

1 Section 2. Section 220.1893, Florida Statutes, is
2 created to read:

3 220.1893 State work opportunity tax credit.--

4 (1)(a) Beginning January 1, 2007, there shall be
5 allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter to
6 any business that hires a person who has been convicted of a
7 felony if the hiring is within 3 years after that person's
8 release from a state prison or to any business that hires a
9 person who has been convicted of a felony and is on community
10 control or probation, as defined by s. 948.001, for the
11 commission of a felony.

12 (b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., the
13 credit shall be computed as 40 percent of the wages paid to
14 the employee during each taxable period. The credit may be
15 claimed for a maximum of five eligible employees per taxable
16 period and may not exceed \$2,400 per eligible employee.

17 2. For a small business, or minority business
18 enterprise, as defined in s. 288.703, the credit shall be
19 computed as 50 percent of the wages paid to the employee
20 during each taxable period. The credit may be claimed for a
21 maximum of five eligible employees per taxable period and may
22 not exceed \$3,000 per eligible employee.

23 (2) When filing for a credit under this section, a
24 business must apply for and receive certification from the
25 Agency for Workforce Innovation that the employee for whom
26 this credit is claimed is a person as described in paragraph
27 (1)(a).

28 (3) The department and the agency shall adopt rules
29 governing the manner and form of applications for the credit
30 and may establish guidelines concerning the requisites for an
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