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AN ACT Relating to reducing the business and occupation tax for certain manufacturers and extending an expiration date for current business and occupation tax treatment for the timber industry; amending RCW 82.04.240, 82.04.240, 82.04.260, 82.04.280, and 82.32.790; creating new sections; and providing a contingent expiration date.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that Washington 8 has one of the strongest economies in the country. However, the local 9 10 economies in rural counties continue to struggle. The legislature 11 concludes that in the spirit of one Washington, the economic 12 prosperity of our state must be shared by all of our communities, 13 Therefore, it is the intention of the both urban and rural. legislature to modify the business and occupation tax structure of 14 15 manufacturers to encourage economic growth and lower the unemployment 16 rate across the state, especially in rural areas.

17 (2) The legislature finds that the Washington state forest 18 practices habitat conservation plan was approved in 2006 by the 19 United States fish and wildlife service and the national oceanic and 20 administration's marine fisheries service. atmospheric The legislature further finds that the conservation plan protects habitat 21

1 of aquatic species, supports economically viable and healthy forests, and creates regulatory stability for landowners. The legislature 2 further finds that the forestry industry assumed significant 3 financial obligation with the enactment of this conservation plan, in 4 exchange for operational certainty under the endangered species act. 5 6 Therefore, the legislature concludes that the timber products business and occupation tax rate should continue until the expiration 7 date of the Washington state forest practices habitat conservation 8 9 plan.

10 Sec. 2. RCW 82.04.240 and 2004 c 24 s 4 are each amended to read 11 as follows:

12 (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in business as 13 a manufacturer, processor for hire, and printing materials other than 14 <u>newspapers, and of publishing periodicals</u> except persons taxable as 15 manufacturers <u>or processors for hire</u> under other provisions of this 16 chapter((; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to 17 such business shall be equal to the value of the products, including 18 byproducts, manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.

The measure of the tax)), and every manufacturer engaging within the state in the business of making sales, at retail or wholesale, of products manufactured by the manufacturer, as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business is equal to the taxable amount under this section multiplied by the rate of;

24 <u>(a) Through December 31, 2029:</u>

25 <u>(i) 0.2904 percent, on the first fifty million dollars of the</u> 26 total amount taxable under this section; and

27 (ii) 0.484 percent, on the total amount taxable under this 28 section that exceeds fifty million dollars;

29 (b) 0.2904 percent, beginning on January 1, 2030.

30 (2) The measure of the tax on engaging in the business of:

31 <u>(a) Manufacturing</u> is the value of the products, including 32 byproducts, so manufactured regardless of the place of sale or the 33 fact that deliveries may be made to points outside the state<u>;</u>

34 (b) Retailing and wholesaling products manufactured by the 35 manufacturer is the gross proceeds of the sales; and

36 <u>(c) Processing for hire is the total charges made for those</u> 37 <u>services</u>. 1 Sec. 3. RCW 82.04.240 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 s 518 are each 2 amended to read as follows:

3 (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in business as a manufacturer or processor for hire, except persons taxable as 4 manufacturers or processors for hire under other provisions of this 5 6 chapter((; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such business is equal to the value of the products, including 7 byproducts, manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent))_ 8 and every manufacturer engaging within the state in the business of 9 making sales, at retail or wholesale, of products manufactured by the 10 manufacturer, as to such persons to the amount of tax with respect to 11 such business is equal to the taxable amount under this section 12 13 multiplied by the rate of:

14 <u>(a) Through December 31, 2029:</u>

15 (i) 0.2904 percent, on the first fifty million dollars of the 16 total taxable amount under this section; and

17 (ii) 0.484 percent, on the total taxable amount under this 18 section that exceeds fifty million dollars; and

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(b) 0.2904 percent, beginning on January 1, 2030.

(2) (a) Upon every person engaging within this state in the 20 business of manufacturing semiconductor materials, as to such persons 21 22 the amount of tax with respect to such business is, in the case of 23 manufacturers, equal to the value of the product manufactured, or, in the case of processors for hire, equal to the gross income of the 24 25 business, multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent. For the purposes of this subsection "semiconductor materials" means silicon crystals, 26 27 silicon ingots, raw polished semiconductor wafers, compound 28 semiconductors, integrated circuits, and microchips.

