THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY RABB, FIEDLER, INNAMORATO, KRAJEWSKI, SIEGEL, MADDEN, SMITH-WADE-EL, KHAN, OTTEN AND GREEN, OCTOBER 19, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, OCTOBER 19, 2023

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying 1 2 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing 3 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment, collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing 5 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain 7 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations 8 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and penalties," in personal income tax, further providing for 10 imposition of tax and for amount of withholding tax. 11 12 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows: 1.3 (1)Section 1 of Article VIII of the Constitution of 14 Pennsylvania requires that all taxes be uniform upon the same class of subjects. 15 16 The Constitution of Pennsylvania allows the General Assembly to impose nonuniform tax rates as long as the tax 17 18 rates are imposed uniformly on each class of subjects. 19 Upon identifying legitimate distinctions among 20 various classes of subjects, the General Assembly can impose 21 a different tax rate on each class of subjects in compliance with constitutional standards. 22

- 1 (4) This act establishes different classes of subjects 2 and imposes different tax rates on each class.
- 3 (5) The Constitution of Pennsylvania makes it clear that 4 the imposition of different tax rates complies with section 1 5 of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania insofar 6 as those tax rates are uniform on each class.
- 7 (6) This act does not violate section 1 of Article VIII 8 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania by imposing different tax 9 rates on different classes of subjects because the uniformity 10 clause prohibition on disparate tax rates is not implicated 11 when uniformity of taxation is maintained within each class.
- 12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 13 hereby enacts as follows:
- 14 Section 1. Sections 302 and 324.1(a) of the act of March 4,
- 15 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, are
- 16 amended to read:
- 17 Section 302. Imposition of Tax.--(a) [Every] For tax years
- 18 beginning after December 31, 2003, and ending on December 31,
- 19 <u>2023</u>, every resident individual, estate or trust shall be
- 20 subject to, and shall pay for the privilege of receiving each of
- 21 the classes of income hereinafter enumerated in section 303, a
- 22 tax upon each dollar of income received by that resident during
- 23 that resident's taxable year at the rate of three and seven
- 24 hundredths per cent.
- 25 (b) [Every] For tax years beginning after December 31, 2003,
- 26 and ending on December 31, 2023, every nonresident individual,
- 27 estate or trust shall be subject to, and shall pay for the
- 28 privilege of receiving each of the classes of income hereinafter
- 29 enumerated in section 303 from sources within this Commonwealth,
- 30 a tax upon each dollar of income received by that nonresident

- 1 during that nonresident's taxable year at the rate of three and
- 2 seven hundredths per cent.
- 3 (c) For tax years beginning after December 31, 2023, every
- 4 resident individual, estate or trust shall be subject to and
- 5 shall pay a tax upon each dollar of income received by that
- 6 <u>resident during that resident's taxable year at the rate of one</u>
- 7 and nine-tenths per cent for the privilege of receiving the
- 8 <u>following classes of income as enumerated in section 303:</u>
- 9 <u>(1) Compensation.</u>
- 10 (2) Interest derived from obligations which are not
- 11 <u>statutorily free from State or local taxation under any other</u>
- 12 act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 13 or under the laws of the United States, any amount paid under
- 14 <u>contract of life insurance or endowment or annuity contract</u>
- 15 which is includable in gross income for Federal income tax
- 16 purposes and any amount paid out of the Archer Medical Savings
- 17 Account (Archer MSA) or health savings account that is
- 18 <u>includable in the gross income of an account beneficiary for</u>
- 19 Federal income tax purposes.
- 20 (d) For tax years beginning after December 31, 2023, every
- 21 resident individual, estate or trust shall be subject to, and
- 22 shall pay a tax upon each dollar of income received by that
- 23 resident during that resident's taxable year at the rate of
- 24 twelve per cent for the privilege of receiving the following
- 25 classes of income as enumerated in section 303:
- 26 (1) Net profits.
- 27 (2) Net gains or income from disposition of property.
- 28 (3) Net gains or income derived from or in the form of
- 29 rents, royalties, patents and copyrights.
- 30 <u>(4) Dividends.</u>

- 1 (5) Gambling and lottery winnings other than noncash prizes
- 2 <u>of the Pennsylvania State Lottery.</u>
- 3 (6) Net gains or income derived through estates or trusts.
- 4 To the extent that income or gain is subject to tax under one of
- 5 the classes of income enumerated in this section such income or
- 6 gain shall not be subject to tax under another of such_
- 7 enumerated classes.
- 8 (e) For tax years beginning after December 31, 2023, every
- 9 <u>nonresident individual</u>, <u>estate or trust shall be subject to</u>, <u>and</u>
- 10 shall pay a tax upon each dollar of income received by that
- 11 <u>nonresident during that nonresident's taxable year at the rate</u>
- 12 of one and nine-tenths per cent for the privilege of receiving
- 13 the following classes of income as enumerated in section 303:
- 14 <u>(1) Compensation.</u>
- 15 (2) Interest derived from obligations which are not
- 16 <u>statutorily free from State or local taxation under any other</u>
- 17 act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 18 or under the laws of the United States, any amount paid under
- 19 contract of life insurance or endowment or annuity contract
- 20 which is includable in gross income for Federal income tax
- 21 purposes and any amount paid out of the Archer Medical Savings
- 22 Account (Archer MSA) or health savings account that is
- 23 includable in the gross income of an account beneficiary for
- 24 Federal income tax purposes.
- 25 (f) For tax years beginning after December 31, 2023, every
- 26 nonresident individual, estate or trust shall be subject to and
- 27 shall pay a tax upon each dollar of income received by that
- 28 nonresident during that nonresident's taxable year at the rate
- 29 of twelve per cent for the privilege of receiving the following
- 30 classes of income as enumerated in section 303:

- 1 (1) Net profits.
- 2 (2) Net gains or income from disposition of property.
- 3 (3) Net gains or income derived from or in the form of
- 4 rents, royalties, patents and copyrights.
- 5 (4) Dividends.
- 6 (5) Gambling and lottery winnings other than noncash prizes
- 7 <u>of the Pennsylvania State Lottery.</u>
- 8 (6) Net gains or income derived through estates or trusts.
- 9 To the extent that income or gain is subject to tax under one of
- 10 the classes of income enumerated in this section such income or
- 11 gain shall not be subject to tax under another of such
- 12 <u>enumerated classes.</u>
- 13 Section 324.1. Amount of Withholding Tax.--(a) The amount
- 14 of tax withheld from nonresidents and the amount of the
- 15 withholding tax payable under section 324 shall be equal to the
- 16 income from sources within this Commonwealth of the partnership,
- 17 association or Pennsylvania S corporation which is allocable to
- 18 nonresident partners, members or shareholders multiplied by the
- 19 tax rate specified in section [302(b)] 302(f).
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- 21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.