

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 703,
2 Page 1, Section A, Line 7, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "135.1620. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

5 (1) "Eligible expenses", expenses incurred in the construction or development of real
6 property for the purpose of establishing a full-service grocery store in a food desert;

7 (2) "Food desert", a census tract that has a poverty rate of at least twenty percent or a
8 median family income of less than eighty percent of the statewide average and where at least five
9 hundred people or thirty-three percent of the population are located at least half a mile from a full-
10 service grocery store in urban areas or ten miles in rural areas;

11 (3) "Full-service grocery store", a grocery store that provides a full complement of healthful
12 fruits, vegetables, grains, meat, and dairy products along with household items. Fresh fruits and
13 vegetables shall be available for sale in quantities that are substantially similar to industry standards
14 for facilities of similar size;

15 (4) "New location", a full-service grocery store facility located on a tract of real property
16 within a food desert acquired by or leased to a taxpayer on or after January 1, 2017. A location
17 shall be deemed to have been acquired by or leased to a taxpayer on or after January 1, 2017, if the
18 transfer of title to the taxpayer, the transfer of possession under a binding contract to transfer title to
19 a taxpayer, or the commencement of the term of the lease to a taxpayer occurs on or after January 1,
20 2017, or if the commencement of the construction or installation of the facility by or on behalf of a
21 taxpayer occurs on or after January 1, 2017;

22 (5) "Rural area", a town or community within the state that is not within a standard
23 metropolitan statistical area and has a population of six thousand or fewer inhabitants as determined
24 by the last preceding federal decennial census or any unincorporated area not within a standard
25 metropolitan statistical area;

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

28 (7) "Taxpayer", any individual, partnership, or corporation as described in section 143.441
29 or 143.471 that is subject to the tax imposed under chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed
30 under sections 143.191 to 143.265, or any charitable organization that is exempt from federal
31 income tax and whose Missouri unrelated business taxable income, if any, would be subject to the
32 state income tax imposed under chapter 143;

33 (8) "Urban area", an urban place as designated by the Bureau of the Census.

34 2. A taxpayer shall be allowed to claim a tax credit against the taxpayer's state tax liability
35 in an amount equal to fifty percent of the taxpayer's eligible expenses for establishing a full-service
36 grocery store in a food desert after initial expenses of:

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1 (1) One million dollars if the full-service grocery store is established in a charter county, a
2 county of the first classification, or a city not within any county; or

3 (2) Five hundred thousand dollars if the full-service grocery store is established in any other
4 county or city.

5 3. The amount of the tax credit claimed shall not exceed the amount of the taxpayer's state
6 tax liability for the tax year that the credit is claimed, and such taxpayer shall not be allowed to
7 claim a tax credit in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars per tax year. However, any
8 tax credit that cannot be claimed in the tax year the contribution was made may be carried over to
9 the next three succeeding tax years until the full credit has been claimed.

10 4. The total amount of tax credits that may be authorized under this section in any calendar
11 year shall not exceed twenty-five million dollars.

12 5. Tax credits issued under the provisions of this section may be transferred, sold, or
13 assigned.

14 6. The issuance of tax credits authorized under this section shall cease and the taxpayer shall
15 immediately submit payment to the state general revenue fund in an amount equal to all credits
16 previously issued to the taxpayer, less any amounts previously repaid, increased by an amount equal
17 to a reasonable rate of return on the value of the credits issued in the event that the taxpayer:

18 (1) Fails to complete construction on a full-service grocery store within five years of the
19 commencement of the project; or

20 (2) Fails to operate a full-service grocery store at the same new location for at least ten
21 consecutive years.

22 7. The department of economic development may promulgate rules to implement the
23 provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010,
24 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies
25 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This
26 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
27 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
28 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
29 adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

30 8. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

31 (1) The program authorized under this section shall automatically sunset six years after
32 August 28, 2016, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly;

33 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section shall
34 automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section; and

35 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately
36 following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset."; and
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38 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
39 accordingly.