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AN ACT

To repeal sections 135.090, 135.327, 135.562, 135.630, and 135.647, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to certain benevolent tax credits, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 135.090, 135.327, 135.562, 135.630, and 135.647, RSMo, are repealed and five new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 135.090, 135.327, 135.562, 135.630, and 135.647, to read as follows:

135.090. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Homestead", the dwelling in Missouri owned by the surviving spouse and not exceeding five acres of land surrounding it as is reasonably necessary for use of the dwelling as a home. As used in this section, "homestead" shall not include any dwelling which is occupied by more than two families;

(2) "Public safety officer", any firefighter, police officer, capitol police officer, parole officer, probation officer, correctional employee, water patrol officer, park ranger, conservation officer, commercial motor enforcement officer, emergency medical technician, first responder, or highway patrolman employed by the state of Missouri or a political subdivision thereof who is killed in the line of duty, unless the death was the result of the officer's own misconduct or abuse of alcohol or drugs;

(3) "Surviving spouse", a spouse, who has not remarried, of a public safety officer.

2. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, a surviving spouse shall be allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due under chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, in an amount

EXPLANATION–Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

equal to the total amount of the property taxes on the surviving spouse's homestead paid during the tax year for which the credit is claimed. A surviving spouse may claim the credit authorized under this section for each tax year beginning the year of death of the public safety officer spouse until the tax year in which the surviving spouse remarries. No credit shall be allowed for the tax year in which the surviving spouse remarries. If the amount allowable as a credit exceeds the income tax reduced by other credits, then the excess shall be considered an overpayment of the income tax.

3. The department of revenue shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.

4. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

5. Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

(1) **[**The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall automatically sunset six years after August 28, 2007, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and

(2) If such program is reauthorized,**]** The program authorized under this section shall **[**automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section**] expire on December 31, 2019, unless reauthorized by the general assembly**; and

[(3)**] (2)** This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset**; and**

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit or in any way impair the department's ability to redeem tax credits authorized on or before the date the program authorized under this section expires or a taxpayer's ability to redeem such tax credits.

135.327. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "CASA", an entity which receives funding from the court-appointed special advocate fund established under section 476.777, including an association

based in this state, affiliated with a national association, organized to provide support to entities receiving funding from the court-appointed special advocate fund;

(2) "Child advocacy centers", the regional child assessment centers listed in subsection 2 of section 210.001;

(3) "Contribution", **the** amount of donation to qualified agency;

(4) "Crisis care center", entities contracted with this state which provide temporary care for children whose age ranges from birth through seventeen years of age whose parents or guardian are experiencing an unexpected and unstable or serious condition that requires immediate action resulting in short-term care, usually three to five continuous, uninterrupted days, for children who may be at risk for child abuse, neglect, or in an emergency situation;

(5) "Department", the department of revenue;

(6) "Director", the director of the department of revenue;

(7) "Qualified agency", CASA, child advocacy centers, or a crisis care center;

(8) "Tax liability", the tax due under chapter 143 other than taxes withheld under sections 143.191 to 143.265.

2. Any person residing in this state who legally adopts a special needs child on or after January 1, 1988, and before January 1, 2000, shall be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to ten thousand dollars for nonrecurring adoption expenses for each child adopted that may be applied to taxes due under chapter 143. Any business entity providing funds to an employee to enable that employee to legally adopt a special needs child shall be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to ten thousand dollars for nonrecurring adoption expenses for each child adopted that may be applied to taxes due under such business entity's state tax liability, except that only one ten thousand dollar credit is available for each special needs child that is adopted.

3. Any person residing in this state who proceeds in good faith with the adoption of a special needs child on or after January 1, 2000, shall be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to ten thousand dollars for nonrecurring adoption expenses for each child that may be applied to taxes due under chapter 143; provided, however, that beginning on or after July 1, 2004, two million dollars of the tax credits allowed shall be allocated for the adoption of special needs children who are residents or wards of residents of this state at the time the adoption is initiated. Any business entity providing funds to an employee to

enable that employee to proceed in good faith with the adoption of a special needs child shall be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to ten thousand dollars for nonrecurring adoption expenses for each child that may be applied to taxes due under such business entity's state tax liability, except that only one ten thousand dollar credit is available for each special needs child that is adopted.

