

# SENATE BILL No. 957

January 11, 2006, Introduced by Senator CASSIS and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1975 PA 228, entitled  
"Single business tax act,"  
by amending section 36 (MCL 208.36), as amended by 1995 PA 284.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 36. (1) As used in this section:

2       (a) "Active shareholder" means a shareholder who receives at  
3       least \$10,000.00 in compensation, director's fees, or dividends  
4       from the business, and who owns at least 5% of the outstanding  
5       stock.

6       (b) "Officer" means an officer of a corporation other than a  
7       subchapter S corporation including the chairperson of the board,  
8       president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, or persons  
9       performing similar duties.

10       (c) "Adjusted business income" means business income as

1 defined in section 3 with all of the following adjustments:

2 (i) Add compensation and director's fees of active shareholders  
3 of a corporation.

4 (ii) Make the adjustments provided in section 9(4)(a) and (b).

5 (iii) Add compensation and director's fees of officers of a  
6 corporation.

7 (d) "Shareholder" means a person who owns outstanding stock in  
8 the business. An individual is considered as the owner of the stock  
9 owned, directly or indirectly, by or for family members as defined  
10 by section 318(a)(1) of the internal revenue code.

11 (e) "Loss adjustment" means the amount by which adjusted  
12 business income was less than zero in any of the 5 tax years  
13 immediately preceding the tax year for which eligibility for the  
14 credit provided by this section is being determined. In determining  
15 the loss adjustment for a tax year, a taxpayer is not required to  
16 use more of the taxpayer's total negative adjusted business income  
17 than the amount needed to qualify the taxpayer for the credit under  
18 this section. A taxpayer shall not be considered to have used any  
19 portion of the taxpayer's negative adjusted business income amount  
20 unless the portion used is necessary to qualify for the credit  
21 under this section. A taxpayer shall not reuse a negative adjusted  
22 business income amount used as a loss adjustment in a previous tax  
23 year or use a negative adjusted business income amount from a year  
24 in which the taxpayer did not receive the credit under this  
25 section.

26 (f) "Subchapter S corporation" means a corporation electing  
27 taxation under subchapter S of chapter 1 of subtitle A of the

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1 internal revenue code, sections 1361 to 1379 of the internal  
2 revenue code.

3 (2) The credit provided in this section shall be taken before  
4 any other credit under this act, and is available to any person  
5 whose gross receipts do not exceed \$6,000,000.00 for tax years  
6 commencing on or after January 1, 1984 and before January 1, 1989;  
7 \$7,000,000.00 for tax years commencing in 1989; \$7,250,000.00 for  
8 tax years commencing in 1990; \$7,500,000.00 for tax years  
9 commencing in 1991; or \$10,000,000.00 for tax years commencing  
10 after 1991, and whose adjusted business income minus the loss  
11 adjustment does not exceed \$475,000.00 for tax years commencing on  
12 or after January 1, 1985, subject to the following:

13 (a) An individual, a partnership, or a subchapter S  
14 corporation is disqualified if the individual, any 1 partner of the  
15 partnership, or any 1 shareholder of the subchapter S corporation  
16 receives more than \$95,000.00 for tax years commencing on or after  
17 January 1, 1985 and before January 1, 1998<<, ~~or~~>> more than \$115,000.00  
18 for tax years commencing after December 31, 1997 <<AND BEFORE JANUARY 1,  
19 2006, OR MORE THAN \$125,000.00 FOR TAX YEARS COMMENCING AFTER DECEMBER  
20 31, 2005>> as a distributive

21 share of the adjusted business income minus the loss adjustment of  
22 the individual, the partnership, or the subchapter S corporation.

23 (b) A corporation other than a subchapter S corporation is  
24 disqualified if either of the following occur for the respective  
25 tax year:

26 (i) Compensation and director's fees of a shareholder or  
27 officer exceed \$95,000.00 for tax years commencing on or after  
28 January 1, 1985 and before January 1, 1998<<, ~~or~~>> exceed \$115,000.00  
29 for tax years commencing after December 31, 1997 <<AND BEFORE JANUARY 1,  
30 2006, OR EXCEED \$125,000.00 FOR TAX YEARS COMMENCING AFTER DECEMBER 31,  
31 2005>>.

