State of Arizona House of Representatives Forty-ninth Legislature Second Regular Session 2010

## **HOUSE BILL 2162**

## AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 43-222, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 43-1074.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2008, CHAPTER 290, SECTION 2; AMENDING SECTION 43-1074.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2008, CHAPTER 290, SECTION 4; AMENDING TITLE 43, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 43-1085.01; AMENDING TITLE 43, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 6, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 43-1164.02; AMENDING SECTION 43-1168, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2008, CHAPTER 290, SECTION 5; AMENDING SECTION 43-1168, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2008, CHAPTER 290, SECTION 7; RELATING TO TAXATION OF INCOME.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 43-222, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

## 43-222. <u>Income tax credit review schedule</u>

The joint legislative income tax credit review committee shall review the following income tax credits:

- 1. For years ending in 0 and 5, sections 43-1075, 43-1075.01, 43-1079.01, 43-1087, 43-1088, 43-1090.01, 43-1163, 43-1163.01, 43-1167.01, 43-1175 and 43-1182.
- 2. For years ending in 1 and 6, sections 43-1074.02, 43-1083, 43-1085, 43-1085.01, 43-1164, 43-1164.02 and 43-1183.
- 3. For years ending in 2 and 7, sections 43-1073, 43-1079, 43-1080, 43-1086, 43-1089, 43-1089, 43-1089, 43-1089, 43-1167, 43-1169, 43-1176 and 43-1181.
- 4. For years ending in 3 and 8, sections 43-1074.01, 43-1081, 43-1168, 43-1170 and 43-1178.
- 5. For years ending in 4 and 9, sections 43-1076, 43-1081.01, 43-1083.01, 43-1084, 43-1162, 43-1164.01, and 43-1170.01 AND 43-1184.
- Sec. 2. Section 43-1074.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2008, chapter 290, section 2, is amended to read:

43-1074.01. <u>Credit for increased research activities</u>

- A. A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title in an amount determined pursuant to section 41 of the internal revenue code, except that:
- 1. The amount of the credit is based on the excess, if any, of the qualified research expenses for the taxable year over the base amount as defined in section 41(c) of the internal revenue code and is computed as follows:
- (a) If the excess is two million five hundred thousand dollars or less, the credit is equal to twenty-four per cent of that amount.
- (b) If the excess is over two million five hundred thousand dollars, the credit is equal to six hundred thousand dollars plus fifteen per cent of any amount exceeding two million five hundred thousand dollars, except that:
- (i) For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000 through December 31, 2001, the credit shall not exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars.
- (ii) For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2001 through December 31, 2002, the credit shall not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars.
- 2. Qualified research includes only research conducted in this state including research conducted at a university in this state and paid for by the taxpayer.
- 3. If two or more taxpayers, including partners in a partnership and shareholders of an S corporation, as defined in section 1361 of the internal

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revenue code, share in the eligible expenses, each taxpayer is eligible to receive a proportionate share of the credit.

- 4. The credit under this section applies only to expenses incurred from and after December 31, 2000.
- 5. The termination provisions of section 41 of the internal revenue code do not apply.
- B. If the allowable credit under this section exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this title, the amount of the credit not used to offset taxes may be carried forward to the next fifteen consecutive taxable years. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000 through December 31, 2002 that may be used in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less, minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2002 that may be used in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses.
- C. A TAXPAYER THAT CLAIMS A CREDIT FOR INCREASED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT CLAIM A CREDIT UNDER SECTION 43-1085.01 FOR THE SAME EXPENSES.
- Sec. 3. Section 43-1074.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2008, chapter 290, section 4, is amended to read:

43-1074.01. Credit for increased research activities

- A. A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title in an amount determined pursuant to section 41 of the internal revenue code, except that:
- 1. The amount of the credit is based on the excess, if any, of the qualified research expenses for the taxable year over the base amount as defined in section 41(c) of the internal revenue code and is computed as follows:
- (a) If the excess is two million five hundred thousand dollars or less, the credit is equal to twenty per cent of that amount.
- (b) If the excess is over two million five hundred thousand dollars, the credit is equal to five hundred thousand dollars plus eleven per cent of any amount exceeding two million five hundred thousand dollars, except that:
- (i) For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000 through December 31, 2001, the credit shall not exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars.
- (ii) For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2001 through December 31, 2002, the credit shall not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars.