4. Individuals and business entities may claim a tax credit for their total nonrecurring adoption expenses in each year that the expenses are incurred. A claim for fifty percent of the credit shall be allowed when the child is placed in the home. A claim for the remaining fifty percent shall be allowed when the adoption is final. The total of these tax credits shall not exceed the maximum limit of ten thousand dollars per child. The cumulative amount of tax credits which may be claimed by taxpayers claiming the credit for nonrecurring adoption expenses in any one fiscal year prior to July 1, 2004, shall not exceed two million dollars. The cumulative amount of tax credits that may be claimed by taxpayers claiming the credit for nonrecurring adoption expenses shall not be more than four million dollars but may be increased by appropriation in any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2004; provided, however, that by December thirty-first following each July, if less than two million dollars in credits have been issued for adoption of special needs children who are not residents or wards of residents of this state at the time the adoption is initiated, the remaining amount of the cap shall be available for the adoption of special needs children who are residents or wards of residents of this state at the time the adoption is initiated. For all fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2006, applications to claim the adoption tax credit for special needs children who are residents or wards of residents of this state at the time the adoption is initiated shall be filed between July first and April fifteenth of each fiscal year. For all fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2006, applications to claim the adoption tax credit for special needs children who are not residents or wards of residents of this state at the time the adoption is initiated shall be filed between July first and December thirty-first of each fiscal year.

5. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any individual or business entity may assign, transfer or sell tax credits allowed in this section. Any sale of tax credits claimed pursuant to this section shall be at a discount rate of seventy-five percent or greater of the amount sold.

6. The director of revenue shall establish a procedure by which, for each fiscal year, the cumulative amount of tax credits authorized in this section is

equally apportioned among all taxpayers within the two categories specified in subsection 3 of this section claiming the credit in that fiscal year. To the maximum extent possible, the director of revenue shall establish the procedure described in this subsection in such a manner as to ensure that taxpayers within each category can claim all the tax credits possible up to the cumulative amount of tax credits available for the fiscal year.

7. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a tax credit may be claimed in an amount equal to up to fifty percent of a verified contribution to a qualified agency and shall be named the children in crisis tax credit. The minimum amount of any tax credit issued shall not be less than fifty dollars and shall be applied to taxes due under chapter 143, excluding sections 143.191 to 143.265. A contribution verification shall be issued to the taxpayer by the agency receiving the contribution. Such contribution verification shall include the taxpayer's name, Social Security number, amount of tax credit, amount of contribution, the name and address of the agency receiving the credit, and the date the contribution was made. The tax credit provided under this subsection shall be initially filed for the year in which the verified contribution is made.

8. The cumulative amount of the tax credits redeemed shall not exceed the unclaimed portion of the resident adoption category allocation as described in this section. The director of revenue shall determine the unclaimed portion available. The amount available shall be equally divided among the three qualified agencies: CASA, child advocacy centers, or crisis care centers to be used towards tax credits issued. In the event tax credits claimed under one agency do not total the allocated amount for that agency, the unused portion for that agency will be made available to the remaining agencies equally. In the event the total amount of tax credits claimed for any one agency exceeds the amount available for that agency, the amount redeemed shall and will be apportioned equally to all eligible taxpayers claiming the credit under that agency. After all children in crisis tax credits have been claimed, any remaining unclaimed portion of the reserved allocation for adoptions of special needs children who are residents or wards of residents of this state shall then be made available for adoption tax credit claims of special needs children who are not residents or wards of residents of this state at the time the adoption is initiated.

9. Prior to December thirty-first of each year, **[**the entities listed under the definition of**]** **each** qualified agency shall apply to the department of social services in order to verify their qualified agency status. Upon a determination

that the agency is eligible to be a qualified agency, the department of social services shall provide a letter of eligibility to such agency. No later than February first of each year, the department of social services shall provide a list of qualified agencies to the department of revenue. All tax credit applications to claim the children in crisis tax credit shall be filed between July first and April fifteenth of each fiscal year. A taxpayer shall apply for the children in crisis tax credit by attaching a copy of the contribution verification provided by a qualified agency to such taxpayer's income tax return.

