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**SENATE BILL 24-016**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101       **CONCERNING QUALIFICATION FOR STATE INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR**  
102               **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS,**  
103               **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AUTHORIZING A TAXPAYER**  
104               **TO MAKE A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION FOR WHICH THE**  
105               **TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM A STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT TO A**  
106               **CHARITABLE RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION THROUGH A QUALIFIED**  
107               **INTERMEDIARY THAT FORWARDS THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE**  
108               **CHARITABLE RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION, ALLOWING A TAX**  
109               **CREDIT CERTIFICATE FOR THE COLORADO HOMELESS**  
110               **CONTRIBUTION TAX CREDIT TO INCLUDE ONLY THE LAST FOUR**  
111               **DIGITS, RATHER THAN ALL DIGITS, OF A TAXPAYER'S SOCIAL**  
112               **SECURITY NUMBER, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

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## Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

A qualified intermediary is a charitable organization that collects charitable contributions from donors and forwards the contributions to charitable recipient organizations. The bill authorizes a taxpayer to make a charitable contribution for which the taxpayer may claim a state income tax credit to a charitable recipient organization through a qualified intermediary that forwards the contribution to the charitable recipient organization, rather than making the contribution directly to the charitable recipient organization, without losing the right to claim the credit.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-22-548, **amend**  
3 (3)(c) as follows:

4           **39-22-548. Colorado homeless contribution tax credit -**  
5 **legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.** (3) (c) The approved  
6 nonprofit organization that receives the allowable contribution shall issue  
7 a tax credit certificate to each taxpayer that makes an allowable  
8 contribution pursuant to subsections (3)(a) or (3)(b) of this section; except  
9 that the approved nonprofit organization shall not issue tax credit  
10 certificates that total more than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars per  
11 income tax year, and if the approved nonprofit organization administers  
12 one or more approved projects, in addition to providing a qualifying  
13 service, then the approved nonprofit organization shall not issue tax credit  
14 certificates for allowable contributions to one or more approved projects  
15 that total more than an additional seven hundred fifty thousand dollars per  
16 income tax year. The tax credit certificate must state the amount of the

1 allowable contribution, the taxpayer's name, the LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE  
2 taxpayer's social security number or THE TAXPAYER'S FULL federal  
3 employer identification number, the type of the contribution, the date the  
4 taxpayer made the contribution, the amount of the tax credit that is  
5 authorized for that taxpayer, and any other information that the executive  
6 director of the department of revenue may require. Tax credit certificates  
7 shall be issued in the order of received allowable contributions.

8 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 39-22-630 as  
9 follows:

10 **39-22-630. Charitable contributions made through qualified**  
11 **intermediaries - eligibility for income tax credits maintained -**  
12 **definitions.** (1) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER  
13 JANUARY 1, 2024, A TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM A CREDIT FOR MAKING A  
14 CONTRIBUTION TO A QUALIFIED INTERMEDIARY TO THE SAME EXTENT  
15 THAT THE TAXPAYER COULD CLAIM A CREDIT FOR MAKING THE  
16 CONTRIBUTION DIRECTLY TO A RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION SO LONG AS THE  
17 RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION IS APPROVED OR CERTIFIED, TO THE EXTENT  
18 REQUIRED AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS REQUIRED BY THE LAW  
19 AUTHORIZING THE CREDIT, AS MEETING THE CRITERIA REQUIRED TO  
20 RECEIVE SUCH A DIRECT CONTRIBUTION. NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)  
21 MODIFIES OR ELIMINATES ANY OBLIGATION OF A RECIPIENT  
22 ORGANIZATION, AS SET FORTH IN A STATE LAW, RULE, OR AGENCY  
23 GUIDELINE, TO ISSUE TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES, COLLECT INFORMATION  
24 FROM DONORS, PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
25 OR ANY OTHER STATE AGENCY, OR TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY  
26 FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF A CREDIT.

27 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

1 (a) "CREDIT" MEANS ANY CREDIT AGAINST THE TAXES IMPOSED  
2 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 22 OR ARTICLE 30 OF THIS TITLE THAT IS  
3 AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

4 (b) "QUALIFIED INTERMEDIARY" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION THAT  
5 HAS ATTAINED TAX EXEMPT STATUS UNDER SECTION 501 (c)(3) OF THE  
6 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. IF THE ORGANIZATION IS OBLIGATED, EXCEPT  
7 WHEN EXERCISING VARIANCE POWER AS REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED BY  
8 LAW OR FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TO DISBURSE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED  
9 FROM A TAXPAYER TO A RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION AS DIRECTED BY THE  
10 TAXPAYER.

11 (c) "RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION THAT  
12 HAS ATTAINED TAX EXEMPT STATUS UNDER SECTION 501 (c)(3) OF THE  
13 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. AND INCLUDES ANY PROGRAM OR PROJECT OF  
14 THE ORGANIZATION TO WHICH A TAXPAYER MAY MAKE A CONTRIBUTION  
15 FOR WHICH THE TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM A CREDIT.

16 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal  
17 year, \$108,937 is appropriated to the department of revenue for use by the  
18 taxation business group. This appropriation is from the general fund. To  
19 implement this act, the division may use this appropriation as follows:

20 (a) \$93,549 for personal services related to taxation services,  
21 which amount is based on an assumption that the division will require an  
22 additional 1.6 FTE; and

23 (b) \$15,388 for operating expenses related to taxation services.

24 (2) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$5,000 is appropriated to the  
25 department of local affairs. This appropriation is from the general fund.  
26 To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for  
27 payments to OIT.

1           **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
4 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
5 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
6 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
7 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
8 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
9 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.