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By the Committee on Commerce; and Senator Fasano

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to corporate income tax credits; creating
3	part XIII of ch. 288, F.S., consisting of s. 288.991,
4	F.S.; creating the New Markets Tax Credit Program;
5	providing definitions; authorizing the Office of Tourism,
6	Trade, and Economic Development to develop a list of
7	industries, in consultation with Enterprise Florida, Inc.,
8	in which equity investments can be made; qualify certain
9	equity investments as eligible for tax credits; providing
10	an application process; requiring an application fee;
11	providing for the certification of an investment;
12	providing for notice to the applicant and the Department
13	of Revenue; providing for a limit on the amount of
14	investments the office may certify; requiring the
15	certified equity investments to be issued within a certain
16	timeframe; providing that a taxpayer who holds a qualified
17	equity investment in a qualified low-income business on
18	the credit allowance date of the investment is entitled to
19	a nonrefundable, nontransferable tax credit for the
20	taxable year in which the credit allowance date falls;
21	limiting the amount of the tax credit that may be redeemed
22	in a fiscal year; authorizing a taxpayer to carry over any
23	amount of the tax credit that the taxpayer is prohibited
24	from redeeming in a taxable year to a subsequent taxable
25	year; providing for the redemption of tax credits earned
26	by certain business entities and by the partners, members,
27	or shareholders of those entities; specifying how tax
28	credits may be claimed by insurance companies; providing
29	how the amount of tax credits available to the taxpayer

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30 will be calculated; requiring the calculations to be 31 certified and accompanied by audited financial statements 32 and notarized affidavits; requiring the office to 33 disqualify community development entities under certain 34 circumstances; requiring the department to recapture tax 35 credits from certain taxpayers under certain 36 circumstances; requiring notice; requiring community 37 development entities that have certified investments to 38 report certain information to the office; requiring the 39 office to prepare annual reports on low-income community 40 investments made in this state; authorizing the department 41 to conduct examinations to verify receipt and application 42 of tax credits; authorizing the department to pursue 43 recovery of certain funds; authorizing the office to 44 revoke or modify certain decisions relating to eligibility 45 for tax credits under certain circumstances; providing for applicant liability for costs and fees relating to 46 investigations of fraudulent claims; providing for 47 48 taxpayer liability for reimbursement of fraudulently 49 claimed tax credits; providing a penalty; authorizing the 50 office and the department to adopt rules; providing for 51 future repeal of the tax credit program; amending s. 52 220.02, F.S.; revising legislative intent with respect to 53 the order of tax credits to include the New Markets Tax 54 Credit; amending s. 220.13, F.S.; revising a definition; 55 amending s. 213.053, F.S.; authorizing the Department of 56 Revenue to share confidential taxpayer information with 57 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development;

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58	providing for application of the tax credit; providing an
59	effective date.
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61	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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63	Section 1. Part XIII of chapter 288, Florida Statutes,
64	consisting of section 288.991, is created to read:
65	288.991 New Markets Tax Credit
66	(1) PURPOSEThe New Markets Tax Credit program is
67	established to encourage capital investment in rural and urban
68	low-income communities by allowing state taxpayers to receive
69	future credit against specified state taxes by investing in
70	community development entities that make quality equity
71	investments in qualified active low-income community businesses
72	that create jobs by leveraging credit available from the federal
73	New Markets Tax Credit Program.
74	(2) DEFINITIONSAs used in this section, the term:
75	(a) "Adjusted purchase price" means the product of the
76	amount paid at issuance for a qualified equity investment and a
77	fraction of which:
78	1. The numerator is the dollar amount of qualified
79	low-income community investments made in this state from the
80	issuance of a qualified equity investment held by a qualified
81	community development entity on the applicable credit allowance
82	date; and
83	2. The denominator is the total dollar amount of qualified
84	low-income community investments made from the issuance of a
85	qualified equity investment held by a qualified community
86	development entity on the applicable credit allowance date.

