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- AN ACT Relating to reducing the business and occupation tax rate on manufacturing activities; amending RCW 82.04.240, 82.04.260, 82.04.2909, 82.04.280, and 82.32.790; repealing 2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 s 518, 2017 c 135 s 9, 2010 c 114 s 104, and 2003 c 149 s 3; and providing an effective date.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.04.240 and 2004 c 24 s 4 are each amended to read 8 as follows:
- Upon every person engaging within this state in business as a manufacturer or processor for hire, except persons taxable as manufacturers or processors for hire under other provisions of this chapter; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such business shall be equal to the value of the products, including by-products, manufactured or processed, multiplied by the rate of ((0.484)) 0.275 percent.
- The measure of the tax is the value of the products, including by-products, so manufactured regardless of the place of sale or the fact that deliveries may be made to points outside the state.
- 19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.04.260 and 2021 c 145 s 7 are each amended to 20 read as follows:

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(1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing:

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- (a) Wheat into flour, barley into pearl barley, soybeans into soybean oil, canola into canola oil, canola meal, or canola byproducts, or sunflower seeds into sunflower oil; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business is equal to the value of the flour, pearl barley, oil, canola meal, or canola by-product manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent;
- (b) Beginning July 1, 2025, seafood products that remain in a raw, raw frozen, or raw salted state at the completion of the manufacturing by that person; or selling manufactured seafood products that remain in a raw, raw frozen, or raw salted state at the completion of the manufacturing, to purchasers who transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of this state; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business is equal to the value of the products manufactured or the gross proceeds derived from such sales, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. Sellers must keep and preserve records for the period required by RCW 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were transported by the purchaser in the ordinary course of business out of this state;
- (c)(i) Except as provided otherwise in (c)(iii) of this subsection, from July 1, 2025, until January 1, 2036, dairy products; or selling dairy products that the person has manufactured to purchasers who either transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of state or purchasers who use such dairy products as an ingredient or component in the manufacturing of a dairy product; as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the value of the products manufactured or the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. Sellers must keep and preserve records for the period required by RCW 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were transported by the purchaser in the ordinary course of business out of this state or sold to a manufacturer for use as an ingredient or component in the manufacturing of a dairy product.
- 35 (ii) For the purposes of this subsection (1)(c), "dairy products" 36 means:
 - (A) Products, not including any marijuana-infused product, that as of September 20, 2001, are identified in 21 C.F.R., chapter 1, parts 131, 133, and 135, including by-products from the manufacturing of the dairy products, such as whey and casein; and

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(B) Products comprised of not less than ((seventy)) 70 percent dairy products that qualify under (c)(ii)(A) of this subsection, measured by weight or volume.

- (iii) The preferential tax rate provided to taxpayers under this subsection (1)(c) does not apply to sales of dairy products on or after July 1, 2023, where a dairy product is used by the purchaser as an ingredient or component in the manufacturing in Washington of a dairy product;
- (d) (i) Beginning July 1, 2025, fruits or vegetables by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits or vegetables, or selling at wholesale fruits or vegetables manufactured by the seller by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits or vegetables and sold to purchasers who transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of this state; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business is equal to the value of the products manufactured or the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. Sellers must keep and preserve records for the period required by RCW 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were transported by the purchaser in the ordinary course of business out of this state.
- (ii) For purposes of this subsection (1)(d), "fruits" and "vegetables" do not include marijuana, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused products; and
 - (e) Wood biomass fuel; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to the business is equal to the value of wood biomass fuel manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. For the purposes of this section, "wood biomass fuel" means a liquid or gaseous fuel that is produced from lignocellulosic feedstocks, including wood, forest, or field residue and dedicated energy crops, and that does not include wood treated with chemical preservations such as creosote, pentachlorophenol, or copper-chrome-arsenic.
 - (2) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of splitting or processing dried peas; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business is equal to the value of the peas split or processed, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.
 - (3) Upon every nonprofit corporation and nonprofit association engaging within this state in research and development, as to such corporations and associations, the amount of tax with respect to such

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activities is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.

