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By Senators West, Spanel, Anderson, Hale, Jacobsen, Snyder, Loveland, Kohl, Franklin, Brown, Fraser, T. Sheldon, Goings, B. Sheldon, Patterson, Bauer and Rasmussen; by request of Governor Locke

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1 AN ACT Relating to business and occupation tax credit; amending RCW 2 82.04.4451; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.04.4451 and 1997 c 238 s 2 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

6 (1) In computing the tax imposed under this chapter, a credit is 7 allowed against the amount of tax otherwise due under this chapter, as 8 provided in this section. The maximum credit for a taxpayer for a 9 reporting period is ((thirty-five)) fifty dollars multiplied by the 10 number of months in the reporting period, as determined under RCW 11 82.32.045.

(2) When the amount of tax otherwise due under this chapter is
equal to or less than the maximum credit, a credit is allowed equal to
the amount of tax otherwise due under this chapter.

(3) When the amount of tax otherwise due under this chapter exceeds the maximum credit, a reduced credit is allowed equal to twice the maximum credit, minus the tax otherwise due under this chapter, but not less than zero.

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(4) The department may prepare a tax credit table consisting of tax 1 ranges using increments of no more than five dollars and a 2 3 corresponding tax credit to be applied to those tax ranges. The table 4 shall be prepared in such a manner that no taxpayer will owe a greater amount of tax by using the table than would be owed by performing the 5 calculation under subsections (1) through (3) of this section. A table 6 7 prepared by the department under this subsection shall be used by all 8 taxpayers in taking the credit provided in this section.

9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. This act takes effect July 1, 1998.

10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. Section 1 of this act applies to the entire 11 period of reporting periods ending after the effective date of this 12 section.

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