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87	(b) "Credit allowance date" means:
88	1. The first anniversary of the date that a qualified
89	equity investment is initially made; and
90	2. Each of the six subsequent anniversaries of that date.
91	(c) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.
92	(d) "Long-term debt security" means a debt instrument
93	issued by a qualified community development entity, at par value
94	or a premium, having an original maturity date of at least 7
95	years from the date of issuance, with no acceleration for
96	repayment, amortization, or prepayment features before its
97	original maturity date and having no distribution, payment, or
98	interest features related to the profitability of the qualified
99	community development entity or the performance of the entity's
100	investment portfolio. This paragraph does not limit the holder's
101	ability to accelerate payments on the debt instrument in
102	situations where the qualified community development entity has
103	defaulted on covenants designed to ensure compliance with this
104	section or s. 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
105	amended.
106	(e) "Low-income community" means any population census
107	tract within the state where:
108	1. The federal individual poverty rate is at least 20
109	percent; or
110	2. In the case of a tract that is:
111	a. Not located within a metropolitan area, the median
112	family income does not exceed 80 percent of the statewide median
113	family income; or
114	b. Located within a metropolitan area, the median family
115	income does not exceed 80 percent of the greater of the statewide

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577-05237A-08 2008850c1 116 median family income or the metropolitan area median income. 117 (f) "Office" means the Office of Tourism, Trade, and 118 Economic Development. (g) "Qualified active low-income community business" has 119 the same meaning as in s. 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 120 121 1986, as amended, but excludes any trade or business: 122 1. That derives or projects to derive 15 percent or more of 123 its annual revenue from the rental or sale of real estate; 124 2. That engages predominantly in the development or holding 125 of intangibles for sale or license; 126 3. That operates a private or commercial golf course, 127 country club, massage parlor, hot tub facility, suntan facility, 128 racetrack, or other facility used for gambling, or a store the 129 principal business of which is the sale of alcoholic beverages 130 for consumption off premises; and 131 4. The principal activity of which is farming if the sum of 132 the aggregate unadjusted bases or the fair market value of the 133 assets owned by the business which are used in such trade or 134 business, whichever is greater, and the aggregate value of the 135 assets leased by the business used in such trade or business exceeds \$500,000. For the purposes of this subparagraph, two or 136 137 more trades or businesses are treated as a single trade or 138 business. 139 140 A business shall be considered a qualified active low-income 141 community business for the duration of the qualified community 142 development entity's investment in or loan to the business if the 143 entity reasonably expects, at the time it makes the investment or loan that the business will continue to satisfy the requirements 144

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145 of being a qualified active low-income community business 146 throughout the entire period of the investment or loan. The 147 subsequent insolvency, including reorganization or liquidation in bankruptcy, receivership, winding up, or dissolution of a 148 149 business does not disqualify the business from being a qualified 150 active low-income community business if all other requirements of 151 this section continue to be met. 152 (h) "Qualified community development entity" means an 153 entity that is certified as a qualified community development 154 entity by the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund of the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to s. 155 156 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and that 157 has entered into an allocation agreement with the fund with 158 respect to tax credits authorized by section 45D, and includes 159 this state within the service area set forth in the agreement. 160 "Qualified equity investment" means an equity (i) 161 investment or long-term debt security issued by a qualified 162 community development entity which: 163 1. Is acquired on or after July 1, 2008, solely in exchange 164 for cash at the time of its original issuance; 165 2. Has at least 85 percent of its cash purchase price used 166 by the qualified community development entity to make qualified 167 low-income community investments within the 12-month period 168 beginning on the date the cash is paid by the purchaser to the 169 entity; and 170 3. Is certified by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and 171 Economic Development as a qualified equity investment pursuant 172 to this section. 173 (j) "Qualified low-income community investment" means a

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174 capital or equity investment in or loan to a qualified active 175 low-income community business which is made after July 1, 2008. 176 The maximum amount of debt or equity issued by any one qualified 177 active low-income community business on a collective basis with all of its affiliates, which may be included in the calculation 178 179 of the numerator described in paragraph (a), is \$10 million, 180 whether the investment is issued to one or more qualified 181 community development entities. 182 (3) QUALIFIED EQUITY INVESTMENTS.--183 The office shall designate a comprehensive list of (a) industries using the North American Industry Classification 184 185 System, in consultation with Enterprise Florida, Inc., that will 186 be used to direct investments for this program. The industries 187 listed should lead to strong positive impacts on or benefits to 188 the state and regional economies. The office shall submit a copy 189 of the list to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the 190 House of Representatives upon completion of the list and any 191 further modifications. 192 (b) A qualified community development entity that seeks to 193 have an equity investment or long-term debt security designated 194 as a qualified equity investment and eligible for tax credits 195 under this section shall apply to the office. The qualified 196 community development entity must submit an application on a form 197 that the office prescribes, and that includes, but need not be 198 limited to: 199 1. The name, address, tax identification number of the 200 entity, and evidence of the entity's certification as a qualified 201 community development entity; 202 2. A copy of the allocation agreement executed by the

