

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3371

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to revenue and taxation; creating the Caring for Caregivers Act; defining terms; creating family caregiver tax credit; providing for maximum allowable credit; providing for multiple caregivers; providing for application of credit; authorizing Oklahoma Tax Commission to promulgate rules; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Caring for Caregivers Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2358.8 of Title 68, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Activities of daily living (ADL)" shall include:

a. ambulating, which is the extent of an individual's ability to move from one position to another and walk independently,

- b. feeding, which is the ability of an individual to feed oneself,
- c. dressing, which is the ability to select appropriate clothes and to put the clothes on without aid,
- d. personal hygiene, which is the ability to bathe and groom oneself and maintain dental hygiene and nail and hair care,
- e. continence, which is the ability to control bladder and bowel function, and
- f. toileting, which is the ability to get to and from the toilet without aid, using it appropriately, and cleaning oneself;

2. "Eligible expenditure" shall include:

- a. the improvement or alteration to the family caregiver's primary residence to permit the eligible family member to remain mobile, safe, and independent,
- b. the family caregiver's purchase or lease of equipment, including but not limited to durable medical equipment, that is necessary to assist an eligible family member in carrying out one or more activities of daily living (ADL), and
- c. other paid or incurred expenses that assist the family caregiver in providing care to an eligible family member, such as expenditures related to:

- (1) hiring a home care aide,
- (2) respite care,
- (3) adult day care,
- (4) personal care attendants,
- (5) health care equipment, and
- (6) technology.

The eligible expenditure must be directly related to assisting the family caregiver in providing care to an eligible family member.

Eligible expenditure shall not include the carrying out of general household maintenance activities such as painting, plumbing, electrical repairs, or exterior maintenance;

3. "Eligible family member" shall mean an individual who:

- a. is sixty-two (62) years of age or older,
 - b. requires assistance with at least two activities of daily living (ADL) as certified by a licensed health care provider, as defined in paragraph 1 of Section 3090.2 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and
 - c. qualifies as a dependent, spouse, parent, or other relation by blood or marriage to the family caregiver;
- and

4. "Family caregiver" shall mean an individual:

- a. providing care and support for an eligible family member,

- 1 b. who has a federal adjusted gross income of less than
2 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for an individual
3 and less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars
4 (\$100,000.00) for a couple filing jointly, and
5 c. who has incurred uncompensated expenses directly
6 related to the care of an eligible family member.

7 B. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, there
8 shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed pursuant to
9 Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes in the amount of
10 fifty percent (50%) for eligible expenditures incurred by a family
11 caregiver for the care and support of an eligible family member.

12 C. The maximum allowable credit authorized by this section
13 shall be Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) unless the eligible family
14 member is a veteran or has a diagnosis of dementia in which case the
15 maximum allowable credit shall be Three Thousand Dollars
16 (\$3,000.00). If two or more family caregivers claim the tax credit
17 authorized by this section for the same eligible family member, the
18 maximum allowable credit shall be allocated in equal amounts between
19 each of the family caregivers.

20 D. The credit authorized by this section may not be used to
21 reduce the tax liability of the taxpayer to less than zero (0). The
22 credit shall not be carried over.

23 E. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall promulgate rules necessary
24 to implement and administer the credit authorized by this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective January 1, 2023.

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