

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2711

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2357.4, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 383, O.S.L. 1992 (68 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 2357.4), which relates to investment tax credits; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2357.4, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 383, O.S.L. 1992 (68 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 2357.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.4 A. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1987, and ending before January 1, 2003, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title for investment in qualified depreciable property placed in service during those years for use in a manufacturing or processing facility or a qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility as defined in subsection (L) of Section 1357 of this title in this state or for a net increase in the number of full-time-equivalent employees engaged in manufacturing, processing or aircraft

maintenance in this state including employees engaged in support services.

B. The credit provided for in subsection A of this section, if based upon investment in qualified depreciable property, shall not be allowed unless the investment in qualified depreciable property is at least Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) and shall not be allowed if such investment causes a decrease in the number of full-time-equivalent employees. Qualified property shall be limited to machinery, fixtures, equipment, buildings or substantial improvements thereto, placed in service in this state during the taxable year. The taxable years for which the credit may be allowed if based upon investment in qualified depreciable property shall be measured from the year in which the qualified property is placed in service. If the credit provided for in subsection A of this section is calculated on the basis of one percent (1%) of the cost of the qualified property, the credit shall be allowed in each of the four (4) subsequent years. If the qualified property on which a credit has previously been allowed is acquired from a related party, the date ~~such~~ the property is placed in service by the transferor shall be considered to be the date ~~such~~ the property is placed in service by the transferee, for purposes of determining the aggregate number of years for which credit may be allowed.

C. The credit provided for in subsection A of this section, if based upon an increase in the number of full-time-equivalent employees, shall be allowed in each of the four (4) subsequent years only if the level of new employees is maintained in the subsequent year. In calculating the credit by the number of new employees, only those employees whose paid wages or salary were at least Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) during each year the credit is claimed shall be included in the calculation. ~~Provided, that the~~ The first year a credit is claimed for a new employee, such employee may be included in the calculation notwithstanding paid wages of less than

Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) if the employee was hired in the last three quarters of the tax year, has wages or salary which will result in annual paid wages in excess of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) and the taxpayer submits an affidavit stating that the employee's position will be retained in the following tax year and will result in the payment of wages in excess of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00). The number of new employees shall be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Oklahoma income tax withholding for the final quarter of the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year, as substantiated by such reports as may be required by the Tax Commission.

D. The credit allowed by subsection A of this section shall be the greater amount of either one percent (1%) of the cost of the qualified property in the year the property is placed in service or Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each new employee. No credit shall be allowed in any taxable year for a net increase in the number of full-time-equivalent employees if such increase is a result of an investment in qualified depreciable property for which an income tax credit has been allowed as authorized by this section.

E. Any credits allowed but not used in any taxable year may be carried over in order to each of the four (4) years following the year of qualification and to the extent not used in those years in order to each of the five (5) years following the initial five-year period.

F. The Oklahoma Tax Commission, on or before January 31 of each year, shall submit a report regarding the credit authorized by this section to both houses of the Oklahoma Legislature. Such report shall summarize the total amount of credits claimed and likely to be claimed and allowed under this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

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