(b) A person reporting under the tax rate provided in this subsection (2) must file a complete annual tax performance report with the department under RCW 82.32.534.

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(3) The measure of the tax <u>on engaging in the business of:</u>

33 <u>(a) Manufacturing</u> is the value of the products, including 34 byproducts, so manufactured regardless of the place of sale or the 35 fact that deliveries may be made to points outside the state<u>;</u>

36 (b) Retailing and wholesaling products manufactured by the 37 manufacturer is the gross proceeds of the sales; and

38 (c) Processing for hire is the total charges made for those 39 <u>services</u>. (4) This section expires January 1, 2024, unless the contingency
 in RCW 82.32.790(2) occurs.

3 Sec. 4. RCW 82.04.260 and 2018 c 164 s 3 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

5 (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business 6 of manufacturing:

7 (a) Wheat into flour, barley into pearl barley, soybeans into 8 soybean oil, canola into canola oil, canola meal, or canola by-9 products, or sunflower seeds into sunflower oil; as to such persons 10 the amount of tax with respect to such business is equal to the value 11 of the flour, pearl barley, oil, canola meal, or canola by-product 12 manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent;

(b) Beginning July 1, 2025, seafood products that remain in a 13 raw, raw frozen, or raw salted state at the completion of the 14 15 manufacturing by that person; or selling manufactured seafood 16 products that remain in a raw, raw frozen, or raw salted state at the completion of the manufacturing, to purchasers who transport in the 17 ordinary course of business the goods out of this state; as to such 18 persons the amount of tax with respect to such business is equal to 19 20 the value of the products manufactured or the gross proceeds derived 21 from such sales, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. Sellers 22 must keep and preserve records for the period required by RCW 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were transported by the 23 24 purchaser in the ordinary course of business out of this state;

(c)(i) Except as provided otherwise in (c)(iii) of this 25 subsection, from July 1, 2025, until January 1, 2036, dairy products; 26 or selling dairy products that the person has manufactured to 27 purchasers who either transport in the ordinary course of business 28 the goods out of state or purchasers who use such dairy products as 29 an ingredient or component in the manufacturing of a dairy product; 30 31 as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the value of the products manufactured or the gross proceeds derived from such sales 32 multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. Sellers must keep and 33 preserve records for the period required by RCW 34 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were transported by the purchaser in the 35 ordinary course of business out of this state or sold to a 36 manufacturer for use as an ingredient or component in the 37 38 manufacturing of a dairy product.

1 (ii) For the purposes of this subsection (1)(c), "dairy products"
2 means:

3 (A) Products, not including any marijuana-infused product, that 4 as of September 20, 2001, are identified in 21 C.F.R., chapter 1, 5 parts 131, 133, and 135, including by-products from the manufacturing 6 of the dairy products, such as whey and casein; and

7 (B) Products comprised of not less than seventy percent dairy
8 products that qualify under (c)(ii)(A) of this subsection, measured
9 by weight or volume.

10 (iii) The preferential tax rate provided to taxpayers under this 11 subsection (1)(c) does not apply to sales of dairy products on or 12 after July 1, 2023, where a dairy product is used by the purchaser as 13 an ingredient or component in the manufacturing in Washington of a 14 dairy product;

(d) (i) Beginning July 1, 2025, fruits or vegetables by canning, 15 16 preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits or 17 vegetables, or selling at wholesale fruits or vegetables manufactured by the seller by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or 18 dehydrating fresh fruits or vegetables and sold to purchasers who 19 transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of this 20 21 state; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such 22 business is equal to the value of the products manufactured or the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 23 0.138 percent. Sellers must keep and preserve records for the period 24 25 required by RCW 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were 26 transported by the purchaser in the ordinary course of business out of this state. 27

(ii) For purposes of this subsection (1)(d), "fruits" and vegetables" do not include marijuana, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused products; and

31 (e) Wood biomass fuel; as to such persons the amount of tax with 32 respect to the business is equal to the value of wood biomass fuel manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. For the 33 purposes of this section, "wood biomass fuel" means a liquid or 34 gaseous fuel that is produced from lignocellulosic feedstocks, 35 36 including wood, forest, $\left(\left(\frac{\{or\}}{or}\right)\right)$ or field residue $\left(\left(\frac{1}{r}\right)\right)$ and dedicated energy crops, and that does not include wood treated with chemical 37 preservations such as creosote, pentachlorophenol, or copper-chrome-38 39 arsenic.