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1 (ii) The sum of the following amounts exceeds \$95,000.00 for  
 2 tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1985 and before January  
 3 1, 1998<<, ~~or~~>> exceeds \$115,000.00 for tax years commencing after  
 4 December 31, 1997 <<AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2006, OR EXCEEDS \$125,000.00  
 FOR TAX YEARS COMMENCING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2005>>:

5 (A) Compensation and director's fees of a shareholder.

6 (B) The product of the percentage of outstanding stock owned  
 7 by that shareholder multiplied by the difference between the sum of  
 8 business income and the adjustments provided in section 9(4)(a) and  
 9 (b) minus the loss adjustment.

10 (c) Subject to section 36d, for a taxpayer that is eligible  
 11 for the credit under this subsection for tax years beginning after  
 12 December 31, 1997, the credit determined under this subsection  
 13 shall be reduced by the following percentages in the following  
 14 circumstances:

15 (i) If an individual, any 1 partner of the partnership, or any  
 16 1 shareholder of the subchapter S corporation receives as a  
 17 distributive share of adjusted gross income minus the loss  
 18 adjustment of the individual, partnership, or subchapter S  
 19 corporation; if compensation and directors' fees of a shareholder  
 20 or officer of a corporation other than a subchapter S corporation  
 21 are; or if the sum of the amounts in subdivision (b)(ii)(A) and (B)  
 22 is more than \$95,000.00 but less than \$100,000.00 <<FOR TAX YEARS THAT  
 BEGIN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2006, OR[  
 ] MORE THAN \$105,000.00 BUT LESS THAN \$110,000.00 FOR TAX  
 YEARS THAT BEGIN ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2006>>, the credit is  
 23 reduced by 20%.

24 (ii) If an individual, any 1 partner of the partnership, or any  
 25 1 shareholder of the subchapter S corporation receives as a  
 26 distributive share of adjusted gross income minus the loss  
 27 adjustment of the individual, partnership, or subchapter S

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1 corporation; if compensation and directors' fees of a shareholder  
2 or officer of a corporation other than a subchapter S corporation  
3 are; or if the sum of the amounts in subdivision (b) (ii) (A) and (B)  
4 is \$100,000.00 or more but less than \$105,000.00 <<FOR TAX YEARS THAT  
BEGIN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2006, OR[  
] \$110,000.00 OR MORE BUT LESS THAN \$115,000.00 FOR TAX  
YEARS THAT BEGIN ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2006>>, the credit is  
5 reduced by 40%.

6 (iii) If an individual, any 1 partner of the partnership, or any  
7 1 shareholder of the subchapter S corporation receives as a  
8 distributive share of adjusted gross income minus the loss  
9 adjustment of the individual, partnership, or subchapter S  
10 corporation; if compensation and directors' fees of a shareholder  
11 or officer of a corporation other than a subchapter S corporation  
12 are; or if the sum of the amounts in subdivision (b) (ii) (A) and (B)  
13 is \$105,000.00 or more but less than \$110,000.00 <<FOR TAX YEARS THAT  
BEGIN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2006, OR[  
] \$115,000.00 OR MORE BUT LESS THAN \$120,000.00 FOR TAX  
YEARS THAT BEGIN ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2006>>, the credit is  
14 reduced by 60%.

15 (iv) If an individual, any 1 partner of the partnership, or any  
16 1 shareholder of the subchapter S corporation receives as a  
17 distributive share of adjusted gross income minus the loss  
18 adjustment of the individual, partnership, or subchapter S  
19 corporation; if compensation and directors' fees of a shareholder  
20 or officer of a corporation other than a subchapter S corporation  
21 are; or if the sum of the amounts in subdivision (b) (ii) (A) and (B)  
22 is \$110,000.00 or more but less than \$115,000.00 <<FOR TAX YEARS THAT  
BEGIN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2006, OR[  
] \$120,000.00 OR MORE BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO \$125,000.00  
FOR TAX YEARS THAT BEGIN ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2006>>, the credit is  
23 reduced by 80%.

