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FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-3807, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2715.07 and 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to provide an income tax credit for franchise taxes paid by certain financial institutions; and to repeal the original sections.

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Section 1. Section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes
 Cumulative Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

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3 77-2715.07 (1) There shall be allowed to qualified
4 resident individuals as a nonrefundable credit against the income
5 tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:

6 (a) A credit equal to the federal credit allowed under
7 section 22 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

8 (b) A credit for taxes paid to another state as provided9 in section 77-2730.

10 (2) There shall be allowed to qualified resident
11 individuals against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue
12 Act of 1967:

13 (a) For returns filed reporting federal adjusted 14 gross incomes of greater than twenty-nine thousand dollars, a 15 nonrefundable credit equal to twenty-five percent of the federal 16 credit allowed under section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 17 1986, as amended;

18 (b) For returns filed reporting federal adjusted gross 19 income of twenty-nine thousand dollars or less, a refundable credit 20 equal to a percentage of the federal credit allowable under section 21 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, whether or 22 not the federal credit was limited by the federal tax liability. 23 The percentage of the federal credit shall be one hundred percent for incomes not greater than twenty-two thousand dollars, and 24 25 the percentage shall be reduced by ten percent for each one

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1 thousand dollars, or fraction thereof, by which the reported 2 federal adjusted gross income exceeds twenty-two thousand dollars;

3 (c) A refundable credit for individuals who qualify for an income tax credit as an owner of agricultural assets under the 4 5 Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act for all taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2001, under the Internal 6 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and a refundable credit as 7 8 provided in section 77-5209.01 for individuals who qualify for an 9 income tax credit as a qualified beginning farmer or livestock 10 producer under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act for all taxable 11 years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2006, 12 under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

13 (d) A refundable credit for individuals who qualify for 14 an income tax credit under the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise 15 Tax Credit Act or the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development 16 Act; and

17 (e) A refundable credit equal to eight percent of the
18 federal credit allowed under section 32 of the Internal Revenue
19 Code of 1986, as amended.

20 (3) There shall be allowed to all individuals as a
21 nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska
22 Revenue Act of 1967:

23 (a) A credit for personal exemptions allowed under
24 section 77-2716.01; and

25 (b) A credit for contributions to certified community

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betterment programs as provided in the Community Development 1 2 Assistance Act. Each partner, each shareholder of an electing 3 subchapter S corporation, each beneficiary of an estate or trust, or each member of a limited liability company shall report his or 4 5 her share of the credit in the same manner and proportion as he 6 or she reports the partnership, subchapter S corporation, estate, 7 trust, or limited liability company income. 8 (4) There shall be allowed as a credit against the income 9 tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967: 10 (a) A credit to all resident estates and trusts for taxes 11 paid to another state as provided in section 77-2730; and 12 (b) A credit to all estates and trusts for contributions 13 to certified community betterment programs as provided in the 14 Community Development Assistance Act. 15 (5) There shall be allowed to all business firms as a 16 credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 a credit as provided in section 77-27,222. 17 18 (6) (a) For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, and before January 1, 2009, under the Internal 19 20 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, there shall be allowed to each 21 partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary of a partnership, 22 subchapter S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by 23 24 the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 equal to fifty percent of the 25 partner's, shareholder's, member's, or beneficiary's portion of the

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amount of franchise tax paid to the state under sections 77-3801 to 77-3807 by a financial institution.

3 (b) For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, 4 there shall be allowed to each partner, shareholder, member, or 5 beneficiary of a partnership, subchapter S corporation, limited 6 7 liability company, or estate or trust a nonrefundable credit 8 against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 9 equal to the partner's, shareholder's, member's, or beneficiary's 10 portion of the amount of franchise tax paid to the state under 11 sections 77-3801 to 77-3807 by a financial institution.

12 (c) Each partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary 13 shall report his or her share of the credit in the same manner 14 and proportion as he or she reports the partnership, subchapter S 15 corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust income. 16 If any partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary cannot fully 17 utilize the credit for that year, the credit may not be carried 18 forward or back.

