

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

SENATE BILL NO. 711

By: Milacek

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 1991, Sections 2355, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 427, O.S.L. 1998 and 2385.3, as last amended by Section 12, Chapter 1, 1st Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 1998 (68 O.S. Supp. 1998, Sections 2355 and 2385.3), which relate to income taxes; modifying maximum rate of tax imposed under Method 1 for certain tax years; modifying procedure for remittance of income tax withholding taxes for certain taxpayers; requiring return for certain taxpayers; specifying date by which return required; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2355, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 427, O.S.L. 1998 (68 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 2355), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2355. A. Individuals. Except as otherwise provided in Section ~~3~~ 4001 of this ~~act~~ title, for all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1998, a tax is hereby imposed upon the Oklahoma taxable income of every resident or nonresident individual, which tax shall be computed at the option of the taxpayer under one of the two following methods:

1. METHOD 1.

a. Single individuals and married individuals filing separately not deducting federal income tax:

- (1) 1/2% tax on first \$1,000.00 or part thereof,
- (2) 1% tax on next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,
- (3) 2% tax on next \$1,250.00 or part thereof,
- (4) 3% tax on next \$1,150.00 or part thereof,

- (5) 4% tax on next \$1,300.00 or part thereof,
- (6) 5% tax on next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,
- (7) 6% tax on next \$2,300.00 or part thereof, and
- (8) (a) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1998, and before December 31, 1999, 6.75% tax on the remainder, ~~or~~  
(b) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1999, 6.5% tax on the remainder, or  
(c) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1999, for which the State Board of Equalization suspends the provisions of subdivision (a) of this division pursuant to the provisions of Section ~~3~~ 4001 of this ~~act~~ title, 7% tax on the remainder.

b. Married individuals filing jointly and surviving spouse to the extent and in the manner that a surviving spouse is permitted to file a joint return under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and heads of households as defined in the Internal Revenue Code not deducting federal income tax:

- (1) 1/2% tax on first \$2,000.00 or part thereof,
- (2) 1% tax on next \$3,000.00 or part thereof,
- (3) 2% tax on next \$2,500.00 or part thereof,
- (4) 3% tax on next \$2,300.00 or part thereof,
- (5) 4% tax on next \$2,400.00 or part thereof,
- (6) 5% tax on next \$2,800.00 or part thereof,
- (7) 6% tax on next \$6,000.00 or part thereof, and
- (8) (a) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1998, and before December 31, 1999, 6.75% tax on the remainder, ~~or~~  
(b) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1999, 6.5% tax on the remainder, or

(c) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1999, for which the State Board of Equalization suspends the provisions of subdivision (a) of this division pursuant to the provisions of Section ~~3~~ 4001 of this ~~act~~ title, 7% tax on the remainder.

2. METHOD 2.

a. Single individuals and married individuals filing separately deducting federal income tax:

- (1) 1/2% tax on first \$1,000.00 or part thereof,
- (2) 1% tax on next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,
- (3) 2% tax on next \$1,250.00 or part thereof,
- (4) 3% tax on next \$1,150.00 or part thereof,
- (5) 4% tax on next \$1,200.00 or part thereof,
- (6) 5% tax on next \$1,400.00 or part thereof,
- (7) 6% tax on next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,
- (8) 7% tax on next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,
- (9) 8% tax on next \$2,000.00 or part thereof,
- (10) 9% tax on next \$3,500.00 or part thereof, and
- (11) 10% tax on the remainder.

b. Married individuals filing jointly and surviving spouse to the extent and in the manner that a surviving spouse is permitted to file a joint return under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and heads of households as defined in the Internal Revenue Code deducting federal income tax:

- (1) 1/2% tax on the first \$2,000.00 or part thereof,
- (2) 1% tax on the next \$3,000.00 or part thereof,
- (3) 2% tax on the next \$2,500.00 or part thereof,
- (4) 3% tax on the next \$1,400.00 or part thereof,
- (5) 4% tax on the next \$1,500.00 or part thereof,
- (6) 5% tax on the next \$1,600.00 or part thereof,

- (7) 6% tax on the next \$1,250.00 or part thereof,
- (8) 7% tax on the next \$1,750.00 or part thereof,
- (9) 8% tax on the next \$3,000.00 or part thereof,
- (10) 9% tax on the next \$6,000.00 or part thereof, and
- (11) 10% tax on the remainder.

