

Legislation Text

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Amending Section 19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates and credits for the business privilege tax, by amending the provisions providing a credit for contributions to community development corporations to allow two businesses to apply jointly for the credit, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§19-2604. Tax Rates, Credits, and Alternative Tax Computation.

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(6) Credit for Contributions to Community Development Corporations.

(a) Definitions. For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(.1) Qualifying CDC. A community development corporation undertaking economic development activities within the City of Philadelphia.

(b) [A] *Subject to the provisions of subsection (6)(f),* a business shall receive a tax credit of \$100,000 per year against business privilege tax liability for each year the business contributes \$100,000 in cash to a Qualifying CDC under the terms and conditions of this subsection (6).

(c) [The] *Subject to the provisions of subsection (6)(f),* the tax credit under this subsection (6) shall be available to up to thirty (30) businesses that enter into a contribution agreement with the City under which the business agrees to contribute \$100,000 in cash per year for ten consecutive years to a Qualifying CDC designated by the business. No tax credit shall be given for any contributions made by a business to a Qualifying CDC other than pursuant to a contribution agreement with the City executed under the terms and conditions of this subsection (6).

(d) The Revenue Department shall provide application forms for businesses that wish to apply for tax credits under this Section, and it shall enter into contribution agreements under this Section with up to thirty (30) applicants on a “first come-first served” basis. The Revenue Department shall when necessary randomly choose among applicants that apply on the same date.

(e) [A] *Subject to the provisions of subsection (6)(f),* a business may terminate its contribution agreement with the City at any time. A business that terminates a contribution agreement will not lose any tax credits it has taken for contributions made under the contribution agreement, but the business will not be eligible to apply for any future tax credits under this subsection. If a business terminates its contribution

agreement, a new business may apply to receive tax credits under this subsection, provided that such tax credits shall be limited to the number of years that were remaining on the terminating business' contribution agreement, and further provided that the new business must enter into a contribution agreement with the City under which it agrees to make contributions of \$100,000 per year to the same Qualifying CDC which was the recipient under the terminating business' contribution agreement, and for the number of years that remained under that agreement.

(f) Two businesses may apply jointly for the tax credit provided under this subsection (6). In that case, both businesses shall be parties to the contribution agreement with the City, and the contribution agreement shall specify how much of the total \$100,000 annual contribution to the designated Qualifying CDC each business is obligated to contribute. The \$100,000 annual tax credit shall be divided between the two businesses in proportion to each business' contribution as specified in the contribution agreement. Either business may terminate the contribution agreement with the City at any time, in which case the other business shall be given the option of applying for tax credits under the provisions of subsection (6)(e) before any other business (or two businesses applying jointly) may apply.

[(f)] (g) The Revenue Department shall by [December 31] *July 1* of each year submit a written report to the Mayor, with a copy to the President and Chief Clerk of Council, summarizing the City's experience during the prior year with the tax credit provided under this Section.

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Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

Italics indicate new matter added.