HOUSE BILL No. 2743

By Committee on Taxation

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AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to retention of Kansas payroll withholding taxes by certain employers; requirements and procedures.

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

Section 1. (a) On or after the effective date of this act, any qualified new company as defined in subsection (c)(1), shall be eligible to retain 95% of the qualified new company's Kansas payroll withholding taxes upon wages paid by such qualified new company for a period of one year from the date the qualified company enters into an agreement with the secretary of commerce as prescribed in subsection (b).

(b) Any qualified new company may apply to the secretary of commerce for the benefits provided in subsection (a). The application shall be submitted on a form and in a manner prescribed by the secretary, and shall include evidence that the applicant is a qualified new company and such other information as required by the secretary. The secretary shall either approve or disapprove the application. Upon approval of such application such qualified new company shall be eligible to receive benefits under this act as of the date such qualified new company enters into an agreement with the secretary in accordance with this subsection. Upon approval of an application for the benefits described in subsection (a), the secretary may enter into an agreement with the qualified new company for such benefits. The agreement shall commit the secretary to certify to the secretary of revenue that the qualified new company is eligible to receive such benefits, the number of employees hired by the qualified new company and the amount of gross wages being paid to each employee. Such agreement may be modified as appropriate during the period of the agreement. The agreement between the qualified new company and the secretary shall be entered into before any benefits may be provided under this act, and shall specify that should the qualified new company fail to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement, or fails to comply with the provisions of this act, the secretary may terminate the agreement, and the qualified new company shall not be entitled to any further benefits provided under this act. In such case, the qualified new company shall be required to remit to the state an

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amount equal to the aggregate Kansas payroll withholding taxes retained by the qualified new company pursuant to this act as of the date the agreement is terminated.

- (c) As used in this act: (1) "Qualified new company" means a company which establishes a new business and commences business operations on or after the effective date of this act and has 10 or less employees. If a company commences business operations with 10 or less employees and hires additional employees during the first year of operation to exceed this 10-employee limitation, such company shall still qualify for benefits pursuant to this section for the first 10 employees for such first year of operation. Such company shall include a person, for profit corporation, limited liability company, S corporation, partnership, registered limited liability partnership, and sole proprietorship that is subject to the Kansas income tax act, K.S.A. 79-3201 et seq., and amendments thereto. No company or person shall be eligible under this act if such person, company or ownership interest of such company had an ownership interest in a business of the same nature or character within the one year period prior to commencement of the new business or if the secretary determines such company created the new company for the purpose of avoiding taxation; and
 - (2) "secretary" means the secretary of the department of commerce.
- (d) The secretary and secretary of revenue shall cooperate in the implementation of this act, and are authorized to adopt rules and regulations necessary to administer each secretary's responsibilities under the provisions of this act.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.