

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 HB3194

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 5/232 new

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a refundable income tax credit in the amount of \$1,000 for individual taxpayers who are employed as first responders or front line health care workers in the State during the taxable year. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by adding Section 232 as follows:
- 6 (35 ILCS 5/232 new)
- 7 <u>Sec. 232. First responder and health care worker credit.</u>
- 8 (a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1,
- 9 2021 and beginning prior to January 1, 2022, each individual
- 10 <u>taxpayer who is employed as a first responder or front line</u>
- 11 <u>health care worker in the State during the taxable year is</u>
- 12 <u>entitled to a credit against the taxes imposed by subsections</u>
- 13 (a) and (b) of Section 201 in an amount equal to \$1,000. The
- 14 Department may adopt rules to verify the taxpayer's
- 15 <u>employment.</u>
- 16 (b) The credit under this Section may not reduce the
- 17 <u>taxpayer's liability to less than zero. If the amount of the</u>
- 18 credit or credits exceeds the taxpayer's liability, the excess
- may be refunded to the taxpayer.
- 20 (c) As used in this Section:
- 21 "First responder" means an individual employed as
- 22 <u>emergency medical services personnel</u>, as defined in Section
- 3.5 of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act, a law

- 1 <u>enforcement officer</u>, or a firefighter.
- 2 "Front line health care worker" means person employed as a
- 3 physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice
- 4 registered nurse, a registered nurse, a licensed practical
- 5 <u>nurse</u>, a physical, occupational, or respiratory therapist, or
- 6 <u>a medical laboratory technician.</u>
- 7 (d) This Section is exempt from the provisions of Section
- 8 <u>250.</u>
- 9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 10 becoming law.