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CHAMBER ACTION

The Finance & Tax Committee recommends the following:

Council/Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to the community contribution tax credit program; amending ss. 212.08, 220.183, and 624.5105, F.S.; 7 increasing the amount of available tax credits against the 8 9 sales tax, corporate income tax, and insurance premium 10 tax, respectively, for projects under the community contribution tax credit program and providing separate 11 annual limitations for certain projects; revising 12 requirements and procedures for the Office of Tourism, 13 14 Trade, and Economic Development in granting tax credits under the program; providing an effective date. 15 16

17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (q) of subsection (5) of section212.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and 22 storage tax; specified exemptions.--The sale at retail, the 23 rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the Page 1 of 18

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24 storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following 25 are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this 26 chapter.

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(5) EXEMPTIONS; ACCOUNT OF USE. --

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Community contribution tax credit for donations .--(q) 29 1. Authorization.--Beginning July 1, 2001, Persons who are registered with the department under s. 212.18 to collect or 30 remit sales or use tax and who make donations to eligible 31 sponsors are eligible for tax credits against their state sales 32 and use tax liabilities as provided in this paragraph: 33

a. The credit shall be computed as 50 percent of the 34 35 person's approved annual community contribution.+

36 The credit shall be granted as a refund against state b. 37 sales and use taxes reported on returns and remitted in the 12 38 months preceding the date of application to the department for the credit as required in sub-subparagraph 3.c. If the annual 39 credit is not fully used through such refund because of 40 insufficient tax payments during the applicable 12-month period, 41 42 the unused amount may be included in an application for a refund made pursuant to sub-subparagraph 3.c. in subsequent years 43 against the total tax payments made for such year. Carryover 44 45 credits may be applied for a 3-year period without regard to any time limitation that would otherwise apply under s. 215.26.+ 46

A person may not receive more than \$200,000 in annual 47 с. tax credits for all approved community contributions made in any 48 49 one year.;

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CS 50 d. All proposals for the granting of the tax credit 51 require the prior approval of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.+ 52 53 e. The total amount of tax credits which may be granted for all programs approved under this paragraph, s. 220.183, and 54 s. 624.5105 is \$10 \$12 million annually for projects that 55 provide homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-low-56 57 income households as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) and \$3 million annually for all other projects.; and 58 59 A person who is eligible to receive the credit provided f. 60 for in this paragraph, s. 220.183, or s. 624.5105 may receive the credit only under the one section of the person's choice. 61 2. Eligibility requirements. --62 A community contribution by a person must be in the 63 a. following form: 64 (I) Cash or other liquid assets; 65 Real property; 66 (II)(III) Goods or inventory; or 67 Other physical resources as identified by the Office 68 (IV) of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. 69 All community contributions must be reserved 70 b. 71 exclusively for use in a project. As used in this subsubparagraph, the term "project" means any activity undertaken 72 73 by an eliqible sponsor which is designed to construct, improve, 74 or substantially rehabilitate housing that is affordable to lowincome or very-low-income households as defined in s. 75 76 420.9071(19) and (28); designed to provide commercial, industrial, or public resources and facilities; or designed to 77 Page 3 of 18

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78 improve entrepreneurial and job-development opportunities for 79 low-income persons. A project may be the investment necessary to increase access to high-speed broadband capability in rural 80 81 communities with enterprise zones, including projects that result in improvements to communications assets that are owned 82 83 by a business. A project may include the provision of museum educational programs and materials that are directly related to 84 any project approved between January 1, 1996, and December 31, 85 1999, and located in an enterprise zone designated pursuant to 86 87 s. 290.0065. This paragraph does not preclude projects that 88 propose to construct or rehabilitate housing for low-income or 89 very-low-income households on scattered sites. With respect to 90 housing, contributions may be used to pay the following eligible low-income and very-low-income housing-related activities: 91

92 (I) Project development impact and management fees for93 low-income or very-low-income housing projects;

94 (II) Down payment and closing costs for eligible persons, 95 as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28);

96 (III) Administrative costs, including housing counseling 97 and marketing fees, not to exceed 10 percent of the community 98 contribution, directly related to low-income or very-low-income 99 projects; and

(IV) Removal of liens recorded against residential property by municipal, county, or special district local governments when satisfaction of the lien is a necessary precedent to the transfer of the property to an eligible person, as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28), for the purpose of

