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HOUSE BILL 526*

Short Title: Income Tax Credit - Energy Efficient Homes. (Public)

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Referred to: Energy and Energy Efficiency, if favorable, Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR BUILDERS OF
ENERGY-EFFICIENT HOMES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 105-130.49. Construction or improvement of energy-efficient home.

(a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

(1) Energy-efficient home. – A single- or multi-family home that is a federally qualified energy-efficient home or a State-certified energy-efficient home.

(2) Federally qualified energy-efficient home. – A residence qualified under the ENERGY STAR Program administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

(3) State-certified energy-efficient home. – A residence certified under the NC Healthy Built Homes Program administered by the North Carolina Solar Center, the State Energy Office, and the North Carolina Department of Administration.

(b) Credit. – A taxpayer that builds or manufactures an energy-efficient home is allowed a credit against the taxes imposed by this Part. In order to claim a credit under this section, the taxpayer must include with the tax return documentation that the property with respect to which a credit is claimed is an energy-efficient home. A taxpayer may claim only one of the credits allowed under this section with respect to a single home. The amount of the credit is as follows:

(1) For a taxpayer that builds or manufactures a new federally qualified energy-efficient home, the credit is one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

1 (2) For a taxpayer that builds or manufactures a new State-certified
2 energy-efficient home, the credit is two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

3 (c) Cap. – The credit allowed under this section may not exceed the amount of
4 tax imposed by this Part for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all credits allowable,
5 except tax payments made by or on behalf of the taxpayer. Any unused portion of a
6 credit under this section may be carried forward for the succeeding five years.

7 (d) Sunset. – This section is repealed effective for taxable years beginning on or
8 after January 1, 2012."

9 **SECTION 2.** Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is
10 amended by adding a new section to read:

11 **"§ 105-151.31. Construction or improvement of energy-efficient home.**

12 (a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

13 (1) Energy-efficient home. – A single- or multi-family home that is a
14 federally qualified energy-efficient home or a State-certified
15 energy-efficient home.

16 (2) Federally qualified energy-efficient home. – A residence qualified
17 under the ENERGY STAR Program administered by the United States
18 Environmental Protection Agency.

19 (3) State-certified energy-efficient home. – A residence certified under the
20 NC Healthy Built Homes Program administered by the North Carolina
21 Solar Center, the State Energy Office, and the North Carolina
22 Department of Administration.

23 (b) Credit. – A taxpayer that builds or manufactures an energy-efficient home is
24 allowed a credit against the taxes imposed by this Part. In order to claim a credit under
25 this section, the taxpayer must include with the tax return documentation that the
26 property with respect to which a credit is claimed is an energy-efficient home. A
27 taxpayer may claim only one of the credits allowed under this section with respect to a
28 single home. The amount of the credit is as follows:

29 (1) For a taxpayer that builds or manufactures a new federally qualified
30 energy-efficient home, the credit is one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

31 (2) For a taxpayer that builds or manufactures a new State-certified
32 energy-efficient home, the credit is two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

33 (c) Cap. – The credit allowed under this section may not exceed the amount of
34 tax imposed by this Part for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all credits allowable,
35 except tax payments made by or on behalf of the taxpayer. Any unused portion of a
36 credit under this section may be carried forward for the succeeding five years.

37 (d) Sunset. – This section is repealed effective for taxable years beginning on or
38 after January 1, 2012."

39 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective for taxable years beginning on or after
40 January 1, 2007, and applies to homes that receive the qualification or certification on or
41 after that date.