- (4) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of slaughtering, breaking and/or processing perishable meat products and/or selling the same at wholesale only and not at retail; as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.
- (5) (a) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of acting as a travel agent or tour operator and whose annual taxable amount for the prior calendar year from such business was ((two hundred fifty thousand dollars)) \$250,000 or less; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such activities is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent.
- (b) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of acting as a travel agent or tour operator and whose annual taxable amount for the prior calendar year from such business was more than ((two hundred fifty thousand dollars)) \$250,000; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such activities is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent through June 30, 2019, and 0.9 percent beginning July 1, 2019.
- (6) Upon every person engaging within this state in business as an international steamship agent, international customs house broker, international freight forwarder, vessel and/or cargo charter broker in foreign commerce, and/or international air cargo agent; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to only international activities is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent.
- (7) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of stevedoring and associated activities pertinent to the movement of goods and commodities in waterborne interstate or foreign commerce; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business is equal to the gross proceeds derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent. Persons subject to taxation under this subsection are exempt from payment of taxes imposed by chapter 82.16 RCW for that portion of their business subject to taxation under this subsection. Stevedoring and associated activities pertinent to the conduct of goods and commodities in waterborne interstate or foreign commerce are defined as all activities of a labor, service or

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transportation nature whereby cargo may be loaded or unloaded to or from vessels or barges, passing over, onto or under a wharf, pier, or similar structure; cargo may be moved to a warehouse or similar holding or storage yard or area to await further movement in import or export or may move to a consolidation freight station and be stuffed, unstuffed, containerized, separated or otherwise segregated or aggregated for delivery or loaded on any mode of transportation for delivery to its consignee. Specific activities included in this definition are: Wharfage, handling, loading, unloading, moving of cargo to a convenient place of delivery to the consignee or a convenient place for further movement to export mode; documentation services in connection with the receipt, delivery, checking, care, custody and control of cargo required in the transfer of cargo; imported automobile handling prior to delivery to consignee; terminal stevedoring and incidental vessel services, including but not limited to plugging and unplugging refrigerator service to containers, trailers, and other refrigerated cargo receptacles, and securing ship hatch covers.

(8) (a) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of disposing of low-level waste, as defined in RCW 70A.380.010; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such business is equal to the gross income of the business, excluding any fees imposed under chapter 70A.384 RCW, multiplied by the rate of 3.3 percent.

- (b) If the gross income of the taxpayer is attributable to activities both within and without this state, the gross income attributable to this state must be determined in accordance with the methods of apportionment required under RCW 82.04.460.
- (9) Upon every person engaging within this state as an insurance producer or title insurance agent licensed under chapter 48.17 RCW or a surplus line broker licensed under chapter 48.15 RCW; as to such persons, the amount of the tax with respect to such licensed activities is equal to the gross income of such business multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.
- (10) Upon every person engaging within this state in business as a hospital, as defined in chapter 70.41 RCW, that is operated as a nonprofit corporation or by the state or any of its political subdivisions, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such activities is equal to the gross income of the business

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1 multiplied by the rate of 0.75 percent through June 30, 1995, and 1.5 2 percent thereafter.

- (11) (a) Beginning October 1, 2005, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing commercial airplanes, or components of such airplanes, or making sales, at retail or wholesale, of commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes, manufactured by the seller, as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business is, in the case of manufacturers, equal to the value of the product manufactured and the gross proceeds of sales of the product manufactured, or in the case of processors for hire, equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of:
 - (i) 0.4235 percent from October 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007;
- 14 (ii) 0.2904 percent beginning July 1, 2007, through March 31, 15 2020; ((and))
 - (iii) Beginning April 1, 2020, 0.484 percent, subject to any reduction required under (e) of this subsection (11). The tax rate in this subsection (11)(a)(iii) applies to ((all)) retailing and wholesaling business activities described in this subsection (11)(a); and
- 21 <u>(iv) Beginning October 1, 2022, 0.275 percent for manufacturing</u> 22 <u>activities described in this subsection (11)(a)</u>.
 - (b) Beginning July 1, 2008, upon every person who is not eligible to report under the provisions of (a) of this subsection (11) and is engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing tooling specifically designed for use in manufacturing commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes, or making sales, at retail or wholesale, of such tooling manufactured by the seller, as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business is, in the case of manufacturers, equal to the value of the product manufactured and the gross proceeds of sales of the product manufactured, or in the case of processors for hire, be equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of:
 - (i) 0.2904 percent through March 31, 2020; and
- 35 (ii) Beginning April 1, 2020, the following rates, which are 36 subject to any reduction required under (e) of this subsection (11):
- 37 (A) The <u>generally applicable</u> rate under ((RCW 82.04.250(1))) <u>this</u>
 38 <u>chapter</u> on the business of making retail <u>or wholesale</u> sales of
 39 tooling specifically designed for use in manufacturing commercial
 40 airplanes or components of such airplanes; and