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- 2. Qualified research includes only research conducted in this state including research conducted at a university in this state and paid for by the taxpayer.
- 3. If two or more taxpayers, including partners in a partnership and shareholders of an S corporation, as defined in section 1361 of the internal revenue code, share in the eligible expenses, each taxpayer is eligible to receive a proportionate share of the credit.
- 4. The credit under this section applies only to expenses incurred from and after December 31, 2000.
- 5. The termination provisions of section 41 of the internal revenue code do not apply.
- B. If the allowable credit under this section exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this title, the amount of the credit not used to offset taxes may be carried forward to the next fifteen consecutive taxable years. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000 through December 31, 2002 that may be used in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less, minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2002 that may be used in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses.
- C. A TAXPAYER THAT CLAIMS A CREDIT FOR INCREASED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT CLAIM A CREDIT UNDER SECTION 43-1085.01 FOR THE SAME EXPENSES.
- Sec. 4. Title 43, chapter 10, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 43-1085.01, to read:

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43-1085.01. Credit for solar liquid fuel; research and development: production; delivery systems; definitions
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- A. CREDITS ARE ALLOWED AGAINST THE TAXES IMPOSED BY THIS TITLE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY SYSTEM COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SOLAR LIQUID FUEL AS PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION.
- B. FOR TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING FROM AND AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021, A CREDIT IS ALLOWED FOR INCREASED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY RELATED TO SOLAR LIQUID FUEL AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 41 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, EXCEPT THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IS EQUAL TO FORTY PER CENT OF THE AMOUNT EXCEEDING THE EXCESS, IF ANY, OF THE QUALIFIED RESEARCH EXPENSES FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR OVER THE BASE AMOUNT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 41(c) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. QUALIFIED RESEARCH INCLUDES ONLY RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN THIS STATE, INCLUDING RESEARCH CONDUCTED AT A UNIVERSITY IN THIS STATE AND PAID FOR BY THE TAXPAYER.

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- C. FOR TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING FROM AND AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, A CREDIT IS ALLOWED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SOLAR LIQUID FUEL IN THIS STATE IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES. THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IS EQUAL TO ELEVEN CENTS PER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND BRITISH THERMAL UNITS OF FUEL PRODUCED IN THIS STATE DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR.
- D. FOR TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING FROM AND AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, A CREDIT IS ALLOWED FOR COSTS INCURRED DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR TO CONVERT OR MODIFY EXISTING MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL SERVICE STATIONS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF SOLAR LIQUID FUEL TO CUSTOMERS. THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IS EQUAL TO THIRTY PER CENT OF THE COST OF CONVERSION OR MODIFICATION, BUT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PER TAXABLE YEAR PER SERVICE STATION.
- E. CO-OWNERS OF A BUSINESS, INCLUDING PARTNERS IN A PARTNERSHIP AND SHAREHOLDERS OF AN S CORPORATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1361 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, MAY EACH CLAIM ONLY THE PRO RATA SHARE OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION BASED ON THE OWNERSHIP INTEREST. THE TOTAL OF THE CREDITS ALLOWED ALL SUCH OWNERS MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED FOR THE SOLE OWNER OF THE BUSINESS.
- F. THE TAXPAYER MAY ELECT TO SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THE CREDIT TO ONE OR MORE OTHER TAXPAYERS FOR APPLICATION AGAINST THE TRANSFEREES' TAXES DUE UNDER THIS CHAPTER OR CHAPTER 11 OF THIS TITLE AS FOLLOWS:
- 1. THE TAXPAYER MUST APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX RETURN.
- 2. THE TAXPAYER MUST TRANSFER THE ENTIRE NOMINAL AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT. WHEN TRANSFERRED, THE ORIGINAL TAXPAYER RETAINS NO CREDIT AMOUNT AGAINST THE TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX LIABILITY.
- 3. A TRANSFEREE MAY APPLY THE CREDIT AGAINST THE TRANSFEREE'S TAX LIABILITY UNDER THIS CHAPTER OR CHAPTER 11 OF THIS TITLE FOR THE CURRENT TAXABLE YEAR IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL TAXPAYER. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT TRANSFERRED TO A TRANSFEREE EXCEEDS THE TRANSFEREE'S INCOME TAX LIABILITY, THE EXCESS AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IS EXTINGUISHED AND THE TRANSFEREE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM A REFUND FOR THE EXCESS AMOUNT OR TO CARRY THE EXCESS AMOUNT FORWARD TO SUBSEQUENT YEARS' INCOME TAX LIABILITY.
- 4. A TRANSFEREE SHALL NOT RESELL OR TRANSFER THE CREDIT TO A SUBSEQUENT TAXPAYER.
- 5. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE ORIGINAL TAXPAYER WAS NOT QUALIFIED, OR WAS DISQUALIFIED FROM USING THE CREDIT AT THE TIME OF THE TRANSFER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EITHER DISALLOW THE CREDIT CLAIMED BY A TRANSFEREE OR RECAPTURE THE CREDIT FROM THE TRANSFEREE THROUGH ANY AUTHORIZED COLLECTION METHOD. THE TRANSFEREE'S RECOURSE IS AGAINST THE ORIGINAL TAXPAYER.
- 6. IN THE CASE OF ANY FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL DISALLOW THE CREDIT UNTIL THE TAXPAYER OR TRANSFEREE IS IN FULL COMPLIANCE.

