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AN ACT

- Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying 2 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing 3 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment, 4 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing 5 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and 6 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations 8 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and 9 penalties," in sales tax, further providing for local 10 receivers of use tax; in personal income tax, further 11 12 providing for definitions and for taxability of partners; providing for tax treatment determined at partnership level 13 and for tax imposed at partnership level; further providing 14 for income of a Pennsylvania S corporation, for income taxes 15 imposed by other states, for general rule, for return of 16 17 Pennsylvania S corporation and for requirements concerning returns, notices, records and statements; in corporate net 18 income tax, further providing for definitions, for imposition 19 of tax and for reports and payment of tax; and, in 20 21 inheritance tax, further providing for exemption for poverty. 22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 23 hereby enacts as follows: 24 Section 1. Section 226 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6,
- 25 No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is repealed:
- 26 [Section 226. Local Receivers of Use Tax. -- Beginning on and

- 1 after the effective date of this article, in every county,
- 2 except in counties of the first class, the county treasurer is
- 3 hereby authorized to receive use tax due and payable under the
- 4 provisions of this article from any person other than a
- 5 licensee. The receiving of such taxes shall be pursuant to rules
- 6 and regulations promulgated by the department and upon forms
- 7 furnished by the department. Each county treasurer shall remit
- 8 to the department all use taxes received under the authority of
- 9 this section minus the costs of administering this provision not
- 10 to exceed one per cent of the amount of use taxes received,
- 11 which amount shall be retained in lieu of any commission
- 12 otherwise allowable by law for the collection of such tax.]
- 13 Section 2. Section 301(n.1) and (o.3) of the act, amended
- 14 July 6, 2006 (P.L.319, No.67), are amended and the section is
- 15 amended by adding subsections to read:
- 16 Section 301. Definitions. -- Any reference in this article to
- 17 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall mean the Internal
- 18 Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.),
- 19 as amended to January 1, 1997, unless the reference contains the
- 20 phrase "as amended" and refers to no other date, in which case
- 21 the reference shall be to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as
- 22 it exists as of the time of application of this article. The
- 23 following words, terms and phrases when used in this article
- 24 shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section except
- 25 where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
- 26 * * *
- 27 (d.2) "Corporate item" means an item, including income, gain
- 28 or loss, deduction or credit determined at the Pennsylvania S
- 29 <u>corporation level</u>, which is required to be taken into account
- 30 for a Pennsylvania S corporation's taxable year.

- 1 * * *
- 2 (n.2) "Partnership item" means an item, including income,
- 3 gain or loss, deduction or credit determined at the partnership
- 4 <u>level</u>, which is required to be taken into account for a
- 5 partnership's taxable year.
- 6 [(n.1)] (n.3) "Pennsylvania S corporation" means any small
- 7 corporation as defined in section 301(s.2) which does not have a
- 8 valid election under section 307 in effect. A qualified
- 9 Subchapter S subsidiary owned by a Pennsylvania S corporation
- 10 shall be treated as a Pennsylvania S corporation without regard
- 11 to whether an election under section 307 has been made with
- 12 respect to the subsidiary.
- 13 * * *
- 14 (o.3) "Publicly traded partnership" means an entity defined
- 15 <u>under section 7704 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public</u>
- 16 Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 7704) with equity securities registered
- 17 with the Securities and Exchange Commission under section 12 of
- 18 the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (48 Stat. 881, 15 U.S.C. §
- 19 78a).
- [(0.3)] (0.4) "Qualified Subchapter S subsidiary" means a
- 21 domestic or foreign corporation which for Federal income tax
- 22 purposes is treated as a qualified Subchapter S subsidiary, as
- 23 defined in section 1361(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of
- 24 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 1361), as amended to
- 25 January 1, 2005.
- 26 Section 3. Section 306 of the act, amended June 22, 2001
- 27 (P.L.353, No.23), is amended to read:
- 28 Section 306. Taxability of Partners.--[A] Except as provided
- 29 under section 306.2, a partnership as an entity shall not be
- 30 subject to the tax imposed by this article, but the income or

