

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to employment of felons; creating s.
 3 220.197, F.S.; providing a tax credit for employment
 4 of a person previously convicted of a felony;
 5 providing requirements to receive the credit;
 6 providing exceptions for certain felons; providing an
 7 effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Section 220.197, Florida Statutes, is created
 12 to read:

13 220.197 Employment of former felons tax credit.-

14 (1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1,
 15 2013, a tax credit of \$1,000 shall be allowed to a corporation
 16 against any corporate income tax due under this chapter if the
 17 corporation hires a person who has been convicted of a felony in
 18 this state and released from confinement and who remains
 19 continuously employed by the corporation for at least 1 year.
 20 The tax credit may be taken only once per new employee.

21 (2) The tax credit under this section is not available for
 22 employment of a person who is:

23 (a) Classified as a violent career criminal, habitual
 24 felony offender, habitual violent felony offender, or three-time
 25 violent felony offender under s. 775.084.

26 (b) Subject to registration as a sexual predator under s.
 27 775.21.

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28 (c) Subject to registration as a sexual offender under s.
29 943.0435.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2013.