

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1803

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An Act relating to revenue and taxation; levying tax on estates of residents and nonresidents; stating amount of tax; defining terms; amending 68 O.S. 2001, Section 802.1, which relates to credit to tax levied; changing statutory reference; amending 68 O.S. 2001, Section 809, which relates to deduction for estate tax purposes; modifying persons entitled to deduct certain value from net estate; repealing 68 O.S. 2001, Sections 801, 802, 802.1, as amended by Section 2 of this act, 803, 804, 805, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 458, O.S.L. 2002, 806, 807, as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 472, O.S.L. 2003, 808, 809, as amended by Section 3 of this act, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 472, O.S.L. 2003, 815.1, 816, 816.1, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826 and 827 (68 O.S. Supp. 2003, Sections 805, 807 and 815), which relate to the imposition and collection of a tax on decedents' estates; providing for codification; and providing effective dates.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 801.1 of Title 68, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Effective January 1, 2006, a tax in the amount of the federal credit, as such credit was in force and effect for the estates of decedents created during the calendar year 2001 as authorized by Section 2011 of Title 26 of the United States Code, shall be levied on the transfer of every taxable estate of a resident subject, where applicable, to the credit provided in subsection B of this section.

B. If any real property or tangible personal property of a resident is located outside this state and is subject to a death tax imposed by another state for which the federal credit is allowed, the amount of the tax due under this section shall be credited with the lesser of:

1. The amount of the death tax paid the other state and credited against the federal estate tax; or

2. An amount computed by multiplying the federal credit by a fraction, the numerator of which is the value of that part of the gross estate over which another state or states have jurisdiction to the same extent this state would exert jurisdiction, pursuant to this act, with respect to real property and tangible personal property located in this state owned by residents of the other state or states and the denominator of which is the gross estate.

C. For purposes of this section:

1. "Federal credit" means the maximum amount of the credit for state death taxes allowable by Section 2011 of the Internal Revenue Code for the estates of decedents created during the calendar year 2001; and

2. "Taxable estate" means taxable estate as defined in Section 2051 of the Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 802.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 802.1 A credit to the tax levied by Section ~~802~~ 1 of ~~Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this act shall be allowed for all or a part of the Oklahoma estate tax paid with respect to the transfer of property, including property passing as a result of the exercise or nonexercise of a power of appointment, to the present decedent by or from a person who died within ten (10) years before, or within two (2) years after, the present decedent. The credit shall be computed in the same manner as provided by Section 2013 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 809, is amended to read as follows:

Section 809. A. If any portion of the net estate, as herein determined, in excess of the deductions allowed in Section 808 of this title passes to the father, mother, brother, sister, child, child of husband or wife, adopted child or any lineal descendant of decedent or of such adopted child, there shall be deducted from such net estate the portion of the net estate passing to such person or persons to the extent of and not exceeding a total aggregate exemption in amounts as follows, and the tax shall be paid on the remainder at the rates herein set out:

1. For the estate of a decedent who dies before January 1, 1999, the exemption shall be One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00);

2. For the estate of a decedent who dies on or after January 1, 1999, and before January 1, 2000, the exemption shall be Two Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00);

3. For the estate of a decedent who dies on or after January 1, 2000, and before January 1, 2001, the exemption shall be Four Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000.00);

4. For the estate of a decedent who dies on or after January 1, 2001, and before January 1, 2002, the exemption shall be Six Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$675,000.00);

5. For the estate of a decedent who dies on or after January 1, 2002, and before January 1, 2004, the exemption shall be Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00);

6. For the estate of a decedent who dies on or after January 1, 2004, and before January 1, 2005, the exemption shall be Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00);

7. For the estate of a decedent who dies on or after January 1, 2005, and before January 1, 2006, the exemption shall be Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000.00); and

8. For the estate of a decedent who dies on or after January 1, 2006, the exemption shall be One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

B. 1. In addition to the exemption provided pursuant to subsection A of this section, for the estate of a decedent who dies on or after January 1, 1997, there shall be deducted the value of the assets used in a qualifying family business or farm passing to one or more qualifying heirs of the decedent to the extent of and not exceeding a total aggregate exemption of the amounts specified in this subsection. The additional exemption shall be in an amount as follows:

- a. for the estate of a decedent who dies before January 1, 1999, the exemption shall be Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$425,000.00),
- b. for the estate of a decedent who dies on or after January 1, 1999, and before January 1, 2000, the exemption shall be Three Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00),
- c. for the estate of a decedent who dies on or after January 1, 2000, and before January 1, 2001, the exemption shall be One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00),
- d. for the estate of a decedent who dies on or after January 1, 2001, no additional exemption shall be allowed.

2. For the estate of a decedent who dies prior to January 1, 2001, the total exemption allowed pursuant to subsection A of this section and this subsection shall not exceed a total of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) for any estate. For purposes of this subsection:

- a. "assets of a qualifying family business or farm" means real or tangible personal property owned by a qualifying business or farm and used as a farm or for

farming purposes, or in a trade or business other than farming,

- b. "qualifying family business or farm" means any interest in a closely held family corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, or other unincorporated family business engaged in the trade or business of farming or in a trade or business other than farming, where some or all of the assets thereof are held by a decedent or are held collectively by a decedent and one or more qualifying heirs of the decedent, provided the decedent, or at least one qualifying heir of the decedent, was receiving wages from the business or farm or was subject to the self employment tax on income earned from the business or farm on the date of the death of the decedent,
- c. "closely held family corporation" means any corporation if at least fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote, and at least fifty percent (50%) of all other classes of stock of the corporation are owned by the decedent and not more than ten (10) qualifying heirs, and
- d. "qualifying heir" means any heir as set forth in subsection A of this section.

C. In order to qualify for the exemption provided in subsection B of this section, the estate of the decedent shall submit the appropriate tax returns or tax schedules of the qualifying family business or farm for the five (5) taxable years prior to the death of the decedent showing proof of continuous operation of the qualifying family business or farm. The qualifying family business or farm shall also be required to continue the business or farm for

a period of five (5) years following the date of death of decedent and shall submit each taxable year the appropriate tax returns or tax schedules to the Oklahoma Tax Commission as proof of continuous operation of the business or farm. If evidence of continuous operation is not submitted, the qualified heirs shall be liable for twenty percent (20%) of the total estate tax which would have been due if the business or farm had not qualified for the exemption provided for in subsection B of this section for each year evidence of continuous operation is not submitted.

D. It is declared to be intended by this section that where a portion of the net estate passes to any of the parties named herein, no greater amount shall be deducted from the net estate than passes to such person or persons combined and that the exemption shall in no event exceed the amounts specified in this section, regardless of the amount of the estate that may pass to any or all of such person or persons; provided, that when the property comprising the estate of the decedent consists of property within and property without the state, only the percentage of the exemptions and deductions enumerated in this section, and in Section 808 of this title, shall be allowed as the ratio of the value of the estate within this state bears to the value of the entire estate.

SECTION 4. REPEALER 68 O.S. 2001, Sections 801, 802, 802.1, as amended by Section 2 of this act, 803, 804, 805, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 458, O.S.L. 2002, 806, 807, as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 472, O.S.L. 2003, 808, 809, as amended by Section 3 of this act, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 472, O.S.L. 2003, 815.1, 816, 816.1, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826 and 827 (68 O.S. Supp. 2003, Sections 805, 807 and 815), are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Section 3 of this act shall become effective January 1, 2005.

SECTION 6. Sections 1, 2 and 4 of this act shall become effective January 1, 2006.

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