- 1 gain of a member of a partnership in respect of said partnership
- 2 shall be subject to the tax and the tax shall be imposed on his
- 3 share, whether or not distributed, of the income or gain
- 4 received by the partnership for its taxable year ending within
- 5 or with the member's taxable year.
- 6 Section 4. The act is amended by adding sections to read:
- 7 <u>Section 306.1. Tax Treatment Determined at Partnership</u>
- 8 Level.--The classification or character of a partnership item
- 9 shall be determined at the partnership level. This section shall
- 10 not prohibit the department from adjusting a partner's return.
- 11 <u>Section 306.2. Tax Imposed at Partnership Level.--(a) A</u>
- 12 partnership underreporting reportable income by more than one
- 13 million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be jointly liable with each
- 14 partner for any part of a deficiency resulting from the
- 15 <u>treatment of a partnership item by a partner on that partner's</u>
- 16 return in a manner that is consistent with the treatment of that
- 17 partnership item on the partnership return. If the tax is paid
- 18 by the partner, the department may not collect the tax from the
- 19 partnership. If the tax is paid by the partnership, the
- 20 department may not collect the tax from a partner.
- 21 (b) Subsection (a) shall apply to the following
- 22 partnerships:
- 23 (1) A partnership which has eleven or more individual
- 24 partners.
- 25 (2) A partnership which has at least one partner which is a
- 26 corporation, limited liability company, partnership or trust.
- 27 (3) A partnership which has only individual partners and
- 28 which elects to be subject to this subsection. The election must
- 29 be included on the partnership return to be filed with the
- 30 <u>department</u>.

- 1 (c) This section shall not apply to a publicly traded
- 2 partnership.
- 3 (d) Nothing under this section shall require one partner to
- 4 <u>be liable for the payment of a tax liability of another partner.</u>
- 5 (e) Appeals involving a deficiency assessed under this
- 6 <u>section may only be pursued by the partnership and a</u>
- 7 reassessment or settlement of tax liability shall be binding on
- 8 the partners.
- 9 Section 5. Section 307.8(a) of the act, amended May 7, 1997
- 10 (P.L.85, No.7), is amended and the section is amended by adding
- 11 a subsection to read:
- 12 Section 307.8. Income of a Pennsylvania S Corporation.--(a)
- 13 A Pennsylvania S corporation shall not be subject to the tax
- 14 imposed by this article, except as provided under subsection
- 15 (f), but the shareholders of the Pennsylvania S corporation
- 16 shall be subject to the tax imposed under this article as
- 17 provided in this article.
- 18 * * *
- 19 (f) (1) A Pennsylvania S corporation underreporting
- 20 reportable income by more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000)
- 21 shall be jointly liable with each shareholder for any part of a
- 22 deficiency resulting from the treatment of a corporate item by
- 23 any shareholder on the shareholder's return in a manner that is
- 24 consistent with the treatment of the corporate item on the
- 25 return of the Pennsylvania S corporation. If the tax is paid by
- 26 the shareholder, it may not be be collected from the
- 27 corporation.
- 28 (2) Paragraph (1) shall apply to the following Pennsylvania
- 29 <u>S corporations:</u>
- 30 (i) A Pennsylvania S corporation which has eleven or more