10. The tax credits provided under this section shall be subject to the provisions of section 135.333.

11. (1) In the event a credit denial, due to lack of available funds, causes a balance-due notice to be generated by the department of revenue, or any other redeeming agency, the taxpayer will not be held liable for any penalty or interest, provided the balance is paid, or approved payment arrangements have been made, within sixty days from the notice of denial.

(2) In the event the balance is not paid within sixty days from the notice of denial, the remaining balance shall be due and payable under the provisions of chapter 143.

12. The director shall calculate the level of appropriation necessary to issue all tax credits for nonresident special needs adoptions applied for under this section and provide such calculation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate, and the director of the division of budget and planning in the office of administration by January thirty-first of each year.

13. The department may promulgate such rules or regulations as are necessary to administer the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2006, shall be invalid and void.

14. Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

(1) **[**The provisions of the new program authorized under subsections 7 to

12 of this section shall automatically sunset six years after August 28, 2006, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and

(2) If such program is reauthorized,**]** The program authorized under **subsections 7 to 12 of** this section shall **[**automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section**] be reauthorized effective July 1, 2013, and shall expire on December 31, 2019, unless reauthorized by the general assembly**; and

[(3)**]** **(2)** This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset**; and**

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit or in any way impair the department's ability to redeem tax credits authorized on or before the date the program authorized under subsections 7 to 12 of this section expires or a taxpayer's ability to redeem such tax credits.

135.562. 1. If any taxpayer with a federal adjusted gross income of thirty thousand dollars or less incurs costs for the purpose of making all or any portion of such taxpayer's principal dwelling accessible to an individual with a disability who permanently resides with the taxpayer, such taxpayer shall receive a tax credit against such taxpayer's Missouri income tax liability in an amount equal to the lesser of one hundred percent of such costs or two thousand five hundred dollars per taxpayer, per tax year.

2. Any taxpayer with a federal adjusted gross income greater than thirty thousand dollars but less than sixty thousand dollars who incurs costs for the purpose of making all or any portion of such taxpayer's principal dwelling accessible to an individual with a disability who permanently resides with the taxpayer shall receive a tax credit against such taxpayer's Missouri income tax liability in an amount equal to the lesser of fifty percent of such costs or two thousand five hundred dollars per taxpayer per tax year. No taxpayer shall be eligible to receive tax credits under this section in any tax year immediately following a tax year in which such taxpayer received tax credits under the provisions of this section.

3. Tax credits issued pursuant to this section may be refundable in an amount not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars per tax year.

4. Eligible costs for which the credit may be claimed include:

(1) Constructing entrance or exit ramps;

(2) Widening exterior or interior doorways;

(3) Widening hallways;

(4) Installing handrails or grab bars;

(5) Moving electrical outlets and switches;

(6) Installing stairway lifts;

(7) Installing or modifying fire alarms, smoke detectors, and other alerting systems;

(8) Modifying hardware of doors; or

(9) Modifying bathrooms.

5. The tax credits allowed, including the maximum amount that may be claimed, pursuant to this section shall be reduced by an amount sufficient to offset any amount of such costs a taxpayer has already deducted from such taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income or to the extent such taxpayer has applied any other state or federal income tax credit to such costs.

6. A taxpayer shall claim a credit allowed by this section in the same taxable year as the credit is issued, and at the time such taxpayer files his or her Missouri income tax return; provided that such return is timely filed.

7. The department may, in consultation with the department of social services, promulgate such rules or regulations as are necessary to administer the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

8. The provisions of this section shall apply to all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008.

9. The provisions of this section shall expire December 31, **[**2013**]** **2019, unless reauthorized by the general assembly. This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit or in any way impair the department's ability to**

redeem tax credits authorized on or before the date the program authorized under this section expires or a taxpayer's ability to redeem such tax credits.

10. In no event shall the aggregate amount of all tax credits allowed pursuant to this section exceed one hundred thousand dollars in any given fiscal year. The tax credits issued pursuant to this section shall be on a first-come, first-served filing basis.