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HB 821 CS 2006 CS promoting home ownership. Contributions for lien removal must be 105 106 received from a nonrelated third party. 107 The project must be undertaken by an "eligible с. 108 sponsor, " which includes: 109 A community action program; (I)110 (II) A nonprofit community-based development organization whose mission is the provision of housing for low-income or 111 112 very-low-income households or increasing entrepreneurial and job-development opportunities for low-income persons; 113 114 (III) A neighborhood housing services corporation; 115 (IV) A local housing authority created under chapter 421; A community redevelopment agency created under s. 116 (V)117 163.356; The Florida Industrial Development Corporation; 118 (VI) 119 (VII) A historic preservation district agency or 120 organization; (VIII) A regional workforce board; 121 122 A direct-support organization as provided in s. (IX) 1009.983; 123 (X) An enterprise zone development agency created under s. 124 290.0056; 125 126 (XI) A community-based organization incorporated under chapter 617 which is recognized as educational, charitable, or 127 128 scientific pursuant to s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 129 and whose bylaws and articles of incorporation include affordable housing, economic development, or community 130 131 development as the primary mission of the corporation; 132 (XII) Units of local government; Page 5 of 18

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(XIII) Units of state government; or

134 (XIV) Any other agency that the Office of Tourism, Trade,135 and Economic Development designates by rule.

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137 In no event may a contributing person have a financial interest138 in the eligible sponsor.

The project must be located in an area designated an 139 d. enterprise zone or a Front Porch Florida Community pursuant to 140 141 s. 20.18(6), unless the project increases access to high-speed broadband capability for rural communities with enterprise zones 142 143 but is physically located outside the designated rural zone boundaries. Any project designed to construct or rehabilitate 144 145 housing for low-income or very-low-income households as defined in s. 420.0971(19) and (28) is exempt from the area requirement 146 147 of this sub-subparagraph.

e.(I) For the first 6 months of the fiscal year, the 148 149 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall reserve 150 80 percent of the first \$10 million in available annual tax 151 credits and 70 percent of any available annual tax credits in excess of \$10 million for donations made to eligible sponsors 152 153 for projects that provide homeownership opportunities for low-154 income or very-low-income households as defined in s. 155 420.9071(19) and (28). If any such reserved annual tax credits 156 remain after the first 6 months of the fiscal year, the office 157 may approve the balance of these available credits for donations made to eligible sponsors for projects other than those that 158 provide homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-low-159 160 income households.

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161 (II) For the first 6 months of the fiscal year, the office 162 shall reserve 20 percent of the first \$10 million in available annual tax credits and 30 percent of any available annual tax 163 164 credits in excess of \$10 million for donations made to eligible 165 sponsors for projects other than those that provide 166 homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-low-income 167 households as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28). If any reserved annual tax credits remain after the first 6 months of 168 169 the fiscal year, the office may approve the balance of these available credits for donations made to eligible sponsors for 170 171 projects that provide homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-low-income households. 172

(I) (III) If, during the first 10 business days of the 173 174 state fiscal year, eligible tax credit applications for projects that provide homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-175 low-income households as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) are 176 received for less than the available annual tax credits 177 178 available for those projects reserved under sub subparagraph (I), the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development 179 shall grant tax credits for those applications and shall grant 180 remaining tax credits on a first-come, first-served basis for 181 182 any subsequent eligible applications received before the end of the first 6 months of the state fiscal year. If, during the 183 first 10 business days of the state fiscal year, eligible tax 184 185 credit applications for projects that provide homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-low-income households as 186 187 defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) are received for more than the available annual tax credits available for those projects 188 Page 7 of 18

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189 reserved under sub-sub-subparagraph (I), the office shall grant 190 the tax credits for <u>those</u> the applications as follows:

(A) If tax credit applications submitted for approved
projects of an eligible sponsor do not exceed \$200,000 in total,
the credits shall be granted in full if the tax credit
applications are approved, subject to sub-sub-subparagraph (I).

(B) If tax credit applications submitted for approved
projects of an eligible sponsor exceed \$200,000 in total, the
amount of tax credits granted pursuant to sub-sub-subsubparagraph (A) shall be subtracted from the amount of
available tax credits under sub-sub-subparagraph (I), and the
remaining credits shall be granted to each approved tax credit
application on a pro rata basis.