1 (2) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business 2 of splitting or processing dried peas; as to such persons the amount 3 of tax with respect to such business is equal to the value of the 4 peas split or processed, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.

5 (3) Upon every nonprofit corporation and nonprofit association 6 engaging within this state in research and development, as to such 7 corporations and associations, the amount of tax with respect to such 8 activities is equal to the gross income derived from such activities 9 multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.

10 (4) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business 11 of slaughtering, breaking and/or processing perishable meat products 12 and/or selling the same at wholesale only and not at retail; as to 13 such persons the tax imposed is equal to the gross proceeds derived 14 from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.

15 (5) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business 16 of acting as a travel agent or tour operator; as to such persons the 17 amount of the tax with respect to such activities is equal to the 18 gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 19 0.275 percent.

(6) Upon every person engaging within this state in business as an international steamship agent, international customs house broker, international freight forwarder, vessel and/or cargo charter broker in foreign commerce, and/or international air cargo agent; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to only international activities is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent.

(7) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business 27 of stevedoring and associated activities pertinent to the movement of 28 29 goods and commodities in waterborne interstate or foreign commerce; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business is 30 31 equal to the gross proceeds derived from such activities multiplied 32 by the rate of 0.275 percent. Persons subject to taxation under this subsection are exempt from payment of taxes imposed by chapter 82.16 33 RCW for that portion of their business subject to taxation under this 34 subsection. Stevedoring and associated activities pertinent to the 35 conduct of goods and commodities in waterborne interstate or foreign 36 commerce are defined as all activities of a labor, service or 37 transportation nature whereby cargo may be loaded or unloaded to or 38 39 from vessels or barges, passing over, onto or under a wharf, pier, or 40 similar structure; cargo may be moved to a warehouse or similar

holding or storage yard or area to await further movement in import 1 or export or may move to a consolidation freight station and be 2 3 stuffed, unstuffed, containerized, separated or otherwise segregated or aggregated for delivery or loaded on any mode of transportation 4 for delivery to its consignee. Specific activities included in this 5 6 definition are: Wharfage, handling, loading, unloading, moving of cargo to a convenient place of delivery to the consignee or a 7 convenient place for further movement to export mode; documentation 8 services in connection with the receipt, delivery, checking, care, 9 custody and control of cargo required in the transfer of cargo; 10 11 imported automobile handling prior to delivery to consignee; terminal 12 stevedoring and incidental vessel services, including but not limited to plugging and unplugging refrigerator service to containers, 13 trailers, and other refrigerated cargo receptacles, and securing ship 14 15 hatch covers.

16 (8)(a) Upon every person engaging within this state in the 17 business of disposing of low-level waste, as defined in RCW 18 43.145.010; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to 19 such business is equal to the gross income of the business, excluding 20 any fees imposed under chapter 43.200 RCW, multiplied by the rate of 21 3.3 percent.

(b) If the gross income of the taxpayer is attributable to activities both within and without this state, the gross income attributable to this state must be determined in accordance with the methods of apportionment required under RCW 82.04.460.

(9) Upon every person engaging within this state as an insurance producer or title insurance agent licensed under chapter 48.17 RCW or a surplus line broker licensed under chapter 48.15 RCW; as to such persons, the amount of the tax with respect to such licensed activities is equal to the gross income of such business multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.

(10) Upon every person engaging within this state in business as a hospital, as defined in chapter 70.41 RCW, that is operated as a nonprofit corporation or by the state or any of its political subdivisions, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such activities is equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of 0.75 percent through June 30, 1995, and 1.5 percent thereafter.

(11) (a) Beginning October 1, 2005, upon every person engaging
 within this state in the business of manufacturing commercial

airplanes, or components of such airplanes, or making sales, at 1 retail or wholesale, of commercial airplanes or components of such 2 airplanes, manufactured by the seller, as to such persons the amount 3 of tax with respect to such business is, 4 in the case of manufacturers, equal to the value of the product manufactured and the 5 6 gross proceeds of sales of the product manufactured, or in the case of processors for hire, equal to the gross income of the business, 7 multiplied by the rate of: 8

9 (i) 0.4235 percent from October 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007; 10 and

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(ii) 0.2904 percent beginning July 1, 2007.