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203	entity and the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund;
204	3. A certificate executed by an executive officer of the
205	entity attesting that the allocation agreement remains in effect
206	and has not been revoked or cancelled by the Community
207	Development Financial Institutions Fund;
208	4. A description of the proposed amount, structure, and
209	purchaser of the equity investment or long-term debt security;
210	5. The name and tax identification number of any taxpayer
211	eligible to redeem tax credits earned as a result of the issuance
212	of the qualified equity investment;
213	6. Information regarding the proposed use of proceeds from
214	the issuance of a qualified equity investment, which must include
215	the types of qualified active low-income community businesses
216	that will be funded and an estimate of the percentage of
217	qualified low-income community investments that will be made
218	statewide;
219	7. A statement setting forth the entity's plans to invest
220	in only those entities engaged in industries identified for this
221	program by the office;
222	8. A statement setting forth the entity's plans for the
223	development of relationships with community-based organizations,
224	local community development offices and organizations, and
225	economic development organizations, as well as any steps the
226	entity has taken to implement these relationships; and
227	9. A nonrefundable application fee of \$1,000 per
228	application submitted.
229	(c) Within 30 days after receipt of a completed application
230	containing the information necessary for the office to certify a
231	potential qualified equity investment, including payment of the

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232 application fee, the office shall grant or deny the application 233 in full or in part. If the office denies any part of the 234 application, it shall inform the qualified community development 235 entity of the grounds for the denial. If the qualified community 236 development entity fails to provide the information or complete 237 its application within the 15-day period, the application remains 238 denied and must be resubmitted in full with a new submission 239 date. 240 (d) If an application is deemed complete, the office may 241 certify the proposed equity investment or long-term debt security as a qualified equity investment and eligible for tax credits 242 243 under this section. The office shall provide written notice of 244 the certification to the qualified community development entity 245 and the department. The notice must include the maximum amount of 246 tax credits that may be earned from the issuance of the qualified 247 equity investment, which shall be calculated with reference to 248 the estimate of the percentage of qualified low-income community 249 investments made in this state by the qualified community 250 development entity included in the application, and the names of 251 those taxpayers who are eligible to redeem the credits and their 252 respective credit amounts. The office shall certify qualified 253 equity investments in the order applications are received. 254 Applications received on the same day shall be deemed to have 255 been received simultaneously.

(e) Once the office has certified qualified equity
investments that, on a cumulative basis, are eligible for \$105
million in tax credits, of which no more than \$15 million may be
claimed per state fiscal year exclusive of tax credits carried
forward, and on or after June 30, 2015, the office may not

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261 certify any more qualified equity investments. If a pending 262 request cannot be fully certified, the office shall certify the 263 portion that may be certified unless the qualified community 264 development entity elects to withdraw its request rather than 265 receive partial credit. 266 (f) Within 30 days after receiving notice of certification, 267 the qualified community development entity shall issue the 268 qualified equity investment and receive cash in the amount of the 269 certified amount. The qualified community development entity must 270 provide the office with evidence of the receipt of the cash 271 investment within 10 business days after receipt. If the 272 qualified community development entity does not receive the cash 273 investment and issue the qualified equity investment within 30 274 days following receipt of the certification notice, the 275 certification lapses and the entity may not issue the qualified 276 equity investment without reapplying to the office for 277 certification. A certification that lapses reverts back to the 278 office and must be reissued in accordance with the application 279 process outlined in this subsection. 280 (4) TAX CREDITS.--

281 (a) A taxpayer that makes a qualified equity investment 282 earns a vested tax credit against taxes imposed by s. 220.11 or 283 s. 624.509. The taxpayer or a subsequent holder of the qualified 284 equity investment on the credit allowance date of the qualified 285 equity investment may use a portion of the vested tax credit 286 equal to 8.33 percent of the adjusted purchase price of the 287 qualified equity investment during the calendar year in which the 288 credit allowance date falls.

