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HOUSE BILL

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(None),

SHORT TITLE: "Nonresident Disaster Relief Worker Tax Exemption"

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE EXEMPTION FROM STATE INCOME TAX OF INCOME  
102 THAT IS EARNED BY A NONRESIDENT INDIVIDUAL WORKING  
103 TEMPORARILY IN THE STATE TO ASSIST WITH DISASTER  
104 EMERGENCY RELIEF ACTIVITIES.

Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Individuals from other states are currently liable to pay Colorado income tax on income derived from all sources within Colorado. The bill

exempts nonresident individuals from the state income tax if they perform disaster emergency-related work in the state on certain infrastructure that has been affected by a declared state disaster emergency or if they provide emergency service work related to the disaster emergency. The exemption would only be effective for work performed from the time the governor has declared a disaster emergency through 60 days after the declaration expires. Conforming amendments are made to the statutes governing the filing of income tax returns by and the withholding of state income tax for these individuals.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby finds, determines, and declares that:

4           (a) During times of flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake, storm, or  
5 other disaster emergency, many workers come from other states  
6 throughout the United States on a temporary basis to expedite the often  
7 enormous and overwhelming task of cleaning up, restoring, and repairing  
8 damaged buildings, equipment, and property or even deploying or  
9 building new replacement facilities in the state;

10           (b) This may involve the need to bring in workers with special  
11 skills who previously have had no connection to the state to perform  
12 activities in the state including but not limited to repairing, renovating,  
13 installing, building, rendering services, or assisting with other business  
14 activities and for which the workers may be located in the state for  
15 extended periods of time to perform such activities;

16           (c) During times of operating in the state on a temporary basis  
17 solely for the purpose of helping the state recover from a disaster  
18 emergency, these individual employees should not be burdened by the  
19 additional imposition of the state income tax as a result of assisting with  
20 such activities in the state for a temporary period;

1 (d) The state's income tax is intended for businesses and  
2 individuals in the state as part of the conduct of regular business  
3 operations or who intend to reside in the state and should not be imposed  
4 upon individuals coming into the state on a temporary basis to provide  
5 help and assistance in response to a declared state disaster emergency;

6 (e) It is therefore appropriate for the general assembly to deem  
7 that income earned by nonresident individuals in the state for a specified  
8 period during and after the declared disaster emergency in connection  
9 with repairing and restoring the often devastating damage to property and  
10 infrastructure in the state is not subject to the state income tax; and

11 (f) The intended purpose of the tax expenditure in House Bill  
12 14-\_\_\_\_, enacted in 2014, is to ensure that the state may focus on  
13 providing a quick response to the needs of the state and its citizens during  
14 a declared state disaster emergency.

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-22-104, **add** (4)  
16 (t) as follows:

17 **39-22-104. Income tax imposed on individuals, estates, and**  
18 **trusts - single rate - definitions - repeal.** (4) There shall be subtracted  
19 from federal taxable income:

20 (t) (I) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER  
21 JANUARY 1, 2015, COMPENSATION THAT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO  
22 WITHHOLDING UNDER SECTION 39-22-604, RECEIVED BY A NONRESIDENT  
23 INDIVIDUAL FOR PERFORMING DISASTER-RELATED WORK IN THE STATE  
24 DURING A DISASTER PERIOD.

25 (II) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH (t):

26 (A) "DECLARED STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY" MEANS A DISASTER  
27 OR EMERGENCY EVENT FOR WHICH THE GOVERNOR HAS ISSUED AN

1 EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY.

2 (B) "DISASTER-RELATED WORK" MEANS REPAIRING, RENOVATING,  
3 INSTALLING, BUILDING, OR RENDERING SERVICES THAT RELATE TO  
4 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT HAS BEEN DAMAGED, IMPAIRED, OR DESTROYED  
5 BY A DECLARED STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY OR PROVIDING EMERGENCY  
6 MEDICAL, FIREFIGHTING, LAW ENFORCEMENT, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL,  
7 SEARCH AND RESCUE, OR OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICE RELATED TO A  
8 DECLARED STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY.

9 (C) "DISASTER PERIOD" MEANS A PERIOD THAT BEGINS WITH THE  
10 DAY OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A STATE  
11 DISASTER EMERGENCY AND THAT EXTENDS FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY  
12 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE  
13 ORDER.

14 (D) "INFRASTRUCTURE" MEANS PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT  
15 OWNED OR USED BY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, GAS AND ELECTRIC  
16 UTILITIES, WATER PIPELINES, AND PUBLIC ROADS AND BRIDGES AND  
17 RELATED SUPPORT FACILITIES THAT SERVICE MULTIPLE CUSTOMERS OR  
18 CITIZENS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY  
19 SUCH AS BUILDINGS, OFFICES, LINES, POLES, PIPES, STRUCTURES, AND  
20 EQUIPMENT.

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-22-601, **amend**  
22 (1) (a) as follows:

23 **39-22-601. Returns.** (1) (a) (I) Whenever a resident individual  
24 or a nonresident individual with income from Colorado sources is  
25 required to file a federal income tax return under the provisions of section  
26 6012 of the internal revenue code or whenever a resident individual or a  
27 nonresident individual has incurred any tax liability under any provision

1 of this article, the individual shall make a return that shall contain a  
2 written declaration that it is made under the penalty of perjury in the  
3 second degree. The return shall set forth, in such detail as the executive  
4 director shall prescribe by regulations, the said individual's federal taxable  
5 income, the deductions, modifications, exemptions, and credits required  
6 or allowed under this article, and any other information necessary to carry  
7 out the purposes of this article. For the purpose of this section, the  
8 residence of the individual taxpayer shall be the address supplied by the  
9 taxpayer to the department of revenue on the return.

10 (II) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a), A NONRESIDENT  
11 INDIVIDUAL WHOSE ONLY SOURCE OF INCOME FROM THIS STATE IS  
12 COMPENSATION THAT IS SUBTRACTED FROM FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME  
13 UNDER SECTION 39-22-104 (4) (t) NEED NOT FILE A RETURN; EXCEPT THAT,  
14 IF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT THE NONRESIDENT  
15 INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO FILE AN INFORMATIONAL RETURN,  
16 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II) DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
17 FROM REQUIRING THE NONRESIDENT INDIVIDUAL TO DO SO.

18 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-22-604, **add** (19)  
19 as follows:

20 **39-22-604. Withholding tax - requirement to withhold - tax**  
21 **lien - exemption from lien - definitions.** (19) NO AMOUNT IS REQUIRED  
22 TO BE DEDUCTED AND WITHHELD FROM AN EMPLOYEE'S WAGES PURSUANT  
23 TO THIS SECTION FOR INCOME TAX DUE TO THE STATE IF THE EMPLOYEE'S  
24 WITHHOLDING CERTIFICATE INDICATES THAT THE COMPENSATION IS  
25 ELIGIBLE TO BE SUBTRACTED FROM FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME PURSUANT  
26 TO SECTION 39-22-104 (4) (t).

27 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
3 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); except that, if a  
4 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
5 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
6 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
7 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
8 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
9 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.