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1 (B) ((0.484)) 0.275 percent on all other business activities described in this subsection (11)(b) beginning July 1, 2022.

- (c) For the purposes of this subsection (11), "commercial airplane" and "component" have the same meanings as provided in RCW 82.32.550.
- (d) (i) In addition to all other requirements under this title, a person reporting ((under the tax rate)) a preferential tax rate for retailing or wholesaling activities provided in this subsection (11) must file a complete annual tax performance report with the department under RCW 82.32.534. However, this requirement does not apply to persons reporting under the tax rate in (a)(iii) of this subsection (11), so long as that rate remains 0.484 percent, or under any of the tax rates in (b)(ii)(A) and (B) of this subsection (11), so long as those tax rates remain the rate imposed pursuant to RCW 82.04.250(1) and 0.484 percent, respectively.
- (ii) Nothing in (d)(i) of this subsection (11) may be construed as affecting the obligation of a person reporting under a tax rate provided in this subsection (11) to file a complete annual tax performance report with the department under RCW 82.32.534: (A) Pursuant to another provision of this title as a result of claiming a tax credit or exemption; or (B) pursuant to (d)(i) of this subsection (11) as a result of claiming the tax rates in (a)(ii) or (b)(i) of this subsection (11) for periods ending before April 1, 2020.
- (e)(i) After March 31, 2021, the tax rates under (a)(iii) and (b)(ii)(A) of this subsection (11) must be reduced to 0.357 percent for retailing and wholesaling activities provided the conditions in RCW 82.04.2602 are met. The effective date of the rates authorized under this subsection (11)(e) must occur on the first day of the next calendar quarter that is at least ((sixty)) 60 days after the department receives the last of the two written notices pursuant to RCW 82.04.2602 (3) and (4).
- (ii) Both a significant commercial airplane manufacturer separately and the rest of the aerospace industry as a whole, receiving the rate of 0.357 percent under this subsection (11)(e) are subject to the aerospace apprenticeship utilization rates required under RCW 49.04.220 by April 1, 2026, or five years after the effective date of the 0.357 percent rate authorized under this subsection (11)(e), whichever is later, as determined by the department of labor and industries.

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1 (iii) The provisions of RCW 82.32.805 and 82.32.808 do not apply 2 to this subsection (11)(e).

- (f)(i) Except as provided in (f)(ii) of this subsection (11), this subsection (11) does not apply on and after July 1, 2040.
- (ii) With respect to ((the manufacturing of commercial airplanes of)) making sales, at retail or wholesale, of commercial airplanes, this subsection (11) does not apply on and after July 1st of the year in which the department makes a determination that any final assembly or wing assembly of any version or variant of a commercial airplane that is the basis of a siting of a significant commercial airplane manufacturing program in the state under RCW 82.32.850 has been sited outside the state of Washington. This subsection (11)(f)(ii) only applies to the ((manufacturing or)) sale of commercial airplanes that are the basis of a siting of a significant commercial airplane manufacturing program in the state under RCW 82.32.850. This subsection (11)(f)(ii) continues to apply during the time that a person is subject to the tax rate in (a)(iii) of this subsection (11).
- (g) For the purposes of this subsection, "a significant commercial airplane manufacturer" means a manufacturer of commercial airplanes with at least ((fifty thousand)) 50,000 full-time employees in Washington as of January 1, 2021.
 - (12)(a) Until July 1, 2045, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of extracting timber or extracting for hire timber; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to the business is, in the case of extractors, equal to the value of products, including by-products, extracted, or in the case of extractors for hire, equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.4235 percent from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, ((and)) 0.2904 percent from July 1, 2007, ((through June 30, 2045)) until the effective date of this section, and 0.275 percent from the effective date of this section and thereafter.
 - (b) Until July 1, 2045, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing or processing for hire: (i) Timber into timber products or wood products; (ii) timber products into other timber products or wood products; or (iii) products defined in RCW 19.27.570(1); as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business is, in the case of manufacturers, equal to the value of products, including by-products, manufactured, or in the case of processors for hire, equal to the gross income of the

