



AN ACT REVISING THE CONTRACTOR'S GROSS RECEIPTS TAX; PROVIDING THAT A CREDIT MAY BE CLAIMED BY AN EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN COMPANY; EXTENDING THE TIMEFRAME TO CLAIM THE CREDIT; PROVIDING THAT THE CREDIT MAY OFFSET CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TAXES; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 15-50-207, MCA; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 15-50-207, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-50-207. Credit against other taxes -- credit for real and personal property taxes and certain fees -- employee stock ownership plan company -- rulemaking. (1) (a) The additional license fees withheld or otherwise paid as provided in this chapter may be used as a credit or a refund, depending on the type of tax the contractor is required to pay under the laws of the state as follows:

(i) on the contractor's corporate income tax provided for in chapter 31 of this title or;
(ii) on the contractor's income tax provided for in chapter 30; or
(iii) as a refund using a form promulgated by the department if the contractor is exempt from corporate or individual income taxes because of the contractor's status as an employee stock ownership plan corporation that is 100% owned by the employees, depending upon the type of tax the contractor is required to pay under the laws of the state.

(b) The department may adopt rules to administer the refund provided for in subsection (1)(a)(iii).

~~(b)(c)~~ The credit allowed under this subsection (1) may be used as a carryforward against taxes imposed by chapter 30 or 31 for the 5 7 succeeding tax years. The entire amount of the credit not used in the year earned must be carried first to the earliest tax year in which the credit may be applied and then to each succeeding tax year.

(2) ~~Personal Real property taxes, except those imposed on class four residential property,~~
~~personal property taxes,~~ and the fee in lieu of tax on buses, trucks having a manufacturer's rated capacity of
more than 1 ton, or truck tractors, as provided in 61-3-529, and the registration fee on light vehicles, as
provided in 61-3-321(2) and 61-3-562, paid in Montana on any real property, personal property, or vehicle of
the contractor that is used in the business of the contractor and is located within this state may be credited
against the license fees required under this chapter. ~~However, in~~

(3) In computing the tax credit allowed by this section against the contractor's income tax or
corporate income tax, the tax credit against the license fees required under this chapter may not be considered
as license fees paid for the purpose of the income tax or corporate income tax credit.

(4) A taxpayer that claims a credit allowed by this section against the contractor's real property
taxes shall submit proof to the department that all property taxes in the state that are owed by the contractor
are paid in full."

Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective January 1, 2026.

Section 3. Applicability. [This act] applies to accrued credit carryforwards that are available to a
contractor but not claimed because of the contractor's status as an employee stock ownership plan corporation
that is 100% owned by the employees.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
SB 536, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

SENATE BILL NO. 536

INTRODUCED BY G. HERTZ

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