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(b) A taxpayer's cash investment in a qualified equity

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577-05237A-08 2008850c1 319 (a) Within 30 days after each credit allowance date, each 320 qualified community development entity shall submit to the office 321 the following with respect to each qualified equity investment 322 issued by the entity: 323 1. A listing, certified by an executive officer of the 324 entity, of all qualified low-income community investments made by 325 the entity from the proceeds of a qualified equity investment and held as of the credit allowance date, which must include the name 326 327 of each qualified active low-income community business funded, 328 the location of the principal office of each such business, the 329 type of business, the amount of the qualified low-income 330 community investment in each business, and the total of qualified 331 low-income community investments by all community development 332 entities in each business; 333 2. Bank records, records of wire transfers of funds, or 334 other similar documents that reflect the investments listed 335 above; 336 3. A calculation, certified by the chief financial or 337 accounting officer of the entity, of the amount of qualified low-338 income community investments made in this state using proceeds 339 from the issuance of the qualified equity investment held by the 340 entity as of the credit allowance date, and the total qualified 341 low-income community investments made using proceeds of the 342 issuance of the qualified equity investment held by the entity on 343 the credit allowance date. In making this calculation, an 344 investment shall be deemed to be held by a qualified community 345 development entity even if the investment has been sold or repaid 346 if the entity reinvests an amount equal to the capital returned 347 to or recovered from the original investment, exclusive of any

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348 profits realized, in another qualified low-income community 349 investment within 12 months after receipt of such capital. An 350 entity is not required to reinvest capital returned from a 351 qualified low-income community investment after the sixth 352 anniversary of the issuance of the qualified equity investment 353 for which the proceeds were used to make the qualified low-income 354 community investment, and the qualified low-income community investment shall be deemed to be held by the entity through the 355 356 seventh anniversary of the qualified equity investment's 357 issuance; 358 4. An attestation from the entity's chief financial or 359 accounting officer that no redemption or principal payment was 360 made with respect to the qualified equity investment since the 361 previous credit allowance date; and 362 5. Any information relating to the recapture of any federal 363 tax credits available with respect to a qualified equity 364 investment which the entity received since the prior credit 365 allowance date. 366 (b) Within 20 days after receipt of the information listed 367 in paragraph (a), the office shall certify in writing to the 368 qualified community development entity and to the department the 369 amount of credit that is eligible for use for the credit 370 allowance date. The notice must include a listing of those 371 taxpayers that are eligible to redeem the tax credit for the 372 credit allowance date. 373 (6) AUDIT AND RECAPTURE. --374 (a) A qualified community development entity that receives 375 an annual allocation of tax credits in an amount equal to or in 376 excess of \$500,000 shall be treated as a recipient and required

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377 to participate in a state single audit pursuant to s. 215.97. The 378 office shall be deemed the state awarding agency and coordinating 379 agency. In addition to the required financial reporting package, 380 the audit must attest to the entity's adherence to the 381 performance conditions enumerated in this section as they relate 382 to the recapture of the tax credit under paragraph (b). Taxpayers 383 that are not qualified community development entities may not be 384 treated as subrecipients or otherwise required to participate in 385 the state single audit program since such persons do not control 386 adherence to the performance standards of this program. 387 (b) The office shall disqualify a qualified community 388 development entity from receiving additional Florida markets tax 389 credits if more than 50 percent of qualified equity investments 390 during the first 3 years of operation become insolvent, 391 reorganized, or liquidated in bankruptcy, receivership, winding 392 up, or dissolved. In addition, the office shall recapture 50 393 percent of all credits issued to such qualified community 394 development entity. 395 (c) The office shall order recapture of any tax credit authorized under this section with respect to a qualified equity 396 397 investment if: 398 1. Any amount of any federal tax credit which is eligible 399 for a tax credit under this section is recaptured under s. 45D of 400 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; 401 2. The qualified community development entity is not deemed 402 to be a qualified community development entity under the federal 403 New Markets Tax Credit Program; 404 3. The qualified community development entity redeems or 405 makes a principal repayment before the seventh anniversary of the