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business, multiplied by the rate of 0.4235 percent from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, ((and)) 0.2904 percent from July 1, 2007, ((through June 30, 2045)) until the effective date of this section, and 0.275 percent from the effective date of this section and thereafter.

- (c) Until July 1, 2045, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of selling at wholesale: (i) Timber extracted by that person; (ii) timber products manufactured by that person from timber or other timber products; (iii) wood products manufactured by that person from timber or timber products; or (iv) products defined in RCW 19.27.570(1) manufactured by that person; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the timber, timber products, wood products, or products defined in RCW 19.27.570(1) multiplied by the rate of 0.4235 percent from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, and 0.2904 percent from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2045.
- (d) Until July 1, 2045, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of selling standing timber; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business is equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of 0.2904 percent. For purposes of this subsection (12)(d), "selling standing timber" means the sale of timber apart from the land, where the buyer is required to sever the timber within ((thirty)) 30 months from the date of the original contract, regardless of the method of payment for the timber and whether title to the timber transfers before, upon, or after severance.
- (e) For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions apply:
 - (i) "Biocomposite surface products" means surface material products containing, by weight or volume, more than ((fifty)) 50 percent recycled paper and that also use nonpetroleum-based phenolic resin as a bonding agent.
 - (ii) "Paper and paper products" means products made of interwoven cellulosic fibers held together largely by hydrogen bonding. "Paper and paper products" includes newsprint; office, printing, fine, and pressure-sensitive papers; paper napkins, towels, and toilet tissue; kraft bag, construction, and other kraft industrial papers; paperboard, liquid packaging containers, containerboard, corrugated, and solid-fiber containers including linerboard and corrugated medium; and related types of cellulosic products containing

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- primarily, by weight or volume, cellulosic materials. "Paper and paper products" does not include books, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, and other printed publications, advertising materials, calendars, and similar types of printed materials.
- 5 (iii) "Recycled paper" means paper and paper products having 6 fifty percent or more of their fiber content that comes from 7 postconsumer waste. For purposes of this subsection (12)(e)(iii), 8 "postconsumer waste" means a finished material that would normally be 9 disposed of as solid waste, having completed its life cycle as a 10 consumer item.
- (iv) "Timber" means forest trees, standing or down, on privately or publicly owned land. "Timber" does not include Christmas trees that are cultivated by agricultural methods or short-rotation hardwoods as defined in RCW 84.33.035.
 - (v) "Timber products" means:

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- 16 (A) Logs, wood chips, sawdust, wood waste, and similar products
 17 obtained wholly from the processing of timber, short-rotation
 18 hardwoods as defined in RCW 84.33.035, or both;
 - (B) Pulp, including market pulp and pulp derived from recovered paper or paper products; and
- 21 (C) Recycled paper, but only when used in the manufacture of 22 biocomposite surface products.
 - (vi) "Wood products" means paper and paper products; dimensional lumber; engineered wood products such as particleboard, oriented strand board, medium density fiberboard, and plywood; wood doors; wood windows; and biocomposite surface products.
 - (f) Except for small harvesters as defined in RCW 84.33.035, a person reporting under the tax rate provided in this subsection (12) must file a complete annual tax performance report with the department under RCW 82.32.534.
- 31 (g) Nothing in this subsection (12) may be construed to affect 32 the taxation of any activity defined as a retail sale in RCW 33 82.04.050(2) (b) or (c), defined as a wholesale sale in RCW 34 82.04.060(2), or taxed under RCW 82.04.280(1)(g).
- 35 (13) Upon every person engaging within this state in inspecting, 36 testing, labeling, and storing canned salmon owned by another person, 37 as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such activities 38 is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied 39 by the rate of 0.484 percent.