202 (C) If, after the first 6 months of the fiscal year, 203 additional credits become available under sub subparagraph 204 (II), the office shall grant the tax credits by first granting 205 to those who received a pro rata reduction up to the full amount 206 of their request and, if there are remaining credits, granting 207 credits to those who applied on or after the 11th business day 208 of the state fiscal year on a first come, first served basis.

209 (II) (IV) If, during the first 10 business days of the 210 state fiscal year, eligible tax credit applications for projects other than those that provide homeownership opportunities for 211 212 low-income or very-low-income households as defined in s. 213 420.9071(19) and (28) are received for less than the available annual tax credits available for those projects reserved under 214 sub-subparagraph (II), the office shall grant tax credits 215 for those applications and shall grant remaining tax credits on 216 Page 8 of 18

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a first-come, first-served basis for any subsequent eligible 217 applications received before the end of the first 6 months of 218 the state fiscal year. If, during the first 10 business days of 219 220 the state fiscal year, eligible tax credit applications for 221 projects other than those that provide homeownership 222 opportunities for low-income or very-low-income households as 223 defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) are received for more than 224 the available annual tax credits available for those projects 225 reserved under sub-subparagraph (II), the office shall grant 226 the tax credits for those the applications on a pro rata basis. 227 If, after the first 6 months of the fiscal year, additional 228 credits become available under sub-subparagraph (I), the 229 office shall grant the tax credits by first granting to those 230 who received a pro rata reduction up to the full amount of their 231 request and, if there are remaining credits, granting credits to 232 those who applied on or after the 11th business day of the state fiscal year on a first-come, first-served basis. 233

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3. Application requirements.--

235 Any eligible sponsor seeking to participate in this a. program must submit a proposal to the Office of Tourism, Trade, 236 and Economic Development which sets forth the name of the 237 238 sponsor, a description of the project, and the area in which the project is located, together with such supporting information as 239 is prescribed by rule. The proposal must also contain a 240 241 resolution from the local governmental unit in which the project is located certifying that the project is consistent with local 242 243 plans and regulations.

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Any person seeking to participate in this program must 244 b. 245 submit an application for tax credit to the office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development which sets forth the name of the 246 247 sponsor, a description of the project, and the type, value, and purpose of the contribution. The sponsor shall verify the terms 248 249 of the application and indicate its receipt of the contribution, 250 which verification must be in writing and accompany the 251 application for tax credit. The person must submit a separate tax credit application to the office for each individual 252 253 contribution that it makes to each individual project.

254 Any person who has received notification from the с. office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development that a tax 255 256 credit has been approved must apply to the department to receive 257 the refund. Application must be made on the form prescribed for 258 claiming refunds of sales and use taxes and be accompanied by a copy of the notification. A person may submit only one 259 260 application for refund to the department within any 12-month 261 period.

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4. Administration. --

a. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development
may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 necessary
to administer this paragraph, including rules for the approval
or disapproval of proposals by a person.

267 b. The decision of the office of Tourism, Trade, and 268 Economic Development must be in writing, and, if approved, the 269 notification shall state the maximum credit allowable to the 270 person. Upon approval, the office shall transmit a copy of the 271 decision to the Department of Revenue. Page 10 of 18

c. The office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall periodically monitor all projects in a manner consistent with available resources to ensure that resources are used in accordance with this paragraph; however, each project must be reviewed at least once every 2 years.

d. The office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall, in consultation with the Department of Community Affairs, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, and the statewide and regional housing and financial intermediaries, market the availability of the community contribution tax credit program to community-based organizations.

5. Expiration.--This paragraph expires June 30, 2015; however, any accrued credit carryover that is unused on that date may be used until the expiration of the 3-year carryover period for such credit.

287 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and paragraph 288 (b) of subsection (2) of section 220.183, Florida Statutes, are 289 amended to read:

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220.183 Community contribution tax credit.--

(1) AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION TAX
 CREDITS; LIMITATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL CREDITS AND PROGRAM
 SPENDING.--

(c) The total amount of tax credit which may be granted
for all programs approved under this section, s. 212.08(5)(q),
and s. 624.5105 is <u>\$10</u> \$12 million annually for projects that
provide homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-lowincome households as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) and \$3
million annually for all other projects.