Sec. 2. Section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative
Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

21 77-2716 (1) The following adjustments to federal adjusted
22 gross income or, for corporations and fiduciaries, federal taxable
23 income shall be made for interest or dividends received:

24 (a) There shall be subtracted interest or dividends25 received by the owner of obligations of the United States and its

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1 territories and possessions or of any authority, commission, or
2 instrumentality of the United States to the extent includable in
3 gross income for federal income tax purposes but exempt from state
4 income taxes under the laws of the United States;

5 (b) There shall be subtracted that portion of the 6 total dividends and other income received from a regulated 7 investment company which is attributable to obligations described 8 in subdivision (a) of this subsection as reported to the recipient 9 by the regulated investment company;

10 (c) There shall be added interest or dividends received by the owner of obligations of the District of Columbia, other 11 12 states of the United States, or their political subdivisions, 13 authorities, commissions, or instrumentalities to the extent excluded in the computation of gross income for federal income 14 15 tax purposes except that such interest or dividends shall not be 16 added if received by a corporation which is a regulated investment 17 company;

18 (d) There shall be added that portion of the total 19 dividends and other income received from a regulated investment 20 company which is attributable to obligations described in 21 subdivision (c) of this subsection and excluded for federal 22 income tax purposes as reported to the recipient by the regulated 23 investment company; and

(e) (i) Any amount subtracted under this subsection shall
be reduced by any interest on indebtedness incurred to carry the

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1 obligations or securities described in this subsection or the 2 investment in the regulated investment company and by any expenses 3 incurred in the production of interest or dividend income described 4 in this subsection to the extent that such expenses, including 5 amortizable bond premiums, are deductible in determining federal 6 taxable income.

7 (ii) Any amount added under this subsection shall be 8 reduced by any expenses incurred in the production of such income 9 to the extent disallowed in the computation of federal taxable 10 income.

11 (2) There shall be allowed a net operating loss derived 12 from or connected with Nebraska sources computed under rules 13 and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Tax Commissioner consistent, to the extent possible under the Nebraska Revenue 14 15 Act of 1967, with the laws of the United States. For a resident 16 individual, estate, or trust, the net operating loss computed on the federal income tax return shall be adjusted by the 17 18 modifications contained in this section. For a nonresident individual, estate, or trust or for a partial-year resident 19 20 individual, the net operating loss computed on the federal return 21 shall be adjusted by the modifications contained in this section 22 and any carryovers or carrybacks shall be limited to the portion of 23 the loss derived from or connected with Nebraska sources.

24 (3) There shall be subtracted from federal adjusted gross
25 income for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1987,

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1 the amount of any state income tax refund to the extent such refund 2 was deducted under the Internal Revenue Code, was not allowed in 3 the computation of the tax due under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 4 1967, and is included in federal adjusted gross income.

5 (4) Federal adjusted gross income, or, for a fiduciary, 6 federal taxable income shall be modified to exclude the portion of 7 the income or loss received from a small business corporation with 8 an election in effect under subchapter S of the Internal Revenue 9 Code or from a limited liability company organized pursuant to the 10 Limited Liability Company Act that is not derived from or connected 11 with Nebraska sources as determined in section 77-2734.01.

12 (5) There shall be subtracted from federal adjusted gross 13 income or, for corporations and fiduciaries, federal taxable income 14 dividends received or deemed to be received from corporations which 15 are not subject to the Internal Revenue Code.

16 (6) There shall be subtracted from federal taxable income 17 a portion of the income earned by a corporation subject to the 18 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that is actually taxed by a foreign country or one of its political subdivisions at a rate in excess 19 20 of the maximum federal tax rate for corporations. The taxpayer may 21 make the computation for each foreign country or for groups of 22 foreign countries. The portion of the taxes that may be deducted 23 shall be computed in the following manner:

24 (a) The amount of federal taxable income from operations25 within a foreign taxing jurisdiction shall be reduced by the amount

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of taxes actually paid to the foreign jurisdiction that are not deductible solely because the foreign tax credit was elected on the federal income tax return;

4 (b) The amount of after-tax income shall be divided by 5 one minus the maximum tax rate for corporations in the Internal 6 Revenue Code; and

7 (c) The result of the calculation in subdivision (b) of 8 this subsection shall be subtracted from the amount of federal 9 taxable income used in subdivision (a) of this subsection. The 10 result of such calculation, if greater than zero, shall be 11 subtracted from federal taxable income.

12 (7) Federal adjusted gross income shall be modified to 13 exclude any amount repaid by the taxpayer for which a reduction 14 in federal tax is allowed under section 1341(a)(5) of the Internal 15 Revenue Code.

16 (8) (a) Federal adjusted gross income or, for corporations 17 and fiduciaries, federal taxable income shall be reduced, to the 18 extent included, by income from interest, earnings, and state 19 contributions received from the Nebraska educational savings plan 20 trust created in sections 85-1801 to 85-1814.

(b) Federal adjusted gross income or, for corporations and fiduciaries, federal taxable income shall be reduced, to the extent not deducted for federal income tax purposes, by the amount of any gift, grant, or donation made to the Nebraska educational savings plan trust for deposit in the endowment fund of the trust.

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1 (c) Federal adjusted gross income or, for corporations 2 and fiduciaries, federal taxable income shall be reduced by any 3 contributions as a participant in the Nebraska educational savings 4 plan trust, to the extent not deducted for federal income tax 5 purposes, but not to exceed five hundred dollars per married filing 6 separate return or one thousand dollars for any other return.

