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- 1 AN ACT Relating to providing excise tax credits for compliance with
- 2 regulatory requirements; and adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW 5 to read as follows:
- 6 (1) A taxpayer may claim a credit against the tax imposed by this 7 chapter equal to costs the taxpayer incurred, including accounting 8 costs, because of regulatory requirements in the reporting period.
 - (2) For purposes of this section, "regulatory requirements" means:
- 10 (a) Reporting requirements imposed by statute or a state agency;
- 11 (b) Inspections performed by a state agency;
- 12 (c) Technical assistance visits performed by a state agency under 13 chapter 43.05 RCW; and
- 14 (d) Actions a state agency requires a taxpayer to take in order to
- 15 avoid a civil penalty after an inspection or a technical assistance
- 16 visit.

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- 17 (3) Application for credits under this section must be made to the
- 18 department of revenue in a form and manner as required by the

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- 1 department. A credit must be claimed in the year in which the 2 expenditure is made.
- (4) Credits may not exceed the greater of two thousand dollars or five percent of the amount of tax that would otherwise be due under this chapter for a reporting period, and in no event may the credits exceed the amount of tax that would otherwise be due under this chapter for a reporting period. Unused credits may be carried forward and used in future reporting periods.

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