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300 (2)ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. --301 (b)1. All community contributions must be reserved exclusively for use in projects as defined in s. 220.03(1)(t). 302 303 2. For the first 6 months of the fiscal year, the Office 304 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall reserve 80 305 percent of the first \$10 million in available annual tax credits, and 70 percent of any available annual tax credits in 306 307 excess of \$10 million, for donations made to eligible sponsors 308 for projects that provide homeownership opportunities for low-309 income or very low income households as defined in s. 310 420.9071(19) and (28). If any reserved annual tax credits remain after the first 6 months of the fiscal year, the office may 311 312 approve the balance of these available credits for donations 313 made to eligible sponsors for projects other than those that 314 provide homeownership opportunities for low income or very lowincome households. 315 3. For the first 6 months of the fiscal year, the office 316 317 shall reserve 20 percent of the first \$10 million in available 318 annual tax credits, and 30 percent of any available annual tax credits in excess of \$10 million, for donations made to eligible 319 320 sponsors for projects other than those that provide 321 homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-low-income 322 households as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28). If any 323 reserved annual tax credits remain after the first 6 months of 324 the fiscal year, the office may approve the balance of these available credits for donations made to eligible sponsors for 325 projects that provide homeownership opportunities for low-income 326 or very-low-income households. 327

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328	2.4. If, during the first 10 business days of the state
329	fiscal year, eligible tax credit applications for projects that
330	provide homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-low-
331	income households as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) are
332	received for less than the available annual tax credits
333	available for those projects reserved under subparagraph 2., the
334	Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall grant
335	tax credits for those applications and shall grant remaining tax
336	credits on a first-come, first-served basis for any subsequent
337	eligible applications received before the end of the first 6
338	months of the state fiscal year. If, during the first 10
339	business days of the state fiscal year, eligible tax credit
340	applications for projects that provide homeownership
341	opportunities for low-income or very-low-income households as
342	defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) are received for more than
343	the available annual tax credits available for those projects
344	reserved under subparagraph 2., the office shall grant the tax
345	credits for <u>those</u> such applications as follows:
346	a. If tax credit applications submitted for approved
347	projects of an eligible sponsor do not exceed \$200,000 in total,
348	the credit shall be granted in full if the tax credit
349	applications are approved , subject to the provisions of
350	subparagraph 2.
351	b. If tax credit applications submitted for approved
352	projects of an eligible sponsor exceed \$200,000 in total, the
353	amount of tax credits granted under sub-subparagraph a. shall be
354	subtracted from the amount of available tax credits under

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355 subparagraph 2., and the remaining credits shall be granted to each approved tax credit application on a pro rata basis. 356 357 c. If, after the first 6 months of the fiscal year, 358 additional credits become available pursuant to subparagraph 3., 359 the office shall grant the tax credits by first granting to 360 those who received a pro rata reduction up to the full amount of 361 their request and, if there are remaining credits, granting 362 credits to those who applied on or after the 11th business day 363 of the state fiscal year on a first-come, first-served basis. 3.5. If, during the first 10 business days of the state 364 365 fiscal year, eligible tax credit applications for projects other 366 than those that provide homeownership opportunities for low-367 income or very-low-income households as defined in s. 368 420.9071(19) and (28) are received for less than the available annual tax credits available for those projects reserved under 369 370 subparagraph 3., the office shall grant tax credits for those 371 applications and shall grant remaining tax credits on a first-372 come, first-served basis for any subsequent eligible applications received before the end of the first 6 months of 373 the state fiscal year. If, during the first 10 business days of 374 the state fiscal year, eligible tax credit applications for 375 projects other than those that provide homeownership 376 opportunities for low-income or very-low-income households as 377 378 defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) are received for more than 379 the available annual tax credits available for those projects reserved under subparagraph 3., the office shall grant the tax 380 credits for those such applications on a pro rata basis. If, 381 after the first 6 months of the fiscal year, additional credits 382 Page 14 of 18

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CS 383 become available under subparagraph 2., the office shall grant the tax credits by first granting to those who received a pro 384 rata reduction up to the full amount of their request and, if 385 386 there are remaining credits, granting credits to those who 387 applied on or after the 11th business day of the state fiscal 388 year on a first-come, first-served basis. Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and paragraph 389 (e) of subsection (2) of section 624.5105, Florida Statutes, are 390 391 amended to read: 624.5105 Community contribution tax credit; authorization; 392 393 limitations; eligibility and application requirements; administration; definitions; expiration.--394 395 (1)AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT TAX CREDITS; LIMITATIONS.--396 The total amount of tax credit which may be granted (C) 397 for all programs approved under this section and ss. 212.08(5)(q) and 220.183 is \$10 \$12 million annually for 398 399 projects that provide homeownership opportunities for low-income 400 or very-low-income households as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and 401 (28) and \$3 million annually for all other projects. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. --402 (2) 403 (e) 1. For the first 6 months of the fiscal year, the 404 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall reserve 405 80 percent of the first \$10 million in available annual tax 406 credits, and 70 percent of any available annual tax credits in 407 excess of \$10 million, for donations made to eligible sponsors for projects that provide homeownership opportunities for low-408 409 income or very-low-income households as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28). If any such reserved annual tax credits 410 Page 15 of 18

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411 remain after the first 6 months of the fiscal year, the office 412 may approve the balance of these available credits for donations 413 made to eligible sponsors for projects other than those that 414 provide homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-low-415 income households.

416 2. For the first 6 months of the fiscal year, the office shall reserve 20 percent of the first \$10 million in available 417 418 annual tax credits, and 30 percent of any available annual tax 419 credits in excess of \$10 million, for donations made to eligible 420 sponsors for projects other than those that provide 421 homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-low-income households as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28). If any 422 423 reserved annual tax credits remain after the first 6 months of 424 the fiscal year, the office may approve the balance of these 425 available credits for donations made to eligible sponsors for projects that provide homeownership opportunities for low income 426 or very-low-income households. 427

428 1.3. If, during the first 10 business days of the state 429 fiscal year, eligible tax credit applications for projects that provide homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-low-430 income households as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) are 431 432 received for less than the available annual tax credits 433 available for those projects reserved under subparagraph 1., the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall grant 434 435 tax credits for those applications and shall grant remaining tax credits on a first-come, first-served basis for any subsequent 436 eligible applications received before the end of the first 6 437 months of the state fiscal year. If, during the first 10 438 Page 16 of 18

business days of the state fiscal year, eligible tax credit applications <u>for projects that provide homeownership</u> <u>opportunities for low-income or very-low-income households as</u> <u>defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28)</u> are received for more than the <u>available</u> annual tax credits <u>available for those projects</u> reserved under subparagraph 1., the office shall grant the tax credits for <u>those</u> the applications as follows:

a. If tax credit applications submitted for approved
projects of an eligible sponsor do not exceed \$200,000 in total,
the credits shall be granted in full if the tax credit
applications are approved, subject to subparagraph 1.

b. If tax credit applications submitted for approved
projects of an eligible sponsor exceed \$200,000 in total, the
amount of tax credits granted under sub-subparagraph a. shall be
subtracted from the amount of available tax credits under
subparagraph 1., and the remaining credits shall be granted to
each approved tax credit application on a pro rata basis.

456 c. If, after the first 6 months of the fiscal year,
457 additional credits become available under subparagraph 2., the
458 office shall grant the tax credits by first granting to those
459 who received a pro rata reduction up to the full amount of their
460 request and, if there are remaining credits, granting credits to
461 those who applied on or after the 11th business day of the state
462 fiscal year on a first come, first served basis.

<u>2.4.</u> If, during the first 10 business days of the state
 fiscal year, eligible tax credit applications <u>for projects other</u>
 <u>than those that provide homeownership opportunities for low-</u>

466 income or very-low-income households as defined in s.

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467 420.9071(19) and (28) are received for less than the available 468 annual tax credits available for those projects reserved under subparagraph 2., the office shall grant tax credits for those 469 470 applications and shall grant remaining tax credits on a first-471 come, first-served basis for any subsequent eligible 472 applications received before the end of the first 6 months of the state fiscal year. If, during the first 10 business days of 473 474 the state fiscal year, eligible tax credit applications for 475 projects other than those that provide homeownership 476 opportunities for low-income or very-low-income households as 477 defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) are received for more than 478 the available annual tax credits available for those projects 479 reserved under subparagraph 2., the office shall grant the tax 480 credits for those the applications on a pro rata basis. If, 481 after the first 6 months of the fiscal year, additional credits become available under subparagraph 1., the office shall grant 482 483 the tax credits by first granting to those who received a pro rata reduction up to the full amount of their request and, if 484 there are remaining credits, granting credits to those who 485 486 applied on or after the 11th business day of the state fiscal year on a first come, first served basis. 487

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Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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