7 (d) Federal adjusted gross income or, for corporations 8 and fiduciaries, federal taxable income shall be increased by 9 the amount resulting from the cancellation of a participation 10 agreement refunded to the taxpayer as a participant in the Nebraska 11 educational savings plan trust to the extent previously deducted as 12 a contribution to the trust.

13 (9) (a) For income tax returns filed after September 10, 14 2001, for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin before January 15 1, 2006, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, 16 federal adjusted gross income or, for corporations and fiduciaries, federal taxable income shall be increased by eighty-five percent 17 18 of any amount of any federal bonus depreciation received under 19 the federal Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002 or the 20 federal Jobs and Growth Tax Act of 2003, under section 168(k) or 21 section 1400L of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, 22 for assets placed in service after September 10, 2001, and before 23 December 31, 2005.

(b) For a partnership, limited liability company,cooperative, including any cooperative exempt from income taxes

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under section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,
 subchapter S corporation, or joint venture, the increase shall be
 distributed to the partners, members, shareholders, patrons, or
 beneficiaries in the same manner as income is distributed for use
 against their income tax liabilities.

6 (c) For a corporation with a unitary business having 7 activity both inside and outside the state, the increase shall be 8 apportioned to Nebraska in the same manner as income is apportioned 9 to the state by section 77-2734.05.

10 (d) The amount of bonus depreciation added to federal 11 adjusted gross income or, for corporations and fiduciaries, federal 12 taxable income by this subsection shall be subtracted in a 13 later taxable year. Twenty percent of the total amount of bonus 14 depreciation added back by this subsection for tax years beginning 15 or deemed to begin before January 1, 2003, under the Internal 16 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, may be subtracted in the first taxable year beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 17 18 2005, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and 19 twenty percent in each of the next four following taxable years. 20 Twenty percent of the total amount of bonus depreciation added back 21 by this subsection for tax years beginning or deemed to begin on or 22 after January 1, 2003, may be subtracted in the first taxable year 23 beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2006, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and twenty percent in 24 25 each of the next four following taxable years.

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1 (10) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on 2 or after January 1, 2003, and before January 1, 2006, under the 3 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, federal adjusted gross income or, for corporations and fiduciaries, federal taxable income 4 5 shall be increased by the amount of any capital investment that is 6 expensed under section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 7 as amended, that is in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars that 8 is allowed under the federal Jobs and Growth Tax Act of 2003. 9 Twenty percent of the total amount of expensing added back by 10 this subsection for tax years beginning or deemed to begin on or 11 after January 1, 2003, may be subtracted in the first taxable year 12 beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2006, under the 13 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and twenty percent in 14 each of the next four following tax years.

(11) (a) Federal adjusted gross income shall be reduced by contributions, up to two thousand dollars per married filing jointly return or one thousand dollars for any other return, and any investment earnings made as a participant in the Nebraska long-term care savings plan under the Long-Term Care Savings Plan Act, to the extent not deducted for federal income tax purposes.

(b) Federal adjusted gross income shall be increased by the withdrawals made as a participant in the Nebraska long-term care savings plan under the act by a person who is not a qualified individual or for any reason other than transfer of funds to a spouse, long-term care expenses, long-term care insurance premiums,

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or death of the participant, including withdrawals made by reason 1 2 of cancellation of the participation agreement or termination of 3 the plan, to the extent previously deducted as a contribution or as investment earnings. 4 (12) There shall be added to federal adjusted gross 5 income for individuals, estates, and trusts any amount taken as 6 7 a credit for franchise tax paid by a financial institution under 8 sections 77-3801 to 77-3807 as allowed by subsection (6) of section 9 77-2715.07. 10 Sec. 3. Section 77-3807, Reissue Revised Statutes of 11 Nebraska, is amended to read: 12 77-3807 (1) The Tax Commissioner shall prescribe the 13 necessary forms and the supporting documentation to be filed for 14 the reporting and payment of the tax imposed by section 77-3802 and 15 for the calculation of credits allowable under subsection (6) of 16 section 77-2715.07. 17 (2) The Tax Commissioner shall adopt and promulgate rules 18 and regulations to carry out sections 77-3801 to 77-3807. 19 The Tax Commissioner may use electronic funds (3) 20 transfers to collect the tax imposed by section 77-3802 or to pay 21 any refunds allowed under section 77-3806. The use of electronic 22 funds transfers shall not change the rights of any party from the 23 rights such party would have if a different method of payment is 24 used.

25 Sec. 4. Original section 77-3807, Reissue Revised

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- 1 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2715.07 and 77-2716, Revised
- 2 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, are repealed.