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SENATE BILL 1734

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 43-1014, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO TAXATION.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 43-1014, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 43-1014. Entity-level tax election; partnerships;
5 S corporations; rules

6 A. For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2021,
7 the partners or shareholders of a business that is treated as a
8 partnership or S corporation for federal income tax purposes may consent
9 to be taxed at the entity level at a tax rate that is the same as the tax
10 rate prescribed by section 43-1011 applicable to the entire portion of its
11 taxable income that is attributable to its resident partners or
12 shareholders and the portion of its taxable income derived from sources
13 within this state that is attributable to its nonresident partners or
14 shareholders for that taxable year. The election under this subsection
15 must be made on or before the due date or extended due date of the
16 business's return under this title.

17 B. If the election is made under subsection A of this section, all
18 of the following apply:

19 1. The taxable income of the partnership or S corporation is as
20 follows:

21 (a) For a partnership:

22 (i) FOR TAXABLE YEARS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022, the Arizona
23 taxable income determined under chapter 14 of this title.

24 (ii) FOR TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING FROM AND AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2022,
25 THE ARIZONA TAXABLE INCOME DETERMINED UNDER CHAPTER 14 OF THIS TITLE,
26 INCLUDING THE ITEMS THAT REQUIRE SEPARATE COMPUTATION UNDER SECTION
27 43-1412, PARAGRAPHS 1 THROUGH 16.

28 (b) For an S corporation, the total of all distributive income
29 passed through to the shareholders under section 43-1126, subsection B.

30 2. If the partnership or S corporation does not pay the amount owed
31 to the department as a result of the election under this section, the
32 department may collect the amount from the partners or shareholders based
33 on the proportionate share of income that is attributable to each partner
34 or shareholder for Arizona tax purposes.

35 3. The partnership or S corporation shall pay estimated tax
36 pursuant to section 43-581 as necessary.

37 C. The election under subsection A of this section does not apply
38 to the following:

39 1. Partners or shareholders that are not individuals, estates or
40 trusts. The portion of the taxable income attributable to a partner or
41 shareholder that is not an individual, estate or trust is not included in
42 the entity-level tax under subsection A of this section.

1 2. Partners or shareholders who are individuals, estates or trusts
2 and who opt out of the election pursuant to subsection D of this section.
3 The portion of the taxable income attributable to a partner or shareholder
4 who is an individual, estate or trust and who opts out of the election
5 pursuant to subsection D of this section is not included in the
6 entity-level tax under subsection A of this section.

7 D. A partnership or S corporation that intends to make the election
8 under subsection A of this section shall notify all partners or
9 shareholders who are individuals, estates or trusts of the intent to make
10 the election and that each partner or shareholder who is an individual,
11 estate or trust has the right to opt out of the election. The notice
12 shall allow each partner or shareholder who is an individual, estate or
13 trust at least sixty days after receiving the notice to notify the
14 partnership or S corporation that the partner or shareholder who is an
15 individual, estate or trust is exercising the partner's or shareholder's
16 right to opt out of the election. If the partner or shareholder who is an
17 individual, estate or trust does not respond within the sixty-day period
18 or waives the right to opt out, the partner or shareholder will be
19 included in the election.

20 E. The department shall adopt rules and prescribe forms and
21 procedures as necessary to administer this section.

22 Sec. 2. Individual income tax subtraction; adoption expenses;
23 taxable years 2023, 2024 and 2025; amount;
24 retroactivity; delayed repeal

25 A. Notwithstanding any other law, for taxable years beginning from
26 and after December 31, 2022 through December 31, 2025, the subtraction
27 amount allowed under section 43-1022, paragraph 12, Arizona Revised
28 Statutes, is the amount of unreimbursed medical and hospital costs,
29 adoption counseling, legal and agency fees and other nonrecurring costs of
30 adoption not to exceed \$40,000. For a married couple filing separate
31 returns, the subtraction may be taken by either taxpayer or may be divided
32 between them, but the total subtractions allowed to each spouse may not
33 exceed \$40,000. The subtraction may be taken for the costs that are
34 described in this subsection and that are incurred in prior years, but the
35 subtraction may be taken only in the year during which the final adoption
36 order is granted.

