SENATE BILL No. 369

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to income, privilege and premium taxes; establishing the Kansas affordable housing tax credit act; providing a tax credit for qualified low-income housing projects.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. The provisions of sections 1 through 6, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas affordable housing tax credit act.

- Sec. 2. As used in sections 1 through 6, and amendments thereto:
- (a) "Act" means the provisions of sections 1 through 6, and amendments thereto;
- (b) "allocation certificate" means a statement issued by the KHRC certifying that a given development is eligible for the credit and specifying the amount of the credit allowed;
- (c) "compliance period" means the period of 15 years beginning with the first taxable year of the credit period;
- (d) "credit" means the Kansas affordable housing tax credit allowed pursuant to this act;
- (e) "credit period" means the credit period as defined in section 42(f) (1) of the federal internal revenue code;
- (f) "director" means the director of taxation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-5102, and amendments thereto;
- (g) "federal tax credit" means the federal low-income housing tax credit provided by section 42 of the federal internal revenue code;
 - (h) "KHRC" means the Kansas housing resources corporation, a not-for-profit subsidiary of the Kansas development finance authority incorporated pursuant to K.S.A. 74-8904(v), and amendments thereto;
 - (i) "pass-through entity" means any: (1) Limited liability company; (2) partnership; or (3) limited liability partnership;
- (j) "pass-through certification" means a certification provided to the director by any pass-through entity allocating a credit to its partners or members, certifying the amount of credit to be allocated to each partner or member of such pass-through entity;
- (k) "qualified allocation plan" means the qualified allocation plan adopted by the KHRC pursuant to section 42(m) of the federal internal revenue code;

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(l) "qualified basis" means the qualified basis of the development as determined pursuant to section 42 of the federal internal revenue code;

- (m) "qualified development" means a "qualified low-income housing project," as that term is defined in section 42 of the federal internal revenue code, and which is located in Kansas and is determined by the KHRC to be eligible for a federal tax credit whether or not a federal tax credit is allocated with respect to such qualified development; and
- (n) "qualified taxpayer" means an individual, a person, firm, corporation, or other entity that owns an interest, direct or indirect, in a qualified development and is subject to the taxes imposed by the Kansas income tax act, the privilege taxes imposed pursuant to article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or the premium taxes imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 40-252, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 3. (a) For all taxable years commencing after December 31, 2022, there shall be allowed a credit against the income tax liability imposed pursuant to the Kansas income tax act, the privilege tax liability imposed upon any national banking association, state bank, trust company or savings and loan association pursuant to article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or the premium tax liability imposed upon an insurance company pursuant to K.S.A. 40-252, and amendments thereto, for each qualified development for each year of the credit period, in an amount equal to the federal tax credit allocated or allowed by the KHRC to such qualified development, except that there shall be no reduction in the credit allowable in the first year of the credit period due to the calculation in section 42(f)(2) of the federal internal revenue code.
- (b) The KHRC shall issue an allocation certificate to an owner of a qualified development. The KHRC shall issue an allocation certificate to the qualified development simultaneously with issuance of federal form 8609 with respect to the federal tax credits.
- (c) All allocations shall be made pursuant to the qualified allocation plan.
- (d) If an owner of a qualified development receiving an allocation of a credit is a pass-through entity, the owner may allocate the credit among its partners or members in any manner agreed to by such persons and, in the case of multiple tiers of pass-through entities, the credit may be so allocated through any number of pass-through entities in any manner agreed by the owners of such pass-through entities, none of which shall be considered a transfer. Any pass-through entity allocating a credit to its partners or members shall attach a pass-through certification to its tax return annually. Each partner or member shall be allowed to claim or further allocate such amount subject to any restrictions set forth in this act.

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(e) An owner of a qualified development to which a credit has been allocated and each qualified taxpayer to which such owner has allocated a portion of such credit, if any, shall file with their state income, privilege or premium tax return a copy of the allocation certificate issued by the KHRC with respect to such qualified development and a copy of any pass-through certification, as prescribed by the director.

- (f) No credit shall be allocated pursuant to this act unless the qualified development is the subject of a recorded restrictive covenant requiring the development to be maintained and operated as a qualified development and is in accordance with the accessibility and adaptability requirements of the federal tax credits and title VIII of the civil rights act of 1968, as amended by the fair housing amendments act of 1988, for a period of 15 taxable years, or such longer period as may be agreed to between the KHRC and the owner of the qualified development, beginning with the first taxable year of the credit period.
- (g) The allocated credit amount may be taken against the income, privilege or premium taxes imposed for each taxable year of the credit period. Any amount of credit that exceeds the income, privilege or premium tax liability of a qualified taxpayer for a taxable year may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent years' tax liability up to 11 tax years following the tax year in which the allocation was made and shall be applied first to the earliest years possible. Any amount of the credit that is not used shall not be refunded to the taxpayer.
- (h) Unless otherwise provided in this act or the context or law requires otherwise, the KHRC shall determine eligibility for a credit and allocate credits in accordance with the standards and requirements set forth in section 42 of the federal internal revenue code. Any combination of federal tax credits and credits allowed pursuant to this act shall be the least amount necessary to ensure the financial feasibility of a qualified development.
- Sec. 4. If, under section 42 of the federal internal revenue code, a portion of any federal tax credit taken on a qualified development is required to be recaptured or is otherwise disallowed during the credit period, the qualified taxpayer that claimed the credit pursuant to this act with respect to such qualified development shall also be required to recapture a portion of any credits authorized by this act. The percentage of credits subject to recapture shall be equal to the percentage of federal tax credits subject to recapture or otherwise disallowed during such period. Any credits recaptured or disallowed shall increase the tax liability of the qualified taxpayer who claimed the credits and shall be included on the tax return of the qualified taxpayer submitted for the taxable year in which the recapture or disallowance event is identified.
 - Sec. 5. The KHRC and the director, in consultation with each other,

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shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for their respective administration of this act.

- Sec. 6. (a) The KHRC, in consultation with the director, shall monitor and oversee compliance with the provisions of this act and shall report specific occurrences of noncompliance to the director.
- (b) For each allocation year, the KHRC shall submit a written report to the legislature on or before December 31 of each year and make such report available to the public. The report shall:
- (1) Specify the number of qualified developments that have been allocated credits during the allocation year and the total number of units supported by each development;
- (2) describe each qualified development that has been allocated credits including, without limitation, the geographic location of the development, the household type and any specific demographic information available about residents intended to be served by the development, the income levels intended to be served by the development, and the rents or set-asides authorized for each development; and
- (3) provide housing market and demographic information that demonstrates how the qualified developments supported by the credits are addressing the need for affordable housing within the communities they are intended to serve as well as information about any remaining disparities in the affordability of housing within those communities.
- Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.