12 (b) Beginning July 1, 2008, upon every person who is not eligible to report under the provisions of (a) of this subsection (11) and is 13 engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing tooling 14 specifically designed for use in manufacturing commercial airplanes 15 16 or components of such airplanes, or making sales, at retail or 17 wholesale, of such tooling manufactured by the seller, as to such 18 persons the amount of tax with respect to such business is, in the 19 case of manufacturers, equal to the value of the product manufactured and the gross proceeds of sales of the product manufactured, or in 20 the case of processors for hire, be equal to the gross income of the 21 22 business, multiplied by the rate of 0.2904 percent.

(c) For the purposes of this subsection (11), "commercial airplane" and "component" have the same meanings as provided in RCW 82.32.550.

(d) In addition to all other requirements under this title, a person reporting under the tax rate provided in this subsection (11) must file a complete annual tax performance report with the department under RCW 82.32.534.

30 (e) (i) Except as provided in (e) (ii) of this subsection (11),
31 this subsection (11) does not apply on and after July 1, 2040.

32 (ii) With respect to the manufacturing of commercial airplanes or making sales, at retail or wholesale, of commercial airplanes, this 33 subsection (11) does not apply on and after July 1st of the year in 34 which the department makes a determination that any final assembly or 35 wing assembly of any version or variant of a commercial airplane that 36 is the basis of a siting of a significant commercial airplane 37 manufacturing program in the state under RCW 82.32.850 has been sited 38 39 outside the state of Washington. This subsection (11)(e)(ii) only 40 applies to the manufacturing or sale of commercial airplanes that are

1 the basis of a siting of a significant commercial airplane 2 manufacturing program in the state under RCW 82.32.850.

(12) (a) Until July 1, ((2024)) 2056, upon every person engaging 3 within this state in the business of extracting timber or extracting 4 for hire timber; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to 5 6 the business is, in the case of extractors, equal to the value of 7 products, including by-products, extracted, or in the case of extractors for hire, equal to the gross income of the business, 8 multiplied by the rate of 0.4235 percent from July 1, 2006, through 9 June 30, 2007, and 0.2904 percent from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 10 11 ((2024)) 2056.

12 (b) Until July 1, ((2024)) 2056, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing or processing for 13 14 hire: (i) Timber into timber products or wood products; or (ii) timber products into other timber products or wood products; as to 15 16 such persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business is, 17 in the case of manufacturers, equal to the value of products, including by-products, manufactured, or in the case of processors for 18 hire, equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the 19 rate of 0.4235 percent from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, and 20 21 0.2904 percent from July 1, 2007, through June 30, ((2024)) 2056.

22 (c) Until July 1, ((2024)) 2056, upon every person engaging 23 within this state in the business of selling at wholesale: (i) Timber extracted by that person; (ii) timber products manufactured by that 24 25 person from timber or other timber products; or (iii) wood products 26 manufactured by that person from timber or timber products; as to 27 such persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the timber, timber products, 28 29 or wood products multiplied by the rate of 0.4235 percent from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, and 0.2904 percent from July 1, 2007, 30 31 through June 30, ((2024)) <u>2056</u>.

32 (d) Until July 1, ((2024)) 2056, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of selling standing timber; as to 33 such persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business is 34 equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of 35 36 0.2904 percent. For purposes of this subsection (12)(d), "selling standing timber" means the sale of timber apart from the land, where 37 the buyer is required to sever the timber within thirty months from 38 39 the date of the original contract, regardless of the method of

payment for the timber and whether title to the timber transfers
 before, upon, or after severance.

3 (e) For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions 4 apply:

5 (i) "Biocomposite surface products" means surface material 6 products containing, by weight or volume, more than fifty percent 7 recycled paper and that also use nonpetroleum-based phenolic resin as 8 a bonding agent.