37 B. This section applies retroactively to taxable years beginning
38 from and after December 31, 2022.

39 C. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2029.

40 Sec. 3. Individual income tax general welfare rebate;
41 eligibility; claim application; subtraction from
42 Arizona gross income; appeal; report; legislative
43 findings; delayed repeal; definitions

44 A. The department of revenue shall issue a onetime individual
45 income tax general welfare rebate, known as the Arizona families tax

1 rebate, to an Arizona taxpayer who filed a full-year resident tax return
2 for taxable year 2021, claimed a dependent tax credit under section
3 43-1073.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, on the return and who meets one of
4 the following qualifications:

5 1. Had a tax liability of at least \$1 on the filed full-year
6 resident tax return for taxable year 2021.

7 2. If the taxpayer does not meet the tax liability requirement for
8 taxable year 2021, filed a full-year resident tax return for taxable year
9 2020 under the identical filing status used on the taxpayer's taxable year
10 2021 full-year resident tax return and had a tax liability of at least \$1
11 on the full-year resident tax return for taxable year 2020.

12 3. If the taxpayer does not meet the tax liability requirement for
13 taxable years 2021 or 2020, filed a full-year resident tax return for
14 taxable year 2019 under the identical filing status used on the taxpayer's
15 full-year resident tax returns for taxable years 2020 and 2021 and had a
16 tax liability of at least \$1 on the full-year resident tax return for
17 taxable year 2019.

18 B. If the taxpayer does not meet any of the requirements in
19 subsection A of this section, the department of revenue shall conclude
20 that the taxpayer does not meet the criteria to be issued a rebate under
21 this section.

22 C. One rebate will be issued for each full-year resident tax return
23 for taxable year 2021 that qualifies under subsection A of this section.
24 The primary taxpayer's taxpayer identification number as reported on the
25 taxpayer's full-year resident tax return for taxable year 2021 shall be
26 used as needed in subsection A of this section for matching and
27 verification purposes.

28 D. The department of revenue shall issue to a qualifying taxpayer a
29 rebate of \$250 for each dependent tax credit claimed on the taxpayer's
30 full-year resident tax return for taxable year 2021 who was under
31 seventeen years of age at the end of taxable year 2021 and \$100 for each
32 dependent who was at least seventeen years of age at the end of taxable
33 year 2021.

34 E. The department of revenue shall issue a rebate for a maximum of
35 three dependents for a qualifying taxpayer under this section. For a
36 taxpayer who claimed more than three dependents on the taxpayer's
37 full-year resident tax return for taxable year 2021, the rebate will be
38 calculated by first counting the dependents who were under seventeen years
39 of age at the end of taxable year 2021 and then, if additional dependents
40 may be claimed to meet the maximum number, the dependents who were at
41 least seventeen years of age at the end of taxable year 2021.

42 F. If a qualifying taxpayer is deceased, the taxpayer's surviving
43 spouse, personal representative or executor or another official
44 representative of the estate designated pursuant to applicable state law
45 may receive the rebate for the deceased taxpayer.

1 G. The department of revenue shall pay all rebates issued pursuant
2 to this section on or before November 15, 2023, but not earlier than
3 October 15, 2023. The department shall attempt to pay a qualifying
4 taxpayer's rebate by electronic funds transfer using the routing and
5 account information provided by the taxpayer on the taxpayer's full-year
6 resident tax return for taxable year 2021 or more recent routing and
7 account information provided by the taxpayer. If such attempt fails, or if
8 the taxpayer did not provide such routing and account information, the
9 department shall issue the rebate check by mail to the most recent home
10 address provided by the taxpayer. Any notification from the department
11 that relates to the rebate issued under this section shall state the
12 following: "This rebate is being issued pursuant to Senate Bill 1734, as
13 passed by the fifty-sixth legislature, first regular session, and signed
14 into law by the governor." No letter relating to the Arizona families tax
15 rebate issued under this section shall be sent from the governor's office,
16 be sent on the governor's letterhead or reference the governor's office.