B. Nonresident aliens. In lieu of the rates set forth in subsection A above, there shall be imposed on nonresident aliens, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, a tax of eight percent (8%) instead of thirty percent (30%) as used in the Internal Revenue Code, with respect to the Oklahoma taxable income of such nonresident aliens as determined under the provision of the Oklahoma Income Tax Act.

Every payer of amounts covered by this subsection shall deduct and withhold from such amounts paid each payee an amount equal to eight percent (8%) thereof. Every payer required to deduct and withhold taxes under this subsection shall for each quarterly period on or before the last day of the month following the close of each such quarterly period, pay over the amount so withheld as taxes to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, and shall file a return with each such payment. Such return shall be in such form as the Tax Commission shall prescribe. Every payer required under this subsection to deduct and withhold a tax from a payee shall, as to the total amounts paid to each payee during the calendar year, furnish to such payee, on or before January 31, of the succeeding year, a written statement showing the name of the payer, the name of the payee and ~~his~~ the payee's social security account number, if any, the total amount paid subject to taxation, and the total amount deducted and withheld as tax and such other information as the Tax Commission may require. Any payer who fails to withhold or pay to the Tax Commission any sums herein required to be withheld or paid shall be personally and individually liable therefor to the State of Oklahoma.

C. Corporations. For all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1989, a tax is hereby imposed upon the Oklahoma taxable income of every corporation doing business within this state or deriving income from sources within this state in an amount equal to six percent (6%) thereof.

There shall be no additional Oklahoma income tax imposed on accumulated taxable income or on undistributed personal holding company income as those terms are defined in the Internal Revenue Code.

D. Certain foreign corporations. In lieu of the tax imposed in the first paragraph of subsection C of this section, for all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1989, there shall be imposed on foreign corporations, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, a tax of six percent (6%) instead of thirty percent (30%) as used in the Internal Revenue Code, where such income is received from sources within Oklahoma, in accordance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and the Oklahoma Income Tax Act.

Every payer of amounts covered by this subsection shall deduct and withhold from such amounts paid each payee an amount equal to six percent (6%) thereof. Every payer required to deduct and withhold taxes under this subsection shall for each quarterly period on or before the last day of the month following the close of each such quarterly period, pay over the amount so withheld as taxes to the Tax Commission, and shall file a return with each such payment. Such return shall be in such form as the Tax Commission shall prescribe. Every payer required under this subsection to deduct and withhold a tax from a payee shall, as to the total amounts paid to each payee during the calendar year, furnish to such payee, on or before January 31, of the succeeding year, a written statement showing the name of the payer, the name of the payee and ~~his~~ the payee's social security account number, if any, the total amounts paid subject to taxation, the total amount deducted and withheld as

tax and such other information as the Tax Commission may require. Any payer who fails to withhold or pay to the Tax Commission any sums herein required to be withheld or paid shall be personally and individually liable therefor to the State of Oklahoma.

E. Fiduciaries. A tax is hereby imposed upon the Oklahoma taxable income of every trust and estate at the same rates as are provided in subsection A of this section for single individuals. Fiduciaries are not allowed a deduction for any federal income tax paid.

F. Tax rate tables. For all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1991, in lieu of the tax imposed by subsection A of this section, there is hereby imposed for each taxable year on the taxable income of every individual, whose taxable income for such taxable year does not exceed the ceiling amount, a tax determined under tables, applicable to such taxable year which shall be prescribed by the Tax Commission and which shall be in such form as it determines appropriate. In the table so prescribed, the amounts of the tax shall be computed on the basis of the rates prescribed by subsection A of this section. For purposes of this subsection, the term "ceiling amount" means, with respect to any taxpayer, the amount determined by the Tax Commission for the tax rate category in which such taxpayer falls.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2385.3, as last amended by Section 12, Chapter 1, 1st Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 1998 (68 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 2385.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2385.3 A. Every employer required to deduct and withhold taxes ~~under~~ pursuant to the provisions of Section 2385.2 of this title shall pay over the amount so withheld as taxes to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, and shall file a return in such form as the Tax Commission shall prescribe under the following schedule:

1. Effective January 1, 1999, until June 30, 1999, every employer owing an average of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) or more per month in taxes in the previous fiscal year shall pay over the amount so withheld on the same dates as required under the Federal Semiweekly Deposit Schedule for federal withholding taxes. For employers making payments other than by electronic funds transfer, a withholding return shall be filed with each payment. For employers making payments by electronic funds transfer, a withholding return shall not be required to be filed with each payment. A withholding return for payments made by electronic funds transfer shall be filed monthly on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the close of each monthly period;

2. Effective July 1, 1999, every employer owing an average of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or more per month in taxes in the previous fiscal year shall pay over the amount so withheld on the same dates as required under the Federal Semiweekly Deposit Schedule for federal withholding taxes. For employers making payments other than by electronic funds transfer, a withholding return shall be filed with each payment. For employers making payments by electronic funds transfer, a withholding return shall not be required to be filed with each payment. A withholding return for payments made by electronic funds transfer shall be filed monthly on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the close of each monthly period;

3. Every employer owing an average of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more per quarter in taxes in the previous fiscal year who is not subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall pay over the amount so withheld on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month and shall file a monthly return together with the payment; and

~~3.~~ 4. Every employer owing an average of less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per quarter in taxes in the previous fiscal year shall pay over the amount so withheld on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the close of each succeeding quarterly period and shall file a quarterly return together with the payment.

B. Every employer required under Section 2385.2 of this title to deduct and withhold a tax from the wages paid an employee shall, as to the total wages paid to each employee during the calendar year, furnish to such employee, on or before January 31 of the succeeding year, a written statement showing the name of the employer, the name of the employee and the employee's social security account number, if any, the total amount of wages subject to taxation, and the total amount deducted and withheld as tax and such other information as the Tax Commission may require. If an employee's employment is terminated before the close of a calendar year, said written statement must be furnished within thirty (30) days of the date of which the last payment of wages is made.

C. If the Tax Commission, in any case, has justifiable reason to believe that the collection of the tax provided for in Section 2385.2 of this title is in jeopardy, the Tax Commission may require the employer to file a return and pay the tax at any time.

D. Every employer who fails to withhold or pay to the Tax Commission any sums herein required to be withheld or paid shall be personally and individually liable therefor to the State of Oklahoma. The term "employer" as used in this subsection and in Section 2385.6 of this title includes an officer or employee of a corporation, manager or member of a limited liability company or a member or employee of a partnership, who as an officer or employee of a corporation, or manager or member of a limited liability company or member or employee of a partnership is under a duty to act for a corporation, limited liability company or partnership to withhold and remit withholding taxes in accordance with this section

and Section 2385.2 of this title. Any sum or sums withheld in accordance with the provisions of Section 2385.2 of this title shall be deemed to be held in trust for the State of Oklahoma, and, as trustee, the employer shall have a fiduciary duty to the State of Oklahoma in regard to such sums and shall be subject to the trust laws of this state. Any employer who fails to pay to the Tax Commission any sums required to be withheld by such employer, after such sums have been withheld from the wages of employees, and appropriates the tax held in trust to the employer's own use, or to the use of any person not entitled thereto, without authority of law shall be guilty of embezzlement.

E. If any employer fails to withhold the tax required to be withheld by Section 2385.2 of this title and thereafter the income tax is paid by the employee, the tax so required to be withheld shall not be collected from the employer but such employer shall not be relieved from the liability for penalties or interest otherwise applicable because of such failure to withhold the tax.

F. Every person making payments of winnings subject to withholding shall, for each monthly period, on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the payment of such winnings pay ~~over~~ to the Tax Commission the amounts so withheld, and shall file a return, in a form as prescribed by the Tax Commission.

G. Every person making payments of winnings subject to withholding shall furnish to each recipient on or before January 31 of the succeeding year a written statement in a form as prescribed by the Tax Commission. Every person making such reports shall also furnish a copy of such report to the Tax Commission in a manner and at a time as shall be prescribed by the Tax Commission.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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