- 1 <u>shareholders</u>.
- 2 (ii) A Pennsylvania S corporation which elects to be subject
- 3 to this subsection. The election must be included on the
- 4 Pennsylvania S corporation return to be filed with the
- 5 <u>department.</u>
- 6 (3) Nothing under this section shall require one shareholder
- 7 to be liable for the payment of a tax liability of another
- 8 shareholder.
- 9 <u>(4) Appeals involving the deficiency assessed under this</u>
- 10 section may be filed only by the Pennsylvania S corporation and
- 11 a reassessment or settlement of tax liability shall be binding
- 12 <u>on the shareholders.</u>
- 13 Section 6. Section 314(a) of the act, amended December 23,
- 14 1983 (P.L.370, No.90), is amended to read:
- 15 Section 314. Income Taxes Imposed by Other States. -- (a) A
- 16 resident taxpayer before allowance of any credit under section
- 17 312 shall be allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due
- 18 under this article for the amount of any income tax, wage tax or
- 19 tax on or measured by gross or net earned or unearned income
- 20 imposed on him or on a Pennsylvania S corporation in which he is
- 21 a shareholder, to the extent of his pro rata share thereof
- 22 determined in accordance with section 307.9, by another state
- 23 with respect to income which is also subject to tax under this
- 24 article. For purposes of this subsection, the term "state" shall
- 25 only include a state of the United States and the District of
- 26 Columbia.
- 27 * * *
- Section 7. Section 324 of the act, amended June 22, 2001
- 29 (P.L.353, No.23), is amended to read:
- 30 Section 324. General Rule.--(a) When a partnership, estate,

- 1 <u>trust</u> or Pennsylvania S corporation receives income from sources
- 2 within this Commonwealth for any taxable year and any portion of
- 3 the income is allocable to a nonresident partner, beneficiary,
- 4 member or shareholder thereof, the partnership, estate, trust or
- 5 Pennsylvania S corporation shall pay a withholding tax under
- 6 this section at the time and in the manner prescribed by the
- 7 department; however, notwithstanding any other provision of this
- 8 article, all such withholding tax shall be paid over on or
- 9 before the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the end
- 10 of the taxable year.
- 11 (b) This section shall not apply to any publicly traded
- 12 partnership as defined under section 7704 of the Internal
- 13 Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 7704) with
- 14 equity securities registered with the Securities and Exchange
- 15 Commission under section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of
- 16 1934 (48 Stat. 881, 15 U.S.C. § 78a).
- 17 Section 8. Section 330.1 of the act, amended or added
- 18 December 23, 1983 (P.L.370, No.90) and July 13, 1987 (P.L.325,
- 19 No.59), is amended to read:
- 20 Section 330.1. Return of Pennsylvania S Corporation.--(a)
- 21 Every Pennsylvania S corporation shall make a return for each
- 22 taxable year, stating specifically all items of gross income and
- 23 deductions, the names and addresses of all persons owning stock
- 24 in the corporation at any time during the taxable year, the
- 25 number of shares of stock owned by each shareholder at all times
- 26 during the taxable year, the amount of money and other property
- 27 distributed by the corporation during the taxable year to each
- 28 shareholder, the date of each distribution, each shareholder's
- 29 pro rata share of each item of the corporation for the taxable
- 30 year and such other information as the department may require.

- 1 (b) The return shall be filed on or before thirty days after
- 2 the date when the corporation's Federal income tax return is
- 3 due.
- 4 (c) Every Pennsylvania S corporation shall also submit to
- 5 the department a true copy of the income tax return filed with
- 6 the Federal Government at the time the return required under
- 7 subsection (a) is filed.
- 8 (d) Each Pennsylvania S corporation required to file a
- 9 return under subsection (a) for a taxable year shall, on or
- 10 before the day on which the return for the taxable year was
- 11 filed, furnish to each person who is a shareholder at any time
- 12 <u>during the taxable year a copy of one or both of the following</u>
- 13 showing their share of income and any other information as may
- 14 be required by the department:
- 15 (1) The Resident Schedule of Shareholder/Partner/Beneficiary
- 16 Pass Through Income, Loss and Credits (Schedule RK-1) form.
- 17 (2) The Nonresident Schedule of
- 18 Shareholder/Partner/Beneficiary Pass Through Income, Loss and
- 19 Credits (Schedule NRK-1) form.
- 20 Section 9. Section 335 of the act, amended or added August
- 21 31, 1971 (P.L.362, No.93), December 23, 2003 (P.L.250, No.46)
- 22 and July 2, 2012 (P.L.751, No.85), is amended to read:
- 23 Section 335. Requirements Concerning Returns, Notices,
- 24 Records and Statements. -- (a) The department may prescribe by
- 25 regulation for the keeping of records, the content and form of
- 26 returns, declarations, statements and other documents and the
- 27 filing of copies of Federal income tax returns and
- 28 determinations. The department may require any person, by
- 29 regulation or notice served upon such person, to make such
- 30 returns, render such statements, or keep such records, as the