17 H. A taxpayer who does not receive the rebate issued pursuant to
18 this section on or before November 15, 2024 may claim the rebate by filing
19 a claim application online in the form and manner prescribed by the
20 department of revenue. The claim application must include the claimant's
21 name, address, taxpayer identification number and individual income tax
22 filing status. The department shall review each claim application and
23 verify the information provided. The department may request that a
24 claimant provide evidence to verify the claimant's eligibility for the
25 rebate.

26 I. In computing Arizona adjusted gross income, any rebate received
27 by a taxpayer pursuant to this section and required to be included in
28 Arizona gross income under the internal revenue code shall be subtracted
29 from the taxpayer's Arizona gross income.

30 J. Notwithstanding any other administrative proceedings established
31 by law or by rule, all appealable agency actions as defined in section
32 41-1092, Arizona Revised Statutes, and contested cases as defined in
33 section 41-1001, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to a rebate issued
34 pursuant to this section are governed by title 41, chapter 6, article 10,
35 Arizona Revised Statutes.

36 K. On or before February 15, 2025, the director of the department
37 of revenue shall report the following information to the president of the
38 senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the director of
39 the joint legislative budget committee:

- 40 1. The total dollar amount of rebates paid under this section.
- 41 2. The administrative costs associated with the department's
42 program for issuing the rebates under this section.
- 43 3. The total number of tax rebates issued.

1 L. The legislature finds that:

2 1. Inflation is at a forty-year high, putting gas, groceries and
3 other necessities out of reach for many Arizonans.

4 2. Responsible budgeting has allowed this state to take action to
5 mitigate the harmful impacts of inflation by returning a portion of the
6 surplus to this state's taxpayers with dependents.

7 M. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2029.

8 N. For the purposes of this section:

9 1. "Arizona small business taxable income" has the same meaning
10 prescribed in section 43-1701, Arizona Revised Statutes.

11 2. "Arizona small business tax liability" means an Arizona small
12 business taxpayer's Arizona small business taxable income multiplied by
13 the Arizona small business' applicable tax rate as prescribed by section
14 43-1711, Arizona Revised Statutes, plus any amount of recaptured Arizona
15 small business income tax credits, minus any nonrefundable and refundable
16 Arizona small business income tax credits claimed by the Arizona small
17 business taxpayer under title 43, chapter 17, article 5, Arizona Revised
18 Statutes.

19 3. "Taxable income" has the same meaning prescribed in section
20 43-1001, Arizona Revised Statutes.

21 4. "Tax liability" means the taxpayer's taxable income multiplied
22 by the taxpayer's applicable tax rate as prescribed in section 43-1011,
23 Arizona Revised Statutes, plus any amount of recaptured income tax credits
24 and the taxpayer's Arizona small business tax liability, if any, minus the
25 sum of nonrefundable and refundable income tax credits claimed by the
26 taxpayer under title 43, chapter 10, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes.

27 Sec. 4. Legislative intent

28 The legislature intends:

29 1. That in fiscal year 2023-2024 the fee prescribed in section
30 42-5041, subsection B, Arizona Revised Statutes, be assessed and collected
31 pursuant to the following guidelines:

32 (a) The total amount of fees for all counties, cities, towns,
33 councils of governments and regional transportation authorities may not
34 exceed \$6,597,200 in fiscal year 2023-2024.

35 (b) The share of fees assessed to all counties pursuant to
36 subdivision (a) of this paragraph shall be in proportion to the aggregate
37 amount of monies distributed to counties for the fiscal year two years
38 preceding the current fiscal year pursuant to sections 42-5029, 42-6103,
39 42-6107, 42-6108, 42-6108.01, 42-6109, 42-6109.01, 42-6110, 42-6111 and
40 42-6112, Arizona Revised Statutes, as a percentage of aggregate
41 distributions to all counties, cities, towns, councils of governments and
42 regional transportation authorities located in a county with a population
43 of more than eight hundred thousand persons for the fiscal year two years
44 preceding the current fiscal year pursuant to sections 42-5029, 42-6001,
45 42-6103, 42-6105, 42-6106, 42-6107, 42-6108, 42-6108.01, 42-6109,

1 42-6109.01, 42-6110, 42-6111, 42-6112 and 43-206, Arizona Revised
2 Statutes.

