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HOUSE FILE BY S. OLSON Passed House, Date _____ Passed Senate, Date _____ Vote: Ayes ____ Nays ___ Nays ___ A BILL FOR 1 An Act providing volunteer fire fighters with an individual income tax credit and providing effective and retroactive applicability dates. 4 BE $\overline{\text{IT}}$ ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA: 5 TLSB 5517YH 82 6 mg/rj/14PAG LIN Section 1. Section 422.12, Code Supplement 2007, is 2 amended by adding the following new subsection: 3 <u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 2A. a. A volunteer fire fighter credit 4 equal to the amount specified in paragraph "b" to compensate 5 the taxpayer for the voluntary services.
6 b. The amount of the credit is equal to two hundred fifty 6 7 dollars. However, if the taxpayer is not a volunteer fire fighter 1 8 9 for the entire tax year, the amount of the dollar credit shall 1 10 be prorated and the amount of credit shall equal the maximum 1 11 amount of credit for the tax year, divided by twelve, 1 12 multiplied by the number of months in the tax year the 1 13 taxpayer was a volunteer. The credit shall be rounded to the 1 14 nearest five dollars. If the taxpayer is a volunteer during 1 15 any part of a month, the taxpayer shall be considered a 1 16 volunteer for the entire month. 1 17 c. The taxpayer is required to have a written statement 1 18 from the fire chief or other appropriate supervisor verifying 1 19 that the taxpayer was a volunteer fire fighter for the months 1 20 for which the credit under this subsection is claimed. d. For purposes of this subsection, "volunteer fire 1 21 1 22 fighter" means a volunteer fire fighter as defined in section 1 23 85.61 who has met the minimum training standards established 24 by the fire service training bureau pursuant to chapter 100B. Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATES. This Act, 1 26 being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon 27 enactment and applies retroactively to January 1, 2008, for 28 tax years beginning on or after that date. EXPLANATION This bill provides an individual income tax credit for an 1 31 individual who was a volunteer fire fighter who has met the 1 32 minimum training standards for the entire tax year. The 1 33 credit is to compensate the individual for the volunteer 34 services. The amount of the credit equals \$250. If the 35 individual was not a volunteer for the entire tax year, the 1 amount of credit is prorated based upon the months of

2 volunteer service. The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies 4 retroactively to January 1, 2008, for tax years beginning on 5 or after that date. 6 LSB 5517YH 82

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