- 1 department may deem sufficient to show whether or not such
- 2 person is liable for tax under this article.
- 3 (b) (1) When required by regulations prescribed by the
- 4 department:
- 5 (i) Any person required under the authority of this article
- 6 to make a return, declaration, statement, or other document
- 7 shall include in such return, declaration, statement or other
- 8 document such identifying number as may be prescribed for
- 9 securing proper identification of such person.
- 10 (ii) Any person with respect to whom a return, declaration,
- 11 statement, or other document is required under the authority of
- 12 this article to make a return, declaration, statement, or other
- 13 document with respect to another person, shall request from such
- 14 other person, and shall include in any such return, declaration,
- 15 statement, or other document, such identifying number as may be
- 16 prescribed for securing proper identification of such other
- 17 person.
- 18 (2) For purposes of this section, the department is
- 19 authorized to require such information as may be necessary to
- 20 assign an identifying number to any person.
- 21 (c) (1) Every partnership, estate or trust having a
- 22 resident partner or a resident beneficiary or every partnership,
- 23 <u>estate or trust</u> having any income derived from sources within
- 24 this Commonwealth shall make a return for the taxable year
- 25 setting forth all items of income, loss and deduction, and such
- 26 other pertinent information as the department may by regulations
- 27 prescribe. Such return shall be filed on or before the fifteenth
- 28 day of the fourth month following the close of each taxable
- 29 year. For purposes of this subsection, "taxable year" means year
- 30 or period which would be a taxable year of the partnership if it

- 1 were subject to tax under this article.
- 2 (2) Every partnership, estate or trust required to file a
- 3 return under paragraph (1) shall also file with the department a
- 4 true copy of the income tax return filed with the Federal
- 5 Government at the time the return required under paragraph (1)
- 6 <u>is filed.</u>
- 7 (3) Every partnership, estate or trust required to file a
- 8 return under paragraph (1) for any taxable year shall, on or
- 9 before the day the return is filed, furnish to each partner or
- 10 nominee for another person or to each beneficiary to whom the
- 11 income or gains of the estate or trust is taxable, a copy of one
- 12 or both of the following showing their share of income and any
- 13 <u>other information as may be required by the department:</u>
- 14 (i) The Resident Schedule of Shareholder/Partner/Beneficiary
- 15 Pass Through Income, Loss and Credits (Schedule RK-1) form.
- 16 (ii) The Nonresident Schedule of
- 17 Shareholder/Partner/Beneficiary Pass Through Income, Loss and
- 18 Credits (Schedule NRK-1) form.
- 19 (4) Failure to file a timely return as required under
- 20 paragraph (2) and failure to furnish a copy of the returns
- 21 required under paragraph (3) shall result in a penalty of fifty
- 22 dollars (\$50) for each individual return or individual copy
- 23 required.
- 24 (d) The department may prescribe regulations requiring
- 25 returns of information to be made and filed on or before
- 26 February 28 of each year as to the payment or crediting in any
- 27 calendar year of amounts of ten dollars (\$10) or more to any
- 28 taxpayer. Such returns may be required of any person, including
- 29 lessees or mortgagors of real or personal property, fiduciaries,
- 30 employers and all officers and employes of this Commonwealth, or