(ii) "Paper and paper products" means products made of interwoven 9 cellulosic fibers held together largely by hydrogen bonding. "Paper 10 11 and paper products" includes newsprint; office, printing, fine, and 12 pressure-sensitive papers; paper napkins, towels, and toilet tissue; kraft bag, construction, and other kraft industrial papers; 13 paperboard, liquid packaging containers, containerboard, corrugated, 14 and solid-fiber containers including linerboard and corrugated 15 16 medium; and related types of cellulosic products containing 17 primarily, by weight or volume, cellulosic materials. "Paper and 18 paper products" does not include books, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, and other printed publications, advertising materials, 19 calendars, and similar types of printed materials. 20

(iii) "Recycled paper" means paper and paper products having fifty percent or more of their fiber content that comes from postconsumer waste. For purposes of this subsection (12)(e)(iii), "postconsumer waste" means a finished material that would normally be disposed of as solid waste, having completed its life cycle as a consumer item.

(iv) "Timber" means forest trees, standing or down, on privately or publicly owned land. "Timber" does not include Christmas trees that are cultivated by agricultural methods or short-rotation hardwoods as defined in RCW 84.33.035.

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(v) "Timber products" means:

(A) Logs, wood chips, sawdust, wood waste, and similar products
 obtained wholly from the processing of timber, short-rotation
 hardwoods as defined in RCW 84.33.035, or both;

(B) Pulp, including market pulp and pulp derived from recoveredpaper or paper products; and

37 (C) Recycled paper, but only when used in the manufacture of 38 biocomposite surface products.

39 (vi) "Wood products" means paper and paper products; dimensional 40 lumber; engineered wood products such as particleboard, oriented

strand board, medium density fiberboard, and plywood; wood doors;
 wood windows; and biocomposite surface products.

3 (f) Except for small harvesters as defined in RCW 84.33.035, a 4 person reporting under the tax rate provided in this subsection (12) 5 must file a complete annual tax performance report with the 6 department under RCW 82.32.534.

7 (13) Upon every person engaging within this state in inspecting, 8 testing, labeling, and storing canned salmon owned by another person, 9 as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such activities 10 is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied 11 by the rate of 0.484 percent.

(14) (a) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of printing a newspaper, publishing a newspaper, or both, the amount of tax on such business is equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of 0.35 percent until July 1, 2024, and 0.484 percent thereafter.

(b) A person reporting under the tax rate provided in this subsection (14) must file a complete annual tax performance report with the department under RCW 82.32.534.

20 Sec. 5. RCW 82.04.280 and 2017 c 323 s 508 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

22 (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business 23 of: (a) ((Printing materials other than newspapers, and of publishing 24 periodicals or magazines; (b)) building, repairing or improving any street, place, road, highway, easement, right-of-way, mass public 25 transportation terminal or parking facility, bridge, tunnel, or 26 27 trestle which is owned by a municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state or by the United States and which is used or 28 to be used, primarily for foot or vehicular traffic including mass 29 30 transportation vehicles of any kind and including any readjustment, 31 reconstruction or relocation of the facilities of any public, private or cooperatively owned utility or railroad in the course of such 32 building, repairing or improving, the cost of which readjustment, 33 reconstruction, or relocation, is the responsibility of the public 34 35 authority whose street, place, road, highway, easement, right-of-way, mass public transportation terminal or parking facility, bridge, 36 tunnel, or trestle is being built, repaired or improved; (((c))) (b) 37 extracting for hire ((or processing for hire)), except persons 38 taxable as extractors for hire ((or processors for hire)) under 39

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1 another section of this chapter; (((d))) (c) operating a cold storage warehouse or storage warehouse, but not including the rental of cold 2 storage lockers; (((e))) (d) representing and performing services for 3 fire or casualty insurance companies as an independent resident 4 managing general agent licensed under the provisions of chapter 48.17 5 6 RCW; (((f))) <u>(e)</u> radio and television broadcasting, excluding network, national and regional advertising computed as a standard 7 deduction based on the national average thereof as annually reported 8 by the federal communications commission, or in lieu thereof by 9 itemization by the individual broadcasting station, and excluding 10 that portion of revenue represented by the out-of-state audience 11 12 computed as a ratio to the station's total audience as measured by the 100 micro-volt signal strength and delivery by wire, if any; 13 ((-(q))) (f) engaging in activities which bring a person within the 14 definition of consumer contained in RCW 82.04.190(6); as to such 15 16 persons, the amount of tax on such business is equal to the gross 17 income of the business multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.

