

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 403

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled  
"Income tax act of 1967,"  
(MCL 206.1 to 206.532) by adding section 273.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 273. (1) FOR TAX YEARS THAT BEGIN AFTER DECEMBER 31,  
2        2010, A QUALIFIED TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM A CREDIT AGAINST THE TAX  
3        IMPOSED BY THIS ACT EQUAL TO THE COST PAID IN THE TAX YEAR TO  
4        PURCHASE A HEARING AID FOR THE QUALIFIED TAXPAYER OR THE QUALIFIED  
5        TAXPAYER'S SPOUSE, IF HE OR SHE IS OVER THE AGE OF 60, OR FOR A  
6        DEPENDENT OF THE QUALIFIED TAXPAYER, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500.00 FOR  
7        EACH TAX YEAR.

8        (2) IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION  
9        EXCEEDS THE TAX LIABILITY OF THE TAXPAYER FOR THE TAX YEAR, THAT

1 PORTION OF THE CREDIT THAT EXCEEDS THE TAX LIABILITY SHALL NOT BE  
2 REFUNDED.

3 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

4 (A) "DEPENDENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE QUALIFIED  
5 TAXPAYER CLAIMS AN EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 30(2) FOR THE SAME YEAR  
6 FOR WHICH THE CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION IS CLAIMED.

7 (B) "HEARING AID" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1301  
8 OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CODE, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.1301.

9 (C) "HOUSEHOLD INCOME" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED UNDER  
10 SECTION 508.

11 (D) "QUALIFIED TAXPAYER" MEANS A TAXPAYER WHOSE HOUSEHOLD  
12 INCOME IS LESS THAN \$100,000.00.