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HOUSE BILL NO. 1459

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-439.22 of the Code of Virginia, relating to neighborhood assistance tax credits.*

Patrons—O'Bannon and Garrett

Referred to Committee on Finance

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 58.1-439.22 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 58.1-439.22. Donations of professional services.**

A. A sole proprietor, partnership or limited liability company engaged in the business of providing professional services shall be eligible for a tax credit under this article based on the time spent by the proprietor or a partner or member, respectively, who renders professional services to a program that has received an allocation of tax credits from the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Commissioner of the State Department of Social Services. The value of the professional services, for purposes of determining the amount of the tax credit allowable, rendered by the proprietor or a partner or member to an approved program shall not exceed the lesser of (i) the reasonable cost for similar services from other providers or (ii) \$125 per hour.

B. A business firm shall be eligible for a tax credit under this article for the time spent by a salaried employee who renders professional services to an approved program. The value of the professional services, for purposes of determining the amount of tax credit allowed to a business firm for time spent by its salaried employee in rendering professional services to an approved project, shall be equal to the salary that such employee was actually paid for the period of time that such employee rendered professional services to the approved program.

C. Notwithstanding any provision of this article limiting eligibility for tax credits to business firms, physicians, chiropractors, dentists, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, optometrists, dental hygienists, professional counselors, clinical social workers, clinical psychologists, marriage and family therapists, physical therapists, and pharmacists licensed pursuant to Title 54.1 who provide health care services within the scope of their licensure, without charge, to patients of a clinic operated by an organization that has received an allocation of tax credits from the Commissioner of the State Department of Social Services and such clinic is organized in whole or in part for the delivery of health care services without charge, or to a clinic operated not for profit providing health care services for charges not exceeding those set forth in a scale prescribed by the State Board of Health pursuant to § 32.1-11 for charges to be paid by persons based upon ability to pay, shall be eligible for a tax credit pursuant to § 58.1-439.21 based on the time spent in providing health care services to patients of such clinic, regardless of where the services are delivered.

Notwithstanding any provision of this article limiting eligibility for tax credits, a pharmacist who donates pharmaceutical services to patients of a free clinic, which clinic is an organization exempt from taxation under the provisions of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, with such pharmaceutical services performed at the direction of an approved neighborhood organization that has received an allocation of tax credits from the Commissioner of the State Department of Social Services, shall be eligible for tax credits under this article based on the time spent in providing such pharmaceutical services, regardless of where the services are delivered.

Notwithstanding any provision of this article limiting eligibility for tax credits, mediators certified pursuant to guidelines promulgated by the Judicial Council of Virginia who provide services within the scope of such certification, without charge, at the direction of an approved neighborhood organization that provides court-referred mediation services and that has received an allocation of tax credits from the Commissioner of the State Department of Social Services shall be eligible for tax credits under this article based on the time spent in providing such mediation services, regardless of where the services are delivered.

The value of such services, for purposes of determining the amount of the tax credit allowable, rendered by the physician, chiropractor, dentist, nurse, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, optometrist, dental hygienist, professional counselor, clinical social worker, clinical psychologist, marriage and family therapist, physical therapist, pharmacist, or mediator shall not exceed the lesser of (i) the reasonable cost for similar services from other providers or (ii) \$125 per hour.

D. *Notwithstanding any provision of this article limiting eligibility for tax credits and for tax credit*

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59 allocations beginning with fiscal year 2015-2016, a physician specialist or other health care
60 professional specialist who donates specialty medical services to patients referred from an approved
61 neighborhood organization (i) that has received an allocation of tax credits from the Commissioner of
62 the State Department of Social Services, (ii) whose sole purpose is to provide specialty medical referral
63 services to patients of participating clinics or federally qualified health centers, and (iii) that is exempt
64 from taxation under the provisions of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be eligible for tax
65 credits under this article issued to such organization regardless of where the specialty medical services
66 are delivered.

67 The value of such services, for purposes of determining the amount of tax credit allowable, rendered
68 by the physician specialist or other health care professional specialist shall not exceed the lesser of (i)
69 the reasonable cost for similar services from other providers or (ii) \$125 per hour.