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AN ACT

To amend chapter 135, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a tax credit for certain small businesses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 135, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 135.1161, to read as follows:

135.1161. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) **"Disabled employee", any person who is employed by the taxpayer claiming the tax credit under this section for a minimum of forty weeks in each taxable year for which the credit allowed under this section is claimed and who:**

(a) **Is determined to be disabled by the Social Security Administration or the Department of Veterans' Affairs; or**

(b) **Is determined to be disabled by the division of vocational rehabilitation and is participating in the division's job placement program;**

(2) **"Small business", any business that employs fifty or fewer employees and that hires a disabled person or a person recently discharged from a correctional facility;**

(3) **"Tax credit", a credit against the tax otherwise due under chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265;**

(4) **"Taxpayer", any small business subject to the tax imposed in chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 **2. For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, a taxpayer shall be**
16 **allowed a tax credit for hiring a disabled person or a person recently discharged from a**
17 **state or federal correctional facility. The tax credit amount shall be equal to five hundred**
18 **dollars for each such person employed, subject to the following:**

19 **(1) In the case of a disabled person, such small business shall employ the person for**
20 **a minimum of twenty-five hours per week, and the person shall be employed for at least**
21 **one year before the small business is eligible for the tax credit;**

22 **(2) In the case of a person recently discharged from a correctional facility, such**
23 **small business shall employ the person for at least forty hours per week, and such small**
24 **business shall employ such person for at least one year before the small business is eligible**
25 **for the tax credit. Upon meeting all eligibility requirements, the small business shall be**
26 **eligible to claim the tax credit for the next three years.**

27 **3. The amount of the tax credit redeemed shall not exceed the amount of the**
28 **taxpayer's state tax liability for the tax year for which the credit is claimed. If the amount**
29 **of the tax credit redeemed exceeds the amount of the taxpayer's state tax liability for the**
30 **tax year for which the credit is claimed, the difference shall not be refundable but may be**
31 **carried forward to any of the taxpayer's three subsequent taxable years. No tax credit**
32 **redeemed under this section shall be transferred, sold, or assigned. The aggregate amount**
33 **of tax credits which may be redeemed under this section in any one fiscal year shall not**
34 **exceed ten million dollars. The tax credits redeemed under this section shall be redeemed**
35 **on a first-come, first-served filing basis.**

36 **4. The department of revenue may promulgate rules to implement the provisions**
37 **of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that**
38 **is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**
39 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**
40 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers**
41 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**
42 **date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the**
43 **grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2011,**
44 **shall be invalid and void.**

45 **5. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

46 **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall**
47 **automatically sunset on December thirty-first six years after the effective date of this**
48 **section unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and**

49 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**
50 **shall automatically sunset on December thirty-first twelve years after the effective date of**
51 **the reauthorization of this section; and**

52 **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately**
53 **following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.**