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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 500/1-15.120 new 30 ILCS 500/45-10 30 ILCS 500/50-17 new 35 ILCS 5/1501

from Ch. 120, par. 15-1501

Amends the Procurement Code. Defines "expatriate corporation" as a foreign incorporated entity that (1) is publicly traded in the United States, (2) is incorporated in a tax haven, (3) less than 10% of the gross income of which is derived from activities in the tax haven, (4) less than 10% of the employees of which are permanently located in the tax haven, and (5) has certain ownership or other business interest connections with a domestic corporation or partnership. Provides that an expatriate corporation shall be considered a non-resident bidder. Provides that no business or member of a unitary business group, as defined in the Illinois Income Tax Act, shall submit a bid for or enter into a contract with a State agency under this Code if that business or any member of the unitary business group is an expatriate corporation. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that notwithstanding the definition of "unitary business group", any person formed or incorporated in a foreign tax haven may be a member of a unitary business group without regard to where its business activities are conducted. Lists those places that are "foreign tax havens". Provides that the term "foreign tax haven" also includes any foreign country that does not impose a substantial business income tax or other substantial business activity tax, as determined by the Department by rule. Effective July 1, 2004.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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AN ACT concerning taxes.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by 5 changing Section 45-10 and adding Sections 1-15.120 and 50-17 6 as follows:

7 (30 ILCS 500/1-15.120 new) 8 Sec. 1-15.120. Expatriate corporation. "Expatriate corporation" means a foreign incorporated entity to which all 9 10 the following apply: (1) It is publicly traded in the United States; 11 (2) Is incorporated in a tax haven, including Andorra, 12 Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, the Bahamas, 13 Bahrain, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin 14 15 Islands, Cayman Islands, Cook Islands, Turks and Caicos Dominica, Gibraltar, 16 Islands, Grenada, Guernsey-Sark-Alderney, Isle of Man, Jersey, Liberia, 17 Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Maldives, Marshall Islands, 18 19 Monaco, Montserrat, Nauru, Netherlands Antilles, Niue, Panama, Samoa, Seychelles, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, 20 St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tonga, U.S. Virgin Islands, 21 22 and Vanuatu; 23 (3) Less than 10% of the gross income of the foreign entity is derived from activities in the tax haven; 24 (4) Less than 10% of the employees of the foreign 25 26 entity are permanently located in the tax haven; (5) Either clause (A) or clause (B) applies: 27 (A) The foreign entity was established in 28 connection with a transaction or series of related 29 30 transactions pursuant to which (I) the foreign entity directly or indirectly acquired substantially all of 31 the properties held by a domestic corporation or all of 32

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1	the properties constituting a trade or business of a
2	domestic partnership or related foreign partnership
3	and (II) immediately after the acquisition, more than
4	50% of the publicly traded stock, by vote or value, of
5	the foreign entity is held by former shareholders of
6	the domestic corporation or by former partners of the
7	domestic partnership or related foreign partnership.
8	For purposes of subclause (II), any stock sold in a
9	public offering related to the transaction or a series
10	of transactions is disregarded.
11	(B) The foreign entity was established in

connection with a transaction or series of related 12 13 transactions pursuant to which (I) the foreign entity directly or indirectly acquired substantially all of 14 15 the properties held by a domestic corporation or all of 16 the properties constituting a trade or business of a 17 domestic partnership or related foreign partnership and (II) the acquiring foreign entity is more than 50% 18 owned, by vote or value, by domestic shareholders or 19 20 partners.

- 21 (30 ILCS 500/45-10)
- 22 Sec. 45-10. Resident bidders.

23 (a) Amount of preference. When a contract is to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, a resident bidder shall be 24 25 allowed a preference as against a