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406	issuance of the qualified equity investment;
407	4. The qualified community development entity fails to make
408	qualified low-income community investments in qualified active
409	low-income community businesses;
410	5. The qualified community development entity fails to
411	maintain at least 85 percent of the proceeds of the qualified
412	equity investment in qualified low-income community investments
413	at any time before the seventh anniversary of the issuance of the
414	qualified equity investment and remains in compliance with
415	subparagraph (2)(i)2.;
416	6. The qualified community development entity fails to
417	provide to the office and the department any of the information
418	or reports required by this section; or
419	7. The office determines as a result of a state single
420	audit or an examination by the office that a taxpayer received
421	tax credits pursuant to this section to which the taxpayer was
422	not entitled.
423	(d) The office shall provide notice to the qualified
424	community development entity and to the department of any
425	proposed recapture of tax credits pursuant to this subsection.
426	The entity shall have 90 days to cure any deficiency indicated in
427	the office's original recapture notice and avoid such recapture.
428	If the entity fails or is unable to cure such deficiency within
429	the 90-day period, the office shall provide the entity and the
430	department with a final order of recapture. The qualified
431	community development entity is responsible for providing copies
432	of the final order of recapture to taxpayers owning the tax
433	credits at issue.
434	(e) Any tax credit for which a final recapture order has

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435	been issued shall be recaptured by the department from the
436	taxpayer who claimed the tax credit on a tax return, or in the
437	case of multiple succeeding entities, in the order of tax-credit
438	succession, and such funds shall be paid into the General Revenue
439	Fund. Such action by the department does not constitute an audit
440	or otherwise alter the department's ability to audit the
441	taxpayer.
442	(7) ANNUAL REPORTING
443	(a) Within 120 days after the end of a calendar year that
444	includes a credit allowance date, each community development
445	entity that has an equity investment or long-term debt security
446	certified as a qualified equity investment under this section
447	shall provide the office with:
448	1. The entity's annual financial statements for the
449	immediately preceding calendar year, audited by an independent
450	certified public accountant;
451	2. Using the North American Industry Classification System
452	Code, the types of businesses funded, the counties where the
453	qualified active low-income community businesses are located, the
454	dollars invested, and the number of jobs created and retained by
455	qualified active low-income community businesses funded in a form
456	satisfactory to the office;
457	3. A statement describing the relationships that the entity
458	has established with community-based organizations, local
459	community development offices and organizations, and economic
460	development organizations, and a summary of the outcomes
461	resulting from those relationships; and
462	4. Other information as prescribed by the office and
463	documentation to demonstrate continued certification by the

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464	federal program.
465	(b) The office shall prepare an annual report of all
466	qualified low-income community investments made in this state
467	from the proceeds of qualified equity investments which includes
468	relevant statistics from the North American Industry
469	Classification System Code, the county or counties where the
470	qualified low-income community investments are located, the
471	dollars invested, the number of jobs created and retained by
472	business in which qualified low-income community investments have
473	been made, and the value of applicable state tax credits claimed
474	for the latest year for which such information is available. The
475	office shall submit a copy to the Governor, the President of the
476	Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each July
477	1, beginning in 2010, and may post the annual report on the
478	office's website.
479	(8) EXAMINATION
480	(a) The office may conduct examinations to verify that tax
481	credits under this section have been received and applied
482	according to the requirements of this section and to verify
483	information provided by qualified community development entities
484	to the office.
485	(b) The office may revoke or modify any written decision
486	qualifying, certifying, or otherwise granting eligibility for tax
487	credits under this section if it is discovered that the qualified
488	community development entity submitted any false statement,
489	representation, or certification in any application, record,
490	report, plan, or other document filed in an attempt to receive
491	the tax credits.
492	(c) A qualified community development entity that submits