- 1 of any municipal corporation or political subdivision of this
- 2 Commonwealth having the control, receipt, custody, disposal or
- 3 payment of interest, rents, salaries, wages, premiums,
- 4 annuities, compensations, remunerations, emoluments or other
- 5 fixed or determinable gains, profits or income, except interest
- 6 coupons payable to bearer. A duplicate of the statement as to
- 7 tax withheld on compensation required to be furnished by an
- 8 employer to an employe, shall constitute the return of
- 9 information required to be made under this section with respect
- 10 to such compensation.
- 11 (e) Any person who is required to make a form W-2G return to
- 12 the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States in regard to
- 13 taxable gambling or lottery winnings from sources within this
- 14 Commonwealth shall file a copy of the form with the department
- 15 by March 1 of each year or, if filed electronically, by March 31
- 16 of each year.
- 17 (f) The following apply:
- 18 (1) Any person who:
- 19 (i) makes payments of income from sources within this
- 20 Commonwealth;
- 21 (ii) makes payments of nonemploye compensation or payments
- 22 under an oil and gas lease under subparagraph (i) to a resident
- 23 or nonresident individual, an entity treated as a partnership
- 24 for tax purposes or a single member limited liability company;
- 25 and
- 26 (iii) is required to make a form 1099-MISC return to the
- 27 Secretary of the Treasury of the United States with respect to
- 28 the payments shall file a copy of form 1099-MISC with the
- 29 department and send a copy of form 1099-MISC to the payee by the
- 30 Federal filing deadline each year.

- 1 (2) If the payor is required to perform electronic filing
- 2 for Pennsylvania employer withholding purposes, the form 1099-
- 3 MISC shall be filed electronically with the department.
- 4 (g) (1) Every estate, trust, Pennsylvania S Corporation or
- 5 partnership, other than a publicly traded partnership, shall
- 6 <u>maintain at the end of the entity's taxable year an accurate</u>
- 7 list of partners, members, beneficiaries or shareholders. The
- 8 <u>list shall include the name, current address and tax</u>
- 9 <u>identification number of all existing partners, members,</u>
- 10 beneficiaries or shareholders and of all partners, members,
- 11 beneficiaries or shareholders, who were admitted or who withdrew
- 12 during the taxable year, including the date of withdrawal and
- 13 admittance.
- 14 (2) If the entity under paragraph (1) does not maintain an
- 15 accurate list as required, the tax, penalty and interest with
- 16 respect to the entity shall be considered the tax, penalty and
- 17 <u>interest of the partnership, estate, trust or Pennsylvania S</u>
- 18 Corporation and of the general partner, tax matters partner,
- 19 corporate officer or trustee.
- Section 10. Section 401(3)2(a)(17) of the act, amended
- 21 September 9, 1971 (P.L.437, No.105), is amended and subclause
- 22 2(a) of the act is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
- 23 Section 401. Definitions. -- The following words, terms, and
- 24 phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meaning
- 25 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
- 26 clearly indicates a different meaning:
- 27 * * *
- 28 (3) "Taxable income." * * *
- 29 2. In case the entire business of any corporation, other
- 30 than a corporation engaged in doing business as a regulated

- 1 investment company as defined by the Internal Revenue Code of
- 2 1986, is not transacted within this Commonwealth, the tax
- 3 imposed by this article shall be based upon such portion of the
- 4 taxable income of such corporation for the fiscal or calendar
- 5 year, as defined in subclause 1 hereof, and may be determined as
- 6 follows:
- 7 (a) Division of Income.
- 8 * * *
- 9 (16.1) Sales, other than sales under paragraphs (16) and
- 10 (17), are in this State as follows:
- 11 (A) The sale, lease, rental or other use of real property,
- 12 <u>if the real property is located in this State. If real property</u>
- 13 <u>is located both in and outside this State, the sale is in this</u>
- 14 State based upon the percentage of total assessed value of the
- 15 <u>real property located in this State.</u>
- 16 (B) The rental, lease or licensing of tangible personal
- 17 property, if the customer first obtained possession of the
- 18 tangible personal property in this State.
- 19 (C) (I) The sale of service, if the service is delivered to
- 20 a location in this State. If the service is delivered both to a
- 21 location in and outside this State, the sale is in this State
- 22 based upon the percentage of total value of the service
- 23 delivered to a location in this State.
- 24 (II) If the state or states of assignment under subparagraph
- 25 (I) cannot be determined, a service is deemed to be delivered at
- 26 a customer's billing address in the case of an individual or, in
- 27 the case of a business, the office of the customer from which
- 28 the services were ordered in the regular course of the
- 29 customer's trade or business.
- 30 (III) If the state or states of assignment under