24 (3) For the purposes of determining disqualification under  
25 subsection (2), an active shareholder's share of business income  
26 shall not be attributed to another active shareholder.

27 (4) A person who qualifies pursuant to subsection (2) is

1 allowed a credit against the tax imposed by section 31. For tax  
2 years commencing before January 1, 1989, the credit is a percentage  
3 reduction in tax liability. ~~For tax years commencing on and after~~  
4 ~~January 1, 1989 and through tax years commencing in 1991, the~~  
5 ~~credit is the greater of the amount by which the tax imposed by~~  
6 ~~section 31 exceeds 4% of adjusted business income or 3% of adjusted~~  
7 ~~business income for tax years commencing after 1991 or a percentage~~  
8 ~~reduction in tax liability. However, beginning October 1, 1994, the~~  
9 ~~percentage of adjusted business income shall be 2%. The department~~  
10 shall annualize the rates provided under this subsection as  
11 necessary for tax years that end after September 30, 1994 and the  
12 applicable annualized rate shall be imposed for those tax years.

13 **THE CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS THE GREATER OF THE AMOUNT BY**  
14 **WHICH THE TAX IMPOSED BY SECTION 31 EXCEEDS THE FOLLOWING**  
15 **PERCENTAGE OF ADJUSTED BUSINESS INCOME FOR THE SPECIFIED TAX YEARS**  
16 **OR A PERCENTAGE REDUCTION IN TAX LIABILITY:**

17 (A) FOR TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 1989 AND  
18 THROUGH TAX YEARS COMMENCING IN 1991, 4%.

19 (B) FOR TAX YEARS COMMENCING AFTER 1991 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 1,  
20 1994, 3%.

21 (C) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1994 AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2006, 2%.

22 (D) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2006, 1.0%.

23 (5) The percentage reduction provided in subsection (4) is  
24 calculated by subtracting from 100% the percentage computed by  
25 dividing adjusted business income by 45% of tax base.

26 (6) If gross receipts exceed \$5,000,000.00 for tax years  
27 commencing on or after January 1, 1984 and before January 1, 1989;

1 \$6,000,000.00 for tax years commencing in 1989; \$6,250,000.00 for  
2 tax years commencing in 1990; \$6,500,000.00 for tax years  
3 commencing in 1991; or \$9,000,000.00 for tax years commencing after  
4 1991, the credit shall be reduced by a fraction, the numerator of  
5 which is the amount of gross receipts over \$5,000,000.00 for tax  
6 years commencing on or after January 1, 1984 and before January 1,  
7 1989; \$6,000,000.00 for tax years commencing in 1989; \$6,250,000.00  
8 for tax years commencing in 1990; \$6,500,000.00 for tax years  
9 commencing in 1991; or \$9,000,000.00 for tax years commencing after  
10 1991, and the denominator of which is \$1,000,000.00. The credit  
11 shall not exceed 50% for tax years commencing before January 1,  
12 1984; 90% for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1984 and  
13 before January 1, 1988; or 100% for tax years commencing on and  
14 after January 1, 1988 of the tax liability imposed by section 31.

15 (7) An affiliated group as defined in this act, a controlled  
16 group of corporations as defined in section 1563 of the internal  
17 revenue code and further described in 26 ~~C.F.R.~~ **CFR** 1.414(b)-1  
18 and 1.414(c)-1 to 1.414(c)-5, or an entity under common control as  
19 defined by the internal revenue code shall not take the credit  
20 allowed by this section unless the business activities of the  
21 entities are consolidated.

22 (8) The department shall permit a taxpayer who elects to claim  
23 the credit allowed by this section based on the amount by which the  
24 tax imposed by section 31 exceeds the percentage of adjusted  
25 business income for the tax year as determined under subsection  
26 (4), and who is not required to reduce the credit pursuant to  
27 subsection (2) or (6), to file and pay the tax imposed by this act

1 without computing the tax imposed under section 31.