

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2793

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending Section 1, Chapter 301, O.S.L. 2005 (68 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 2357.101), which relates to a credit for investment in a film or music project; modifying definition; adding definitions; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 301, O.S.L. 2005 (68 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 2357.101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.101 A. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004, there shall be allowed against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, a credit equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of profit made by a taxpayer from investment in an existing Oklahoma film or music project with a production company to pay for production costs that is reinvested by the taxpayer with the production company to pay for the production cost of the production company for a new Oklahoma film or music project.

B. In no event shall the amount of the credit provided for in subsection A of this section for an eligible taxpayer exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer in a calendar year.

C. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall have the authority to prescribe forms for purposes of claiming the credit authorized in subsection A of this section. The forms shall include, but not be limited to, requests for information that prove who the investment

was with, the amount of the original investment and the amount of the profit realized from the investment.

D. As used in this section:

1. "Film" means a professional single media, multimedia program or feature, which is not child pornography as defined in subsection A of Section 1024.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes or obscene material as defined in paragraph 1 of subsection B of Section 1024.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes including, but not limited to, national advertising messages that are broadcast on a national affiliate or cable network, fixed on film or digital video, which can be viewed or reproduced and which is exhibited in theaters, licensed for exhibition by individual television stations, groups of stations, networks, cable television stations or other means or licensed for home viewing markets;

2. "Music project" means a professional recording released on a national or international level, whether via traditional manufacturing or distributing or electronic distribution, using technology currently in use or future technology including, but not limited to, music CDs, radio commercials, jingles, cues, or electronic device recordings;

3. "Production company" means a person who produces a film or music project for exhibition in theaters, on television or elsewhere; ~~and~~

4. "Production cost" includes, but is not limited to:

- a. wages or salaries of persons who have earned income from working on a film or music project in this state, including payments to personal services corporations with respect to the services of qualified performing artists, as determined under Section 62(a)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code,
- b. the cost of construction and operations, wardrobe, accessories and related services,

- c. the cost of photography, sound synchronization, lighting and related services,
- d. the cost of editing and related services,
- e. rental of facilities and equipment, and
- f. other direct costs of producing a film or music project;

5. "Existing Oklahoma film or music project" means a film or music project produced after July 1, 2005;

6. "Profit" means the amount made by the taxpayer to be determined as follows:

- a. the gross revenues less gross expenses, including direct production, distribution and marketing costs and an allocation of indirect overhead costs, of the film or music project shall be multiplied by,
- b. a ratio, the numerator of which is Oklahoma production costs and the denominator of which is total production costs, which shall be multiplied by,
- c. the percent of the taxpayer's taxable income allocated to Oklahoma in a taxable year, and
- d. subtract from the result of the formula calculated pursuant to subparagraphs a through c of this paragraph the profit made by a taxpayer from investment in an existing Oklahoma film or music project in previous taxable years. Profit shall include either a net profit or net loss;

7. "Production cost" means the cost of an Oklahoma production. Oklahoma production cost shall be production cost provided by any entity of which fifty percent (50%) or more of its employees are Oklahoma residents as reported on Forms W-2 measured in terms of both gross wages and the number of employees. An employee under this paragraph shall include the self employed. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall prescribe a form as provided for in subsection C of

this section by which an entity may certify qualification to a production company under this paragraph or withdraw such certification; and

8. "Investment" means costs associated with the original production company. Film or music projects acquired from an original production company do not qualify as investment under subsection A of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 3. 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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