- 1 <u>subparagraph (I) or (II) cannot be determined for a customer</u>
- 2 that is a business, a service is deemed to be delivered to a
- 3 <u>customer's office billing address.</u>
- 4 (17) Sales, other than sales [of tangible personal property]
- 5 <u>under paragraphs (16) and (16.1)</u>, are in this State if:
- 6 (A) The income-producing activity is performed in this
- 7 State; or
- 8 (B) The income-producing activity is performed both in and
- 9 outside this State and a greater proportion of the income-
- 10 producing activity is performed in this State than in any other
- 11 state, based on costs of performance.
- 12 * * *
- Section 11. Section 402(b) of the act, amended June 29, 2002
- 14 (P.L.559, No.89), is amended to read:
- 15 Section 402. Imposition of Tax.--* * *
- 16 (b) The annual rate of tax on corporate net income imposed
- 17 by subsection (a) for taxable years beginning for the calendar
- 18 year or fiscal year on or after the dates set forth shall be as
- 19 follows:
- 20 Taxable Year Tax Rate
- 21 January 1, 1995[, and
- 22 each taxable year
- thereafter] to
- 24 <u>December 31, 2014</u> 9.99%
- 25 January 1, 2015, to
- 26 <u>December 31, 2015</u> <u>9.89%</u>
- 27 <u>January 1, 2016, to</u>
- 28 <u>December 31, 2016</u> <u>9.69%</u>
- 29 <u>January 1, 2017, to</u>
- 30 <u>December 31, 2017</u> 9.49%

- 1 <u>January 1, 2018, to</u>
- 2 <u>December 31, 2018</u> <u>9.29%</u>
- 3 January 1, 2019, to
- 4 December 31, 2019 8.96%
- 5 <u>January 1, 2020, to</u>
- 6 <u>December 31, 2020</u> <u>8.63%</u>
- 7 <u>January 1, 2021, to</u>
- 8 <u>December 31, 2021</u> <u>8.3%</u>
- 9 <u>January 1, 2022, to</u>
- 10 <u>December 31, 2022</u> 7.97%
- 11 <u>January 1, 2023, to</u>
- 12 <u>December 31, 2023</u> <u>7.64%</u>
- 13 <u>January 1, 2024, to</u>
- 14 <u>December 31, 2024</u> <u>7.31%</u>
- 15 <u>January 1, 2025, and</u>
- 16 each taxable year
- thereafter 6.99%
- 18 * * *
- 19 Section 12. Section 403(d) of the act, amended October 18,
- 20 2006 (P.L.1149, No.119), is amended to read:
- 21 Section 403. Reports and Payment of Tax.--* * *
- 22 (d) If the officers of any corporation shall neglect, or
- 23 refuse to make any report as herein required, or shall knowingly
- 24 make any false report, [the following percentages of the amount
- 25 of the tax shall be added by the department to the tax
- 26 determined to be due on the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000)
- 27 of tax ten per cent, on the next four thousand dollars (\$4,000)
- 28 five per cent, and on everything in excess of five thousand
- 29 dollars (\$5,000) one per cent, no such] a penalty of five
- 30 hundred dollars (\$500) plus an additional one per cent for every