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(14)(a) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of printing a newspaper, publishing a newspaper, or both, the amount of tax on such business is equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of 0.35 percent until July 1, 2024, and 0.484 percent thereafter.

- 6 (b) A person reporting under the tax rate provided in this 7 subsection (14) must file a complete annual tax performance report 8 with the department under RCW 82.32.534.
- **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.04.2909 and 2017 c 135 s 12 are each amended to 10 read as follows:
 - (1) Upon every person who is an aluminum smelter engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing aluminum; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business is, in the case of manufacturers, equal to the value of the product manufactured, or in the case of processors for hire, equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of ((.2904)) 0.275 percent.
 - (2) Upon every person who is an aluminum smelter engaging within this state in the business of making sales at wholesale of aluminum manufactured by that person, as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the aluminum multiplied by the rate of .2904 percent.
- 23 (3) A person reporting under the tax rate provided in <u>subsection</u>
 24 (2) of this section must file a complete annual tax performance
 25 report with the department under RCW 82.32.534.
 - (4) This section expires January 1, 2027.
- **Sec. 4.** RCW 82.04.280 and 2019 c 449 s 1 are each amended to 28 read as follows:
 - (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of: (a) Printing materials other than newspapers, and of publishing periodicals or magazines; (b) building, repairing or improving any street, place, road, highway, easement, right-of-way, mass public transportation terminal or parking facility, bridge, tunnel, or trestle which is owned by a municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state or by the United States and which is used or to be used, primarily for foot or vehicular traffic including mass transportation vehicles of any kind and including any readjustment, reconstruction or relocation of the facilities of any public, private

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1 or cooperatively owned utility or railroad in the course of such building, repairing or improving, the cost of which readjustment, 2 3 reconstruction, or relocation, is the responsibility of the public authority whose street, place, road, highway, easement, right-of-way, 4 mass public transportation terminal or parking facility, bridge, 5 6 tunnel, or trestle is being built, repaired or improved; extracting for hire ((or processing for hire)), except persons 7 taxable as extractors for hire ((or processors for hire)) under 8 another section of this chapter; (d) operating a cold storage warehouse or storage warehouse, but not including the rental of cold 10 11 storage lockers; (e) representing and performing services for fire or 12 casualty insurance companies as an independent resident managing general agent licensed under the provisions of chapter 48.17 RCW; (f) 13 14 radio and television broadcasting, but excluding revenues from network, national, and regional advertising computed either: (i) As a 15 16 standard deduction that the department must publish by rule by 17 September 30, 2020, and by September 30th of every fifth year 18 thereafter, based on the national average thereof as reported by the 19 United States census bureau's economic census; or (ii) in lieu thereof by itemization by the individual broadcasting station, and 20 excluding that portion of revenue represented by the out-of-state 21 22 audience computed as a ratio to the broadcasting station's total 23 audience as measured by the .5 millivolt/meter signal strength contour for AM radio, the one millivolt/meter or ((sixty)) 60 dBu 24 25 signal strength contour for FM radio, the ((twenty-eight)) 28 dBu 26 signal strength contour for television channels two through six, the ((thirty-six)) 36 dBu signal strength contour for television channels 27 seven through ((thirteen)) 13, and the ((forty-one)) 41 dBu signal 28 29 strength contour for television channels ((fourteen)) 14 through ((sixty-nine)) 69 with delivery by wire, satellite, or any other 30 31 means, if any; (g) engaging in activities which bring a person within the definition of consumer contained in RCW 82.04.190(6); as to such 32 33 persons, the amount of tax on such business is equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent. 34

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- (2) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
- (a) "Cold storage warehouse" means a storage warehouse used to store fresh and/or frozen perishable fruits or vegetables, meat, seafood, dairy products, or fowl, or any combination thereof, at a

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desired temperature to maintain the quality of the product for orderly marketing.

