

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1375

By: Ervin, Roach, Pettigrew,
Winchester, Smith (Dale)
and Pope (Clay) of the
House

and

Fisher of the Senate

An Act relating to economic development; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 5085.7, as amended by Section 15, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1995 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 5085.7), which relates to certain tax credits; modifying amount of tax credits issued to Oklahoma Capital Investment Board; modifying certain limitation with respect to use of tax credits; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 5085.7, as amended by Section 15, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1995 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 5085.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5085.7 A. The State of Oklahoma hereby issues tax credits that may be used to reduce the tax liability of a person, firm or corporation if such liability is imposed pursuant to the provisions of Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes or Section 624 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Provided, tax credits against liabilities imposed pursuant to Section 624 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be limited to the amount that would otherwise be collected and allocated to the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury. Tax credits issued and transferred to the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of this section and prior to the effective date of this act are hereby transferred to the Oklahoma Capital Investment Board, created pursuant to the provisions of this act. The total amount of tax credits that are hereby issued, or are transferred pursuant to

this section to the Board, is ~~Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00)~~ One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00). The credits shall be freely transferable to subsequent transferees; however, no such tax credit shall be exercisable before July 1, 1990, nor after July 1, 2015. The Board shall not transfer tax credits except in conjunction with a legitimate call on a Board guarantee. The Board shall immediately notify the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Governor in writing if any tax credit is transferred in conjunction with a legitimate call on a Board guarantee; provided, the Board shall not be required to make such notification for transfers to subsequent transferees.

B. The Oklahoma Capital Investment Board shall determine the amount of individual tax credits to be transferred pursuant to this act and may negotiate for sale of such credits subject only to the limits imposed by this act. The Board shall ensure that no more than ~~Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00)~~ Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) in tax credits has been transferred which may be claimed and used to reduce the tax otherwise imposed by Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes or Section 624 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes for any one (1) fiscal year. The Board shall clearly indicate upon the face of the certificate or other document transferring the tax credit the principal amount of the tax credit and the taxable year or years for which the credit may be claimed. Any original sale of tax credits by the Board shall be by competitive bidding unless the sale is for full-face value.

C. The Board shall, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Tax Commission, develop a system for registration of any tax credits issued or transferred pursuant to this act and a system of certificates that permits verification that any tax credit claimed upon a tax return is validly issued, properly taken in the year of

claim and that any transfers of the tax credit are made in accordance with the requirements of this act.

D. The Board may pay a fee in connection with the purchase by the Board of an option or other agreement pursuant to which a transfer of tax credits authorized by this act may be made.

E. The Board shall have the power to make any contract, execute any document, charge reasonable fees for services rendered, perform any act or enter into any financial or other transaction necessary in order to carry out its mission. The Board may employ such persons as may be required for the proper implementation of this act, the management of its assets, or the performance of any function authorized or required by this act or necessary for the accomplishment of any such function. Such persons shall be selected by the Board based upon outstanding knowledge and leadership in the field for which the person performs services for the Board.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of February, 1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1999.

President of the Senate