

SENATE BILL No. 461

September 9, 2015, Introduced by Senators COLBECK, SCHUITMAKER and HANSEN and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled
"Income tax act of 1967,"
(MCL 206.1 to 206.713) by adding section 260.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 260. (1) FOR TAX YEARS THAT BEGIN AFTER DECEMBER 31,
2 2015, A TAXPAYER MAY CREDIT AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ACT FOR
3 THE TAX YEAR AN AMOUNT, SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE LIMITATIONS
4 PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION, EQUAL TO 50% OF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF
5 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE TAXPAYER DURING THE TAX YEAR
6 TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

7 (A) THIS STATE PURSUANT TO THE FAXON-MCNAMEE ART IN PUBLIC
8 PLACES ACT, 1980 PA 105, MCL 18.71 TO 18.81, OF AN ARTWORK CREATED
9 BY THE TAXPAYER, FOR DISPLAY IN A PUBLIC PLACE.

1 (B) THE STATE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES FUND CREATED PURSUANT TO
2 THE FAXON-MCNAMEE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ACT, 1980 PA 105, MCL 18.71
3 TO 18.81.

4 (C) A MUNICIPALITY IN THIS STATE OF AN ARTWORK CREATED BY THE
5 PERSONAL EFFORT OF THE TAXPAYER FOR DISPLAY IN A PUBLIC PLACE.

6 (D) EITHER A MUNICIPALITY OF THIS STATE OR A NONPROFIT
7 CORPORATION AFFILIATED WITH BOTH A MUNICIPALITY AND AN ART
8 INSTITUTE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY, OF MONEY OR ARTWORK, WHETHER
9 OR NOT CREATED BY THE PERSONAL EFFORT OF THE TAXPAYER, IF FOR THE
10 PURPOSE OF BENEFITING AN ART INSTITUTE LOCATED IN THAT
11 MUNICIPALITY.

12 (E) A PUBLIC LIBRARY.

13 (F) A PUBLIC BROADCAST STATION AS DEFINED BY SECTION 397 OF
14 THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, 47 USC 397, THAT IS NOT AFFILIATED
15 WITH AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING AND THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN
16 THIS STATE.

17 (G) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING LOCATED WITHIN THIS
18 STATE.

19 (H) THE MICHIGAN COLLEGES FOUNDATION.

20 (I) THE STATE MUSEUM.

21 (J) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVATION OF
22 THE STATE ARCHIVES.

23 (K) A NONPROFIT CORPORATION, FUND, FOUNDATION, TRUST, OR
24 ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF
25 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING LOCATED WITHIN THIS STATE. A TAX
26 CREDIT FOR A CONTRIBUTION DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBDIVISION IS
27 PERMITTED ONLY IF THE DONEE CORPORATION, FUND, FOUNDATION, TRUST,

1 OR ASSOCIATION IS CONTROLLED OR APPROVED AND REVIEWED BY THE
2 GOVERNING BOARD OF THE INSTITUTION BENEFITING FROM THE CHARITABLE
3 CONTRIBUTION. THE NONPROFIT CORPORATION, FUND, FOUNDATION, TRUST,
4 OR ASSOCIATION SHALL PROVIDE COPIES OF ITS ANNUAL INDEPENDENTLY
5 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THIS STATE
6 AND CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES.

7 (2) FOR A TAXPAYER OTHER THAN A RESIDENT ESTATE OR TRUST, THE
8 AMOUNT ALLOWABLE AS A CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A TAX YEAR
9 SHALL NOT EXCEED \$100.00, OR FOR A JOINT RETURN AS PROVIDED IN
10 SECTION 311, \$200.00.

11 (3) FOR A RESIDENT ESTATE OR TRUST, THE AMOUNT ALLOWABLE AS A
12 CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A TAX YEAR SHALL NOT EXCEED 10% OF
13 THE TAX LIABILITY FOR THE YEAR AS DETERMINED WITHOUT REGARD TO THIS
14 SECTION OR \$5,000.00, WHICHEVER IS LESS, AND SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN
15 DEDUCTED IN ARRIVING AT FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME.

16 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

17 (A) "INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING" MEANS ONLY AN EDUCATIONAL
18 INSTITUTION LOCATED WITHIN THIS STATE THAT MEETS ALL OF THE
19 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

20 (i) IT MAINTAINS A REGULAR FACULTY AND CURRICULUM AND HAS A
21 REGULARLY ENROLLED BODY OF STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE PLACE
22 WHERE ITS EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE CARRIED ON.

23 (ii) IT REGULARLY OFFERS EDUCATION ABOVE THE TWELFTH GRADE.

24 (iii) IT AWARDS ASSOCIATE, BACHELOR'S, MASTER'S, OR DOCTORATE
25 DEGREES OR A COMBINATION OF THOSE DEGREES OR HIGHER EDUCATION
26 CREDITS ACCEPTABLE FOR THOSE DEGREES GRANTED BY OTHER INSTITUTIONS
27 OF HIGHER LEARNING.

1 (iv) IT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS AN
2 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING AND APPEARS AS AN INSTITUTION OF
3 HIGHER LEARNING IN THE ANNUAL PUBLICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 EDUCATION ENTITLED "THE DIRECTORY OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
5 EDUCATION".

6 (B) "PUBLIC LIBRARY" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2
7 OF THE STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT, 1977 PA 89, MCL 397.552.

8 (C) "CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE TAXPAYER" MEANS, BUT IS NOT
9 LIMITED TO, THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF ARTWORK CREATED BY THE
10 PERSONAL EFFORT OF THE TAXPAYER THAT IS DONATED TO AND ACCEPTED AS
11 A DONATION BY A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION. THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF A
12 PIECE OF ARTWORK SHALL BE DETERMINED AT THE TIME OF THE DONATION BY
13 INDEPENDENT APPRAISAL.

14 (D) "ARTWORK" MEANS AN ORIGINAL, VISUAL CREATION OF QUALITY
15 EXECUTED IN ANY SIZE OR SHAPE, IN ANY MEDIA, USING ANY KIND OR TYPE
16 OF MATERIALS.