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## HOUSE BILL 2655

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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.
- 12 (2) When the amount of tax otherwise due under this chapter is
- 13 equal to or less than the maximum credit, a credit is allowed equal to
- 14 the amount of tax otherwise due under this chapter.
- 15 (3) When the amount of tax otherwise due under this chapter exceeds
- 16 the maximum credit, a reduced credit is allowed equal to twice the
- 17 maximum credit, minus the tax otherwise due under this chapter, but not
- 18 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.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Section 1 of this act applies to the entire period of reporting periods ending after the effective date of this section.

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