

HB 336 -- Income Tax Credit for Costs to Attract Sporting Events

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This bill authorizes an income tax credit for the eligible costs of bringing a sporting event, as specified in the bill, to Missouri. In order to receive the tax credit, the Department of Economic Development must certify the applicant's sporting event support contract between the applicant and a site selection organization. These organizations are specified in the bill and include, but are not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the United States Olympic Committee, and the United States Golf Association.

The applicant must submit documentation of the eligible costs within 30 days of the conclusion of the sporting event. Within 60 days of the conclusion of the sporting event, the department, in consultation with the Director of the Department of Revenue, must determine the amount of tax revenues which are directly attributable to the sporting event. Within 60 days of receiving the documentation from the applicant of the eligible costs, the Department of Economic Development must issue a refundable tax credit equal to 100% of the eligible costs or 50% of the increase in tax revenues within the market area which are directly attributable to the sporting event, whichever is less. The tax credit may be transferred, sold, or assigned.

No more than \$10 million of these tax credits can be issued by the department in any fiscal year, and no more than \$8 million of these tax credits can be issued in any fiscal year for sporting events held in St. Louis City or the counties of St. Louis or Jackson.

A support contract cannot be certified by the department after six years from the effective date of the bill; however, the department can certify a contract during this six-year period for a sporting event that will be held later than six years from the effective date.