- 1 <u>dollar of tax determined to be due in excess of twenty-five</u>
- 2 thousand dollars (\$25,000) shall be added to the tax determined
- 3 to be due. No amounts added to the tax shall bear any interest
- 4 whatsoever.
- 5 * * *
- 6 Section 13. Section 2112 of the act, amended or added August
- 7 4, 1991 (P.L.97, No.22), June 16, 1994 (P.L.279, No.48) and June
- 8 30, 1995 (P.L.139, No.21), is repealed:
- 9 [Section 2112. Exemption for Poverty.--(a) The General
- 10 Assembly, in recognition of the powers contained in section 2(b)
- 11 (ii) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania which
- 12 provides therein for the establishing as a class or classes of
- 13 subjects of taxation the property or privileges of persons who
- 14 because of poverty are determined to be in need of special tax
- 15 provisions or tax exemptions, hereby declares as its legislative
- 16 intent and purpose to implement such powers under such
- 17 Constitutional provision by establishing a tax exemption as
- 18 hereinafter provided in this section.
- 19 (b) The General Assembly, having determined that there are
- 20 persons within this Commonwealth the value of whose incomes and
- 21 estates are such that the imposition of an inheritance tax under
- 22 this article would cause them hardship and economic burden and
- 23 having further determined that poverty is a relative concept
- 24 inextricably joined with the ability to maintain assets
- 25 inherited upon the death of a spouse, deems it to be a matter of
- 26 public policy to provide an exemption from taxation for
- 27 transfers of property to or for the use of that class of persons
- 28 hereinafter designated in order to relieve their hardship and
- 29 economic burden.
- 30 (c) Any claim for a tax exemption hereunder shall be

- 1 determined in accordance with the following:
- 2 (1) The transferee is the spouse of the decedent at the date
- 3 of death of the decedent.
- 4 (2) The value of the estate of the decedent does not exceed
- 5 two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) after reduction for
- 6 actual liabilities of the decedent as evidenced by a written
- 7 agreement.
- 8 (3) The average of the joint exemption income of the
- 9 decedent and the transferee for the three taxable years, as
- 10 defined in Article III, immediately preceding the date of death
- 11 of the decedent does not exceed forty thousand dollars
- 12 (\$40,000).
- 13 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article,
- 14 transfers of property to or for the use of any eligible
- 15 transferee who meets the standards of eligibility established by
- 16 this section as the test for poverty shall be deemed a separate
- 17 class subject to taxation and, as such, shall be entitled to the
- 18 benefit of the following exemptions from taxation on transfers
- 19 of property as a credit against the tax imposed by this article:
- 20 (1) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 1992, and
- 21 before January 1, 1993, the lesser of:
- 22 (i) Two per cent of the taxable value of the property of the
- 23 decedent transferred to or for the use of the transferee.
- 24 (ii) Two per cent of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)
- 25 of the taxable value of the property of the decedent transferred
- 26 to or for the use of the transferee.
- 27 (2) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 1993, and
- 28 before January 1, 1994, the lesser of:
- 29 (i) Four per cent of the taxable value of the property of
- 30 the decedent transferred to or for the use of the transferee.

- 1 (ii) Four per cent of one hundred thousand dollars
- 2 (\$100,000) of the taxable value of the property of the decedent
- 3 transferred to or for the use of the transferee.
- 4 (3) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 1994, and
- 5 before January 1, 1995, the lesser of:
- 6 (i) Six per cent of the taxable value of the property of the
- 7 decedent transferred to or for the use of the transferee.
- 8 (ii) Six per cent of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)
- 9 of the taxable value of the property of the decedent transferred
- 10 to or for the use of the transferee.
- 11 (e) For nonresident decedents, the credit provided in this
- 12 section shall bear the same ratio as that of the decedent's
- 13 estate in this Commonwealth bears to the decedent's total estate
- 14 without regard to situs.
- 15 (f) The credit provided in this section shall not be greater
- 16 than the tax imposed.
- 17 (g) This section shall not apply to the estates of decedents
- 18 dying on or after January 1, 1995.]
- 19 Section 14. The amendment or addition of sections 301, 306,
- 20 306.1, 306.2, 307.8, 314, 324, 330.1, 335, 401, 402 and 403 of
- 21 the act shall apply to tax years beginning after December 31,
- 22 2013.
- 23 Section 15. This act shall take effect immediately.