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- (b) "Storage warehouse" means a building or structure, or any part thereof, in which goods, wares, or merchandise are received for storage for compensation, except field warehouses, fruit warehouses, fruit packing plants, warehouses licensed under chapter 22.09 RCW, public garages storing automobiles, railroad freight sheds, docks and wharves, and "self-storage" or "mini storage" facilities whereby customers have direct access to individual storage areas by separate entrance. "Storage warehouse" does not include a building or structure, or that part of such building or structure, in which an activity taxable under RCW 82.04.272 is conducted.
- 13 (c) "Periodical or magazine" means a printed publication, other 14 than a newspaper, issued regularly at stated intervals at least once 15 every three months, including any supplement or special edition of 16 the publication.
- 17 **Sec. 5.** RCW 82.32.790 and 2019 c 449 s 2 are each amended to 18 read as follows:
- 19 (1)(a) Section 2, chapter 449, Laws of 2019, sections 510, 512, 514, 516, ((518,)) 520, 522, and 524, chapter 37, Laws of 2017 3rd 20 sp. sess., sections $((\frac{9}{7}))$ 13, 17, 22, 24, 30, 32, and 45, chapter 21 135, Laws of 2017, sections $((\frac{104}{7}))$ 110, 117, 123, 125, 129, 131, 22 and 150, chapter 114, Laws of 2010, and sections 1, 2, $((\frac{3}{6}))$ and 5 23 24 through 10, chapter 149, Laws of 2003 are contingent upon the siting and commercial operation of a significant semiconductor microchip 25 fabrication facility in the state of Washington by January 1, 2024. 26
 - (b) For the purposes of this section:
- 28 (i) "Commercial operation" means the same as "commencement of commercial production" as used in RCW 82.08.965.
- 30 (ii) "Semiconductor microchip fabrication" means "manufacturing semiconductor microchips" as defined in RCW 82.04.426.
 - (iii) "Significant" means the combined investment of new buildings and new machinery and equipment in the buildings, at the commencement of commercial production, will be at least ((one billion dollars)) \$1,000,000,000.
 - (2) The sections referenced in subsection (1) of this section take effect the first day of the month in which a contract for the construction of a significant semiconductor fabrication facility is

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signed, if the contract is signed and received by January 1, 2024, as determined by the director of the department of revenue.

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- (3) (a) The department of revenue must provide notice of the effective date of the sections referenced in subsection (1) of this section to affected taxpayers, the legislature, and others as deemed appropriate by the department.
- (b) If, after making a determination that a contract has been 7 signed and the sections referenced in subsection (1) of this section 8 are effective, the department discovers that commencement 9 commercial production did not take place within three years of the 10 11 date the contract was signed, the department must make a 12 determination that chapter 149, Laws of 2003 is no longer effective, and all taxes that would have been otherwise due are deemed deferred 13 taxes and are immediately assessed and payable from any person 14 reporting tax under RCW 82.04.240(2) or claiming an exemption or 15 16 credit under RCW 82.04.426, 82.04.448, 82.08.965, 82.12.965, 17 82.08.970, 82.12.970, or 84.36.645. The department is not authorized to make a second determination regarding the effective date of the 18 sections referenced in subsection (1) of this section. 19
- 20 (4)(a) This section expires January 1, 2024, if the contingency 21 in subsection (2) of this section does not occur by January 1, 2024, 22 as determined by the department.
- 23 (b) The department must provide written notice of the expiration 24 date of this section and the sections referenced in subsection (1) of 25 this section to affected taxpayers, the legislature, and others as 26 deemed appropriate by the department.
- 27 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 6.** 2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 s 518, 2017 c 135 s 9, 28 2010 c 114 s 104, & 2003 c 149 s 3 are each repealed.
- 29 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 7.** This act takes effect October 1, 2022.

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