135.630. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Contribution", a donation of cash, stock, bonds, or other marketable securities, or real property;

(2) "Director", the director of the department of social services;

(3) "Pregnancy resource center", a nonresidential facility located in this state:

(a) Established and operating primarily to provide assistance to women with crisis pregnancies or unplanned pregnancies by offering pregnancy testing, counseling, emotional and material support, and other similar services to encourage and assist such women in carrying their pregnancies to term; and

(b) Where childbirths are not performed; and

(c) Which does not perform, induce, or refer for abortions and which does not hold itself out as performing, inducing, or referring for abortions; and

(d) Which provides direct client services at the facility, as opposed to merely providing counseling or referral services by telephone; and

(e) Which provides its services at no cost to its clients; and

(f) When providing medical services, such medical services must be performed in accordance with Missouri statute; and

(g) Which is exempt from income taxation pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(4) "State tax liability", in the case of a business taxpayer, any liability incurred by such taxpayer pursuant to the provisions of chapters 143, 147, 148, and 153, excluding sections 143.191 to 143.265 and related provisions, and in the case of an individual taxpayer, any liability incurred by such taxpayer pursuant to the provisions of chapter 143, excluding sections 143.191 to 143.265 and related provisions;

(5) "Taxpayer", a person, firm, a partner in a firm, corporation, or a shareholder in an S corporation doing business in the state of Missouri and subject to the state income tax imposed by the provisions of chapter 143, or a

corporation subject to the annual corporation franchise tax imposed by the provisions of chapter 147, or an insurance company paying an annual tax on its gross premium receipts in this state, or other financial institution paying taxes to the state of Missouri or any political subdivision of this state pursuant to the provisions of chapter 148, or an express company which pays an annual tax on its gross receipts in this state pursuant to chapter 153, or an individual subject to the state income tax imposed by the provisions of chapter 143, or any charitable organization which is exempt from federal income tax and whose Missouri unrelated business taxable income, if any, would be subject to the state income tax imposed under chapter 143.

2. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, a taxpayer shall be allowed to claim a tax credit against the taxpayer's state tax liability in an amount equal to fifty percent of the amount such taxpayer contributed to a pregnancy resource center.

3. The amount of the tax credit claimed shall not exceed the amount of the taxpayer's state tax liability for the taxable year for which the credit is claimed, and such taxpayer shall not be allowed to claim a tax credit in excess of fifty thousand dollars per taxable year. However, any tax credit that cannot be claimed in the taxable year the contribution was made may be carried over to the next four succeeding taxable years until the full credit has been claimed.

4. Except for any excess credit which is carried over pursuant to subsection 3 of this section, a taxpayer shall not be allowed to claim a tax credit unless the total amount of such taxpayer's contribution or contributions to a pregnancy resource center or centers in such taxpayer's taxable year has a value of at least one hundred dollars.

5. The director shall determine, at least annually, which facilities in this state may be classified as pregnancy resource centers. The director may require of a facility seeking to be classified as a pregnancy resource center whatever information which is reasonably necessary to make such a determination. The director shall classify a facility as a pregnancy resource center if such facility meets the definition set forth in subsection 1 of this section.

6. The director shall establish a procedure by which a taxpayer can determine if a facility has been classified as a pregnancy resource center. Pregnancy resource centers shall be permitted to decline a contribution from a taxpayer. The cumulative amount of tax credits which may be claimed by all the taxpayers contributing to pregnancy resource centers in any one fiscal year

shall not exceed two million dollars. Tax credits shall be issued in the order contributions are received.

7. The director shall establish a procedure by which, from the beginning of the fiscal year until some point in time later in the fiscal year to be determined by the director, the cumulative amount of tax credits are equally apportioned among all facilities classified as pregnancy resource centers. If a pregnancy resource center fails to use all, or some percentage to be determined by the director, of its apportioned tax credits during this predetermined period of time, the director may reapportion these unused tax credits to those pregnancy resource centers that have used all, or some percentage to be determined by the director, of their apportioned tax credits during this predetermined period of time. The director may establish more than one period of time and reapportion more than once during each fiscal year. To the maximum extent possible, the director shall establish the procedure described in this subsection in such a manner as to ensure that taxpayers can claim all the tax credits possible up to the cumulative amount of tax credits available for the fiscal year.

