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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1201

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE INCOME TAX  
10 CREDIT FOR WASTE REDUCTION, REUSE, OR RECYCLING  
11 EQUIPMENT AS IT APPLIES TO QUALIFIED MANUFACTURERS OF  
12 STEEL; TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED MANUFACTURERS OF STEEL  
13 WITH ALTERNATE QUALIFICATION STANDARDS AND AN  
14 EXTENDED CARRY-FORWARD PERIOD FOR THE INCOME TAX  
15 CREDIT ALLOWED FOR WASTE REDUCTION, REUSE, OR  
16 RECYCLING EQUIPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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20 TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED MANUFACTURERS OF  
21 STEEL WITH ALTERNATE QUALIFICATION  
22 STANDARDS AND AN EXTENDED CARRY-FORWARD  
23 PERIOD FOR THE INCOME TAX CREDIT ALLOWED  
24 FOR WASTE REDUCTION, REUSE, OR RECYCLING  
25 EQUIPMENT.

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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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30 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

31 The General Assembly finds that:

32 (1) Arkansas is one (1) of the leading producers of steel in the  
33 United States, and Mississippi County, Arkansas, is ranked as one (1) of the  
34 top (2) highest steel-producing counties in the United States;

35 (2) The steel industry in the United States is highly  
36 competitive, and there are presently rising prices and a high level of demand



1 for raw materials in the domestic market;

2 (3) The five-year global recession that began in 2008 and  
3 current economic conditions in the steel industry are continuing to  
4 substantially affect the profitability of many Arkansas companies and reduce  
5 the ability of Arkansas steel producers to utilize existing incentive  
6 programs that are intended to encourage capital investment in this state; and

7 (4) In order to protect and preserve Arkansas jobs and encourage  
8 continuing capital investment by steel producers in this state, adjustments  
9 in the Arkansas recycling tax credit are appropriate to allow the tax credit  
10 to be utilized more fully to accomplish the purposes for which the tax credit  
11 is intended.

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13 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 51, Subchapter 12, is  
14 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15 26-51-1215. Tax credit for waste reduction, reuse, or recycling  
16 equipment.

17 (a) As used in this section, "waste reduction, reuse, or recycling  
18 equipment" means the same as defined in § 26-51-506 except that it also  
19 includes production, processing, and testing equipment used to manufacture  
20 products containing recovered materials.

21 (b) To be eligible for the income tax credit allowed under this  
22 section, a taxpayer shall:

23 (1) Be a qualified manufacturer of steel as defined in § 26-51-  
24 1211, § 26-52-901, § 26-52-911, Act 1084 of 2013, or Act 1476 of 2013; and

25 (2) Either:

26 (A) Have obtained a certification under § 26-51-1212, §  
27 26-52-902, § 26-52-912, Act 1084 of 2013, or Act 1476 of 2013; or

28 (B) Be located on the same or an adjacent manufacturing  
29 site as a qualified manufacturer of steel that has obtained such a  
30 certification.

31 (c)(1) A qualified manufacturer of steel that qualifies for the income  
32 tax credit for the purchase of waste reduction, reuse, or recycling equipment  
33 under § 26-51-506 may carry forward any unused income tax credit earned under  
34 § 26-51-506 for a period of fourteen (14) consecutive years following the  
35 taxable year in which the income tax credit originated.

36 (2) Sections 5(b) and 7(a)(1)(B) of Act 1084 of 2013 and Act

1 1476 of 2013 shall continue to apply to the carry forward period for  
2 qualified manufacturers of steel certified under those acts.

3 (3) Income tax credits that would otherwise expire during the  
4 carry forward period shall be claimed first.

5 (d) To claim the benefits of § 26-51-506, a qualified manufacturer of  
6 steel shall either:

7 (1) Meet the requirements of § 26-51-506(d); or

8 (2) Obtain a certification from the Director of the Arkansas  
9 Department of Environmental Quality certifying to the Revenue Division of the  
10 Department of Finance and Administration that:

11 (A) The qualified manufacturer of steel is engaged in the  
12 business of reducing, reusing, or recycling solid waste material for  
13 commercial purposes, whether or not for profit;

14 (B) The machinery or equipment purchased is waste  
15 reduction, reuse, or recycling equipment;

16 (C) The machinery or equipment is being used in the  
17 collection, separation, processing, modification, conversion, treatment, or  
18 manufacturing of products containing at least twenty-five percent (25%)  
19 postconsumer waste; and

20 (D) The qualified manufacturer of steel has filed a  
21 statement with the director acknowledging that the qualified manufacturer of  
22 steel will make a good faith effort to utilize Arkansas post-consumer waste  
23 as a part of the materials used.

24 (e)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2) of this section, § 26-  
25 51-506(f) does not apply to a qualified manufacturer of steel meeting the  
26 requirements of this section.

27 (2) A qualified manufacturer of steel shall refund the amount  
28 required under subdivision (e)(3) of this section if within three (3) years  
29 of the taxable year in which the credit originated:

30 (A)(i) The waste reduction, reuse, or recycling equipment  
31 is removed from Arkansas, disposed of, or transferred to another person, or  
32 the qualified manufacturer of steel otherwise ceases to use the required  
33 materials or operate in accordance with § 26-51-506 or this section.

34 (ii) Reorganization transactions, changes of  
35 ownership and control, and sales and transfers of waste reduction, reuse, or  
36 recycling equipment among affiliates that do not constitute sales or

1 transfers to a third-party purchaser are not disposals, transfers, or  
2 cessations of use for purposes of § 26-51-506 or this section; or

3 (B) The director finds that the qualified manufacturer of  
4 steel has operated the waste reduction, reuse, or recycling equipment in a  
5 manner that demonstrates a pattern of intentional failure to comply with  
6 final administrative or judicial orders that clearly indicates a disregard  
7 for environmental regulation.

8 (3) If a qualified manufacturer of steel is required to make a  
9 refund under subdivision (e)(2) of this section, the qualified manufacturer  
10 of steel shall refund the amount of the allowed income tax credit claimed by  
11 the qualified manufacturer of steel that exceeds the following amounts:

12 (A) Within the first taxable year, zero dollars (\$0.00);

13 (B) Within the second taxable year, an amount equal to  
14 thirty-three percent (33%) of the amount of credit allowed; and

15 (C) Within the third taxable year, an amount equal to  
16 sixty-seven percent (67%) of the credit allowed.

17 (4) A refund required under subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this  
18 section applies only to the credit given for the particular waste reduction,  
19 reuse, or recycling equipment to which subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this section  
20 applies.

21 (5) A qualified manufacturer of steel that is required to refund  
22 part of an income tax credit under this section shall no longer be eligible  
23 to carry forward any amount of the income tax credit that had not been used  
24 as of the date the refund is required.

25 (f) A qualified manufacturer of steel aggrieved by a decision of the  
26 director under this section may appeal to the Arkansas Pollution Control and  
27 Ecology Commission through administrative procedures adopted by the  
28 commission and to the courts in the manner provided in §§ 8-4-222 – 8-4-229.

29 (g) Act 1084 of 2013 and Act 1476 of 2013 continue in full force and  
30 effect and are not amended or limited by this section.

31 (h) This section applies only to income tax credits certified on or  
32 after January 1, 2015.

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