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- G. A TAXPAYER THAT CLAIMS A CREDIT FOR INCREASED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY UNDER SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT CLAIM A CREDIT UNDER SECTION 43-1074.01 FOR THE SAME EXPENSES.
  - H. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
- 1. "COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES" MEANS AN AMOUNT OF FUEL THAT CAN BE PRODUCED AND SOLD BY AN INCORPORATED ENTITY IN THE WHOLESALE OR RETAIL TRADE.
- 2. "PRODUCTION" MEANS THE PRODUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE COMPATIBLE FUELS DERIVED FROM SUNLIGHT, CARBON DIOXIDE AND WATER THAT ARE CONVERTED INTO INTERMEDIARY CHEMICALS AND GASES THAT ARE USED TO PRODUCE HYDROCARBON FUELS.
- 3. "SOLAR LIQUID FUEL" MEANS LIQUID FUEL THAT IS GENERATED THROUGH PROCESSES THAT USE SUNLIGHT, CARBON DIOXIDE AND WATER TO PRODUCE INFRASTRUCTURE COMPATIBLE LIQUID HYDROCARBON FUELS.
- Sec. 5. Title 43, chapter 11, article 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 43-1164.02, to read:

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43-1164.02. <u>Credit for solar liquid fuel; research and development; production; delivery systems; definitions</u>
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- A. CREDITS ARE ALLOWED AGAINST THE TAXES IMPOSED BY THIS TITLE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY SYSTEM COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SOLAR LIQUID FUEL AS PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION.
- B. FOR TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING FROM AND AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021, A CREDIT IS ALLOWED FOR INCREASED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY RELATED TO SOLAR LIQUID FUEL AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 41 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, EXCEPT THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IS EQUAL TO FORTY PER CENT OF THE AMOUNT EXCEEDING THE EXCESS, IF ANY, OF THE QUALIFIED RESEARCH EXPENSES FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR OVER THE BASE AMOUNT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 41(c) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. QUALIFIED RESEARCH INCLUDES ONLY RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN THIS STATE, INCLUDING RESEARCH CONDUCTED AT A UNIVERSITY IN THIS STATE AND PAID FOR BY THE TAXPAYER.
- C. FOR TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING FROM AND AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, A CREDIT IS ALLOWED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SOLAR LIQUID FUEL IN THIS STATE IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES. THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IS EQUAL TO ELEVEN CENTS PER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND BRITISH THERMAL UNITS OF FUEL PRODUCED IN THIS STATE DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR.
- D. FOR TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING FROM AND AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, A CREDIT IS ALLOWED FOR COSTS INCURRED DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR TO CONVERT OR MODIFY EXISTING MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL SERVICE STATIONS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF SOLAR LIQUID FUEL TO CUSTOMERS. THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IS EQUAL TO THIRTY PER CENT OF THE COST OF CONVERSION OR MODIFICATION, BUT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PER TAXABLE YEAR PER SERVICE STATION.
- E. CO-OWNERS OF A BUSINESS, INCLUDING CORPORATE PARTNERS IN A PARTNERSHIP, MAY EACH CLAIM ONLY THE PRO RATA SHARE OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION BASED ON THE OWNERSHIP INTEREST. THE TOTAL OF THE CREDITS

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ALLOWED ALL SUCH OWNERS MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED FOR THE SOLE OWNER OF THE BUSINESS.

