

SENATE BILL NO. 156

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING FOR A REFUNDABLE EARNED INCOME CREDIT BASED ON A PERCENTAGE OF THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT; EXPANDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Earned income tax credit.** (1) There is allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by 15-30-2103 a percentage of the credit allowed for the federal earned income credit for which an individual taxpayer is eligible for the tax year under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 32.

(2) The amount of the credit allowed under subsection (1) is 3% of the amount of the credit determined for the tax year under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 32.

(3) Except for married taxpayers living apart who are treated as single under section 7703(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 7703(b), the credit is not allowed to married taxpayers if the spouses report their income on separate tax forms. Married taxpayers filing separately on the same form may allocate the credit between spouses.

(4) The taxpayer is entitled to a refund equal to the amount by which the credit exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability or, if the taxpayer has no tax liability under this chapter, a refund equal to the amount of the credit. The credit may be claimed by filing a Montana income tax return.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 15, chapter 30, part 23, and the provisions of Title 15, chapter 30, part 23, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Applicability.** [This act] applies to tax years beginning after December 31, 2017.

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