18 (2) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions19 apply unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(a) "Cold storage warehouse" means a storage warehouse used to
store fresh and/or frozen perishable fruits or vegetables, meat,
seafood, dairy products, or fowl, or any combination thereof, at a
desired temperature to maintain the quality of the product for
orderly marketing.

25 (b) "Storage warehouse" means a building or structure, or any part thereof, in which goods, wares, or merchandise are received for 26 storage for compensation, except field warehouses, fruit warehouses, 27 28 fruit packing plants, warehouses licensed under chapter 22.09 RCW, 29 public garages storing automobiles, railroad freight sheds, docks and wharves, and "self-storage" or "mini storage" facilities whereby 30 31 customers have direct access to individual storage areas by separate 32 entrance. "Storage warehouse" does not include a building or structure, or that part of such building or structure, in which an 33 activity taxable under RCW 82.04.272 is conducted. 34

35 (((c) "Periodical or magazine" means a printed publication, other 36 than a newspaper, issued regularly at stated intervals at least once 37 every three months, including any supplement or special edition of 38 the publication.)) 1 Sec. 6. RCW 82.32.790 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 s 526 are each 2 amended to read as follows:

3 (1) (a) Section 3, chapter . . ., Laws of 2019 (section 3 of this <u>act), s</u>ections 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, and 524, chapter 4 37, Laws of 2017 3rd sp. sess., sections 9, 13, 17, 22, 24, 30, 32, 5 6 and 45, chapter 135, Laws of 2017, sections 104, 110, 117, 123, 125, 7 129, 131, and 150, chapter 114, Laws of 2010, and sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 through 10, chapter 149, Laws of 2003 are contingent upon the 8 9 siting and commercial operation of a significant semiconductor microchip fabrication facility in the state of Washington by January 10 11 1, 2024.

12 (b) For the purposes of this section:

13 (i) "Commercial operation" means the same as "commencement of 14 commercial production" as used in RCW 82.08.965.

15 (ii) "Semiconductor microchip fabrication" means "manufacturing 16 semiconductor microchips" as defined in RCW 82.04.426.

(iii) "Significant" means the combined investment of new buildings and new machinery and equipment in the buildings, at the commencement of commercial production, will be at least one billion dollars.

(2) The sections referenced in subsection (1) of this section take effect the first day of the month in which a contract for the construction of a significant semiconductor fabrication facility is signed, if the contract is signed and received by January 1, 2024, as determined by the director of the department of revenue.

(3) (a) The department of revenue must provide notice of the effective date of the sections referenced in subsection (1) of this section to affected taxpayers, the legislature, and others as deemed appropriate by the department.

(b) If, after making a determination that a contract has been 30 31 signed and the sections referenced in subsection (1) of this section 32 are effective, the department discovers that commencement of commercial production did not take place within three years of the 33 date the contract was signed, the department must make a 34 determination that chapter 149, Laws of 2003 is no longer effective, 35 and all taxes that would have been otherwise due are deemed deferred 36 taxes and are immediately assessed and payable from any person 37 reporting tax under RCW 82.04.240(2) or claiming an exemption or 38 39 credit under RCW 82.04.426, 82.04.448, 82.08.965, 82.12.965, 82.08.970, 82.12.970, or 84.36.645. The department is not authorized 40

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1 to make a second determination regarding the effective date of the 2 sections referenced in subsection (1) of this section.

3 (4)(a) This section expires January 1, 2024, if the contingency
4 in subsection (2) of this section does not occur by January 1, 2024,
5 as determined by the department.

6 (b) The department must provide written notice of the expiration 7 date of this section and the sections referenced in subsection (1) of 8 this section to affected taxpayers, the legislature, and others as 9 deemed appropriate by the department.

10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 7. The provisions of RCW 82.32.805 and 11 82.32.808 do not apply to this act.

12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 8. Section 2, chapter . . ., Laws of 2019 13 (section 2 of this act) expires on the date that section 3, 14 chapter . . ., Laws of 2019 (section 3 of this act) takes effect.

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