- F. THE TAXPAYER MAY ELECT TO SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THE CREDIT TO ONE OR MORE OTHER TAXPAYERS FOR APPLICATION AGAINST THE TRANSFEREES' TAXES DUE UNDER THIS CHAPTER OR CHAPTER 10 OF THIS TITLE AS FOLLOWS:
- 1. THE TAXPAYER MUST APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX RETURN.
- 2. THE TAXPAYER MUST TRANSFER THE ENTIRE NOMINAL AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT. WHEN TRANSFERRED, THE ORIGINAL TAXPAYER RETAINS NO CREDIT AMOUNT AGAINST THE TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX LIABILITY.
- 3. A TRANSFEREE MAY APPLY THE CREDIT AGAINST THE TRANSFEREE'S TAX LIABILITY UNDER THIS CHAPTER OR CHAPTER 10 OF THIS TITLE FOR THE CURRENT TAXABLE YEAR IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL TAXPAYER. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT TRANSFERRED TO A TRANSFEREE EXCEEDS THE TRANSFEREE'S INCOME TAX LIABILITY, THE EXCESS AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IS EXTINGUISHED AND THE TRANSFEREE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM A REFUND FOR THE EXCESS AMOUNT OR TO CARRY THE EXCESS AMOUNT FORWARD TO SUBSEQUENT YEARS' INCOME TAX LIABILITY.
- 4. A TRANSFEREE SHALL NOT RESELL OR TRANSFER THE CREDIT TO A SUBSEQUENT TAXPAYER.
- 5. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE ORIGINAL TAXPAYER WAS NOT QUALIFIED, OR WAS DISQUALIFIED FROM USING THE CREDIT AT THE TIME OF THE TRANSFER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EITHER DISALLOW THE CREDIT CLAIMED BY A TRANSFEREE OR RECAPTURE THE CREDIT FROM THE TRANSFEREE THROUGH ANY AUTHORIZED COLLECTION METHOD. THE TRANSFEREE'S RECOURSE IS AGAINST THE ORIGINAL TAXPAYER.
- 6. IN THE CASE OF ANY FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL DISALLOW THE CREDIT UNTIL THE TAXPAYER OR TRANSFEREE IS IN FULL COMPLIANCE.
- G. A TAXPAYER THAT CLAIMS A CREDIT FOR INCREASED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY UNDER SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT CLAIM A CREDIT UNDER SECTION 43-1168 FOR THE SAME EXPENSES.
  - H. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
- 1. "COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES" MEANS AN AMOUNT OF FUEL THAT CAN BE PRODUCED AND SOLD BY AN INCORPORATED ENTITY IN THE WHOLESALE OR RETAIL TRADE.
- 2. "PRODUCTION" MEANS THE PRODUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE COMPATIBLE FUELS DERIVED FROM SUNLIGHT, CARBON DIOXIDE AND WATER THAT ARE CONVERTED INTO INTERMEDIARY CHEMICALS AND GASES THAT ARE USED TO PRODUCE HYDROCARBON FUELS.
- 3. "SOLAR LIQUID FUEL" MEANS LIQUID FUEL THAT IS GENERATED THROUGH PROCESSES THAT USE SUNLIGHT, CARBON DIOXIDE AND WATER TO PRODUCE INFRASTRUCTURE COMPATIBLE LIQUID HYDROCARBON FUELS.
- Sec. 6. Section 43-1168, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2008, chapter 290, section 5, is amended to read:
  - 43-1168. <u>Credit for increased research activities</u>
- A. A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title in an amount determined pursuant to section 41 of the internal revenue code, except that:

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- 1. The amount of the credit is computed as follows:
- (a) Add:
- (i) The excess, if any, of the qualified research expenses for the taxable year over the base amount as defined in section 41(c) of the internal revenue code.
- (ii) The basic research payments determined under section 41(e)(1)(A) of the internal revenue code.
- (b) If the sum computed under subdivision (a) is two million five hundred thousand dollars or less, the credit is equal to twenty-four per cent of that amount.
- (c) If the sum computed under subdivision (a) is over two million five hundred thousand dollars, the credit is equal to six hundred thousand dollars plus fifteen per cent of any amount exceeding two million five hundred thousand dollars, except that:
- (i) For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000 through December 31, 2001, the credit shall not exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars.
- (ii) For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2001 through December 31, 2002, the credit shall not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars.
- 2. Qualified research includes only research conducted in this state including research conducted at a university in this state and paid for by the taxpayer.
- 3. If two or more taxpayers, including corporate partners in a partnership, share in the eligible expenses, each taxpayer is eligible to receive a proportionate share of the credit.
- 4. The credit under this section applies only to expenses incurred from and after December 31, 1993.
- 5. The termination provisions of section 41 of the internal revenue code do not apply.
- B. If the allowable credit under this section exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this title, the amount of the credit not used to offset taxes may be carried forward to the next fifteen consecutive taxable years. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000 through December 31, 2002 that may be used under this subsection in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less, minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2002 that may be used under this subsection in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses.

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- C. If a taxpayer has qualified research expenses that are carried forward from taxable years beginning before January 1, 2001, the amount of the expenses carried forward shall be converted to a credit carryforward by multiplying the amount of the qualified expenses carried forward by twenty per cent. A credit carryforward determined under this subsection may be carried forward to not more than fifteen years from the year in which the expenses were incurred. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning before January 1, 2001 that may be used under this subsection in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less, minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses. The total amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning before January 1, 2003 that may be used in any taxable year under subsection B and this subsection may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less, minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses.
- D. A TAXPAYER THAT CLAIMS A CREDIT FOR INCREASED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT CLAIM A CREDIT UNDER SECTION 43-1164.02 FOR THE SAME EXPENSES.
- Sec. 7. Section 43-1168, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2008, chapter 290, section 7, is amended to read:
  - 43-1168. <u>Credit for increased research activity</u>
- A. A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title in an amount determined pursuant to section 41 of the internal revenue code, except that:
  - 1. The amount of the credit is computed as follows:
  - (a) Add:
- (i) The excess, if any, of the qualified research expenses for the taxable year over the base amount as defined in section 41(c) of the internal revenue code.
- (ii) The basic research payments determined under section 41(e)(1)(A) of the internal revenue code.
- (b) If the sum computed under subdivision (a) is two million five hundred thousand dollars or less, the credit is equal to twenty per cent of that amount.
- (c) If the sum computed under subdivision (a) is over two million five hundred thousand dollars, the credit is equal to five hundred thousand dollars plus eleven per cent of any amount exceeding two million five hundred thousand dollars, except that:
- (i) For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000 through December 31, 2001, the credit shall not exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars.
- (ii) For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2001 through December 31, 2002, the credit shall not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars.

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- 2. Qualified research includes only research conducted in this state including research conducted at a university in this state and paid for by the taxpayer.
- 3. If two or more taxpayers, including corporate partners in a partnership, share in the eligible expenses, each taxpayer is eligible to receive a proportionate share of the credit.
- 4. The credit under this section applies only to expenses incurred from and after December 31, 1993.
- 5. The termination provisions of section 41 of the internal revenue code do not apply.
- B. If the allowable credit under this section exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this title, the amount of the credit not used to offset taxes may be carried forward to the next fifteen consecutive taxable years. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000 through December 31, 2002 that may be used under this subsection in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less, minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2002 that may be used under this subsection in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses.
- C. If a taxpayer has qualified research expenses that are carried forward from taxable years beginning before January 1, 2001, the amount of the expenses carried forward shall be converted to a credit carryforward by multiplying the amount of the qualified expenses carried forward by twenty per cent. A credit carryforward determined under this subsection may be carried forward to not more than fifteen years from the year in which the expenses were incurred. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning before January 1, 2001 that may be used under this subsection in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less, minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses. The total amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning before January 1, 2003 that may be used in any taxable year under subsection B and this subsection may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less, minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses.
- D. A TAXPAYER THAT CLAIMS A CREDIT FOR INCREASED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT CLAIM A CREDIT UNDER SECTION 43-1164.02 FOR THE SAME EXPENSES.

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Sec. 8. <u>Effective date</u>

Section 43-1074.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by Laws 2008, chapter 290, section 4 and as amended by this act, and section 43-1168, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by Laws 2008, chapter 290, section 7 and as amended by this act, are effective from and after December 31, 2017.

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