tax credit under this act. The secretary shall prescribe the form of the application. After receipt of such application, the secretary may enter into an agreement with the applicant for a credit under this act if the secretary determines that the qualified goods manufacturer's proposed investment satisfies the requirements of this act. The agreement shall include: (A) A detailed description of the qualified investment that is the subject of the agreement; (B) the first taxable year for which the credit may be claimed; (C) a requirement that the qualified goods manufacturer shall maintain operation of the qualified business facility for at least 10 years; and (D) a provision whereby should the qualified goods manufacturer fail to comply with the terms set forth in the agreement, the secretary may terminate the agreement, and the qualified goods manufacturer shall forfeit any tax credits claimed pursuant to this section for any tax year.
- (2) A qualified goods manufacturer must comply with the terms of the agreement described in subsection (d)(1) to receive the tax credit allowed under this act. The secretary, in accordance with rules and regulations of the secretary, shall annually determine whether the qualified goods manufacturer is in compliance with this act and with the agreement. Such determination of compliance shall include, but not be limited to, operation of the qualified business facility for a period of at least 10

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years including those years when any tax credits are claimed by the qualified goods manufacturer pursuant to this section. If the secretary determines that the qualified goods manufacturer is in compliance, the secretary shall issue a certificate of compliance to the qualified goods manufacturer. In the event the qualified goods manufacturer fails to comply with the provisions of this act or with the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement, the secretary shall notify the qualified goods manufacturer and the secretary of revenue of the noncompliance, and the secretary may terminate the agreement, and any tax credits claimed pursuant to this section for any tax year shall be forfeited.

- (e) The secretary of commerce may adopt rules and regulations to administer the provisions of this section.
- 13 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.