3 (c) The share of fees assessed to all cities and towns pursuant to
4 subdivision (a) of this paragraph shall be in proportion to the aggregate
5 amount of monies distributed to cities and towns for the fiscal year two
6 years preceding the current fiscal year pursuant to sections 42-5029,
7 42-6001 and 43-206, Arizona Revised Statutes, as a percentage of aggregate
8 distributions to all counties, cities, towns, councils of governments and
9 regional transportation authorities located in a county with a population
10 of more than eight hundred thousand persons for the fiscal year two years
11 preceding the current fiscal year pursuant to sections 42-5029, 42-6001,
12 42-6103, 42-6105, 42-6106, 42-6107, 42-6108, 42-6108.01, 42-6109,
13 42-6109.01, 42-6110, 42-6111, 42-6112 and 43-206, Arizona Revised
14 Statutes.

15 (d) The share of fees assessed to all councils of governments
16 pursuant to subdivision (a) of this paragraph shall be in proportion to
17 the aggregate amount of monies distributed to all councils of governments
18 for the fiscal year two years preceding the current fiscal year pursuant
19 to section 42-6105, Arizona Revised Statutes, as a percentage of aggregate
20 distributions to all counties, cities, towns, councils of governments and
21 regional transportation authorities located in a county with a population
22 of more than eight hundred thousand persons for the fiscal year two years
23 preceding the current fiscal year pursuant to sections 42-5029, 42-6001,
24 42-6103, 42-6105, 42-6106, 42-6107, 42-6108, 42-6108.01, 42-6109,
25 42-6109.01, 42-6110, 42-6111, 42-6112 and 43-206, Arizona Revised
26 Statutes.

27 (e) The share of fees assessed to all regional transportation
28 authorities located in a county with a population of more than eight
29 hundred thousand persons pursuant to subdivision (a) of this paragraph
30 shall be in proportion to the aggregate amount of monies distributed to
31 all regional transportation authorities located in a county with a
32 population of more than eight hundred thousand persons for the fiscal year
33 two years preceding the current fiscal year pursuant to section 42-6106,
34 Arizona Revised Statutes, as a percentage of aggregate distributions to
35 all counties, cities, towns, councils of governments and regional
36 transportation authorities located in a county with a population of more
37 than eight hundred thousand persons for the fiscal year two years
38 preceding the current fiscal year pursuant to sections 42-5029, 42-6001,
39 42-6103, 42-6105, 42-6106, 42-6107, 42-6108, 42-6108.01, 42-6109,
40 42-6109.01, 42-6110, 42-6111, 42-6112 and 43-206, Arizona Revised
41 Statutes.

42 (f) Except as provided by sections 42-5033 and 42-5033.01, Arizona
43 Revised Statutes, the population of a county as determined by the most
44 recent United States decennial census plus any revision to the decennial
45 census certified by the United States census bureau shall be used as the

1 basis for apportioning monies pursuant to subdivision (b) of this
2 paragraph.

3 (g) Except as provided by sections 42-5033 and 42-5033.01, Arizona
4 Revised Statutes, the population of a city or town as determined by the
5 most recent United States decennial census plus any revision to the
6 decennial census certified by the United States census bureau shall be
7 used as the basis for apportioning monies pursuant to subdivision (c) of
8 this paragraph.

9 2. That in fiscal year 2023-2024 the transfer prescribed in section
10 42-5041, subsection E, Arizona Revised Statutes, not exceed \$800,000.

11 3. That in fiscal year 2023-2024 the transfer prescribed in section
12 42-5041, subsection F, Arizona Revised Statutes, not exceed \$178,100.