8. Each pregnancy resource center shall provide information to the director concerning the identity of each taxpayer making a contribution to the pregnancy resource center who is claiming a tax credit pursuant to this section and the amount of the contribution. The director shall provide the information to the director of revenue. The director shall be subject to the confidentiality and penalty provisions of section 32.057 relating to the disclosure of tax information.

9. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any tax credits granted under this section may be assigned, transferred, sold, or otherwise conveyed without consent or approval. Such taxpayer, hereinafter the assignor for purposes of this section, may sell, assign, exchange, or otherwise transfer earned tax credits:

(1) For no less than seventy-five percent of the par value of such credits; and

(2) In an amount not to exceed one hundred percent of annual earned credits.

10. Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

(1) **[**Any new program authorized under this section shall automatically sunset six years after August 28, 2006, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and

(2) If such program is reauthorized,**]** The program authorized under this

section shall [automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section] **be reauthorized effective July 1, 2013, and shall expire on December 31, 2019, unless reauthorized by the general assembly**; and

[(3)] **(2)** This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which a program authorized under this section is sunset**; and**

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit or in any way impair the department's ability to issue tax credits authorized on or before the date the program authorized under this section expires or a taxpayer's ability to redeem such tax credits.

135.647. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Local food pantry", any food pantry that is:

(a) Exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

(b) Distributing emergency food supplies to Missouri low-income people who would otherwise not have access to food supplies in the area in which the taxpayer claiming the tax credit under this section resides;

(2) "Taxpayer", an individual, a firm, a partner in a firm, corporation, or a shareholder in an S corporation doing business in this state and subject to the state income tax imposed by chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265.

2. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, any taxpayer who donates cash or food, unless such food is donated after the food's expiration date, to any local food pantry shall be allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due under chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, in an amount equal to fifty percent of the value of the donations made to the extent such amounts that have been subtracted from federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income are added back in the determination of Missouri adjusted gross income or Missouri taxable income before the credit can be claimed. Each taxpayer claiming a tax credit under this section shall file an affidavit with the income tax return verifying the amount of their contributions. The amount of the tax credit claimed shall not exceed the amount of the taxpayer's state tax liability for the tax year that the credit is claimed, and shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars per taxpayer claiming the credit. Any amount of credit that the taxpayer is prohibited by this section from

claiming in a tax year shall not be refundable, but may be carried forward to any of the taxpayer's three subsequent taxable years. No tax credit granted under this section shall be transferred, sold, or assigned. No taxpayer shall be eligible to receive a credit pursuant to this section if such taxpayer employs persons who are not authorized to work in the United States under federal law.

3. The cumulative amount of tax credits under this section which may be allocated to all taxpayers contributing to a local food pantry in any one fiscal year shall not exceed two million dollars. The director of revenue shall establish a procedure by which the cumulative amount of tax credits is apportioned among all taxpayers claiming the credit by April fifteenth of the fiscal year in which the tax credit is claimed. To the maximum extent possible, the director of revenue shall establish the procedure described in this subsection in such a manner as to ensure that taxpayers can claim all the tax credits possible up to the cumulative amount of tax credits available for the fiscal year.

4. Any local food pantry may accept or reject any donation of food made under this section for any reason. For purposes of this section, any donations of food accepted by a local food pantry shall be valued at fair market value, or at wholesale value if the taxpayer making the donation of food is a retail grocery store, food broker, wholesaler, or restaurant.

5. The department of revenue shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

6. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

(1) **[**The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall automatically sunset four years after August 28, 2007, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and

(2) If such program is reauthorized,**]** The program authorized under this section shall **[**automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section**]** **be reauthorized effective July 1, 2013, and**

shall expire on December 31, 2019, unless reauthorized by the general assembly; and

[(3)**] (2)** This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset**; and**

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit or in any way impair the department's ability to redeem tax credits authorized on or before the date the program authorized under this section expires or a taxpayer's ability to redeem such tax credits.

7. This section shall apply to any donation of cash or food allowed under this section made on or after the effective date of this act.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure continued operation of certain benevolent tax credits, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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