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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing business and occupation tax rates;
2 amending RCW 82.04.255 and 82.04.290; providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.04.255 and 1993 sp.s. c 25 s 202 are each amended
6 to read as follows:

7 Upon every person engaging within the state as a real estate
8 broker; as to such persons, the amount of the tax with respect to such
9 business shall be equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied
10 by the rate of ((2-0)) 1.75 percent.

11 The measure of the tax on real estate commissions earned by the
12 real estate broker shall be the gross commission earned by the
13 particular real estate brokerage office including that portion of the
14 commission paid to salesmen or associate brokers in the same office on
15 a particular transaction: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That where a real estate
16 commission is divided between an originating brokerage office and a
17 cooperating brokerage office on a particular transaction, each
18 brokerage office shall pay the tax only upon their respective shares of
19 said commission: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That where the brokerage office

1 has paid the tax as provided herein, salesmen or associate brokers
2 within the same brokerage office shall not be required to pay a similar
3 tax upon the same transaction.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.04.290 and 1993 sp.s. c 25 s 203 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of
7 providing selected business services other than or in addition to those
8 enumerated in RCW 82.04.250 or 82.04.270; as to such persons the amount
9 of tax on account of such activities shall be equal to the gross income
10 of the business multiplied by the rate of (~~(2.5)~~) 2.0 percent.

11 (2) Upon every person engaging within this state in banking, loan,
12 security, investment management, investment advisory, or other
13 financial businesses; as to such persons, the amount of the tax with
14 respect to such business shall be equal to the gross income of the
15 business, multiplied by the rate of (~~(1.70)~~) 1.6 percent.

16 (3) Upon every person engaging within this state in any business
17 activity other than or in addition to those enumerated in RCW
18 82.04.230, 82.04.240, 82.04.250, 82.04.255, 82.04.260, 82.04.270, and
19 82.04.280, and subsections (1) and (2) of this section; as to such
20 persons the amount of tax on account of such activities shall be equal
21 to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of (~~(2.0)~~)
22 1.75 percent.

23 This section includes, among others, and without limiting the scope
24 hereof (whether or not title to materials used in the performance of
25 such business passes to another by accession, confusion or other than
26 by outright sale), persons engaged in the business of rendering any
27 type of service which does not constitute a "sale at retail" or a "sale
28 at wholesale." The value of advertising, demonstration, and
29 promotional supplies and materials furnished to an agent by his
30 principal or supplier to be used for informational, educational and
31 promotional purposes shall not be considered a part of the agent's
32 remuneration or commission and shall not be subject to taxation under
33 this section.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
35 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
2 effect July 1, 1995.

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