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LEGISLATIVE BILL 73

Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

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Committee: Revenue

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to adopt the Modern
- 2 Tax Act; to impose a tax on the interest paid on certain loans; and
- 3 to provide an operative date.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be

- 2 cited as the Modern Tax Act.
- 3 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Modern Tax Act:
- 4 (1) Eligible loan means:
- 5 (a) A loan secured by real estate located in Nebraska;
- 6 (b) A loan secured by a filing with the Secretary of State under the
- 7 Uniform Commercial Code;
- 8 (c) A loan secured by a security or commercial paper held in or
- 9 <u>delivered to a creditor in Nebraska;</u>
- 10 (d) A loan secured by a vehicle titled in Nebraska; or
- 11 (e) Any loan over which Nebraska courts have jurisdiction and venue
- in an action for default in payment; and
- 13 (2) Qualified debtor means:
- 14 (a) Any resident of Nebraska;
- 15 (b) Any trust created under Nebraska law; or
- (c) Any corporation, limited liability company, or other type of
- 17 business entity which is organized under Nebraska law or which has its
- 18 <u>principal office located in Nebraska.</u>
- 19 Sec. 3. <u>(1) There is hereby imposed a tax at a rate of five and</u>
- 20 one-half percent on the amount of interest paid by a qualified debtor on
- 21 <u>any eligible loan.</u>
- 22 (2) The tax shall be paid by the qualified debtor and shall be due
- 23 at the same time that any regularly scheduled payment on the eligible
- 24 loan is due. The lender shall collect the tax imposed by this section and
- 25 shall remit the funds collected to the Tax Commissioner on a monthly
- 26 <u>basis along with a form prescribed by the Tax Commissioner containing</u>
- 27 <u>such information as the Tax Commissioner deems necessary for the proper</u>
- 28 administration of the Modern Tax Act. The Tax Commissioner shall remit
- 29 the funds received to the State Treasurer for credit to the General Fund.
- 30 Sec. 4. The tax imposed by section 3 of this act shall become
- 31 delinquent thirty days after it becomes due pursuant to subsection (2) of

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- 1 section 3 of this act and, in addition to the amount of the delinquent
- 2 tax, the qualified debtor shall pay a penalty for such delinquency in the
- 3 amount of five percent of the delinquent taxes for each month, or part
- 4 thereof, that the delinquency has continued. The Tax Commissioner may
- 5 bring an action to collect any delinquent taxes or penalties due under
- 6 this section.
- 7 Sec. 5. The tax imposed by section 3 of this act shall not apply
- 8 <u>to:</u>
- 9 <u>(1) Loans to governmental entities;</u>
- 10 (2) Publicly traded bonds; or
- 11 (3) Loans the proceeds of which are ultimately used by a licensed
- 12 <u>financial institution or insurance company to make loans subject to the</u>
- 13 <u>tax imposed by section 3 of this act.</u>
- 14 Sec. 6. The Tax Commissioner may adopt and promulgate rules and
- 15 <u>regulations to carry out the Modern Tax Act.</u>
- 16 Sec. 7. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2016.