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493 information under this section which includes fraudulent information is liable for reimbursement of the reasonable costs 494 and fees associated with the review, processing, investigation, 495 496 and prosecution of the fraudulent claim plus a penalty in an 497 amount double the credit amount certified and claimed by the 498 holders of the entity's qualified equity investments, which 499 penalty is in addition to any criminal penalty to which the 500 taxpayer is liable for the same acts. 501 (9) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.--502 (a) The office may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) 503 and 120.54 to administer this section. 504 (b) The department may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 505 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this section. 506 (10) EXPIRATION. -- This section expires December 31, 2021. 507 Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 220.02, Florida 508 Statutes, is amended to read: 509 220.02 Legislative intent.--510 It is the intent of the Legislature that credits (8) 511 against either the corporate income tax or the franchise tax be 512 applied in the following order: those enumerated in s. 631.828, 513 those enumerated in s. 220.191, those enumerated in s. 220.181, 514 those enumerated in s. 220.183, those enumerated in s. 220.182, 515 those enumerated in s. 220.1895, those enumerated in s. 221.02, 516 those enumerated in s. 220.184, those enumerated in s. 220.186, 517 those enumerated in s. 220.1845, those enumerated in s. 220.19, those enumerated in s. 220.185, those enumerated in s. 220.187, 518 those enumerated in s. 220.192, and those enumerated in s. 519 520 220.193, and those enumerated in s. 288.991. 521 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section

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522 220.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 220.13 "Adjusted federal income" defined .--523 524 The term "adjusted federal income" means an amount (1)525 equal to the taxpayer's taxable income as defined in subsection 526 (2), or such taxable income of more than one taxpayer as provided 527 in s. 220.131, for the taxable year, adjusted as follows: 528 (a) Additions.--There shall be added to such taxable 529 income: 530 1. The amount of any tax upon or measured by income, 531 excluding taxes based on gross receipts or revenues, paid or 532 accrued as a liability to the District of Columbia or any state 533 of the United States which is deductible from gross income in the 534 computation of taxable income for the taxable year. 535 The amount of interest which is excluded from taxable 2. 536 income under s. 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or any other 537 federal law, less the associated expenses disallowed in the 538 computation of taxable income under s. 265 of the Internal 539 Revenue Code or any other law, excluding 60 percent of any 540 amounts included in alternative minimum taxable income, as defined in s. 55(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, if the 541 542 taxpayer pays tax under s. 220.11(3). 543 3. In the case of a regulated investment company or real 544 estate investment trust, an amount equal to the excess of the net 545 long-term capital gain for the taxable year over the amount of 546 the capital gain dividends attributable to the taxable year. 547 That portion of the wages or salaries paid or incurred 4. 548 for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit 549 allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.181. This

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subparagraph shall expire on the date specified in s. 290.016 for

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551 the expiration of the Florida Enterprise Zone Act.

552 5. That portion of the ad valorem school taxes paid or 553 incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the 554 credit allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.182. This 555 subparagraph shall expire on the date specified in s. 290.016 for 556 the expiration of the Florida Enterprise Zone Act.

557 6. The amount of emergency excise tax paid or accrued as a 558 liability to this state under chapter 221 which tax is deductible 559 from gross income in the computation of taxable income for the 560 taxable year.

561 7. That portion of assessments to fund a guaranty 562 association incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the 563 amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year.

8. In the case of a nonprofit corporation which holds a pari-mutuel permit and which is exempt from federal income tax as a farmers' cooperative, an amount equal to the excess of the gross income attributable to the pari-mutuel operations over the attributable expenses for the taxable year.

569 9. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year under570 s. 220.1895.

571 10. Up to nine percent of the eligible basis of any 572 designated project which is equal to the credit allowable for the 573 taxable year under s. 220.185.

574 11. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year under 575 s. 220.187.

576 12. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year under 577 s. 220.192.

578 13. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year under 579 s. 220.193.

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580	14. Any portion of a qualified equity investment, as
581	defined in s. 288.991, which is claimed as a deduction by the
582	taxpayer for the purpose of calculating the taxpayer's net
583	income.
584	Section 4. Subsection (19) is added to section 213.053,
585	Florida Statutes, to read:
586	213.053 Confidentiality and information sharing
587	(19) Information relative to tax credits taken by a
588	taxpayer under s. 288.991 may be disclosed to the Office of
589	Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development or its employees or
590	agents that have been identified in writing by the office to the
591	department for use in performance of their official duties. All
592	information so obtained is subject to the same confidentiality as
593	imposed on the department.
594	Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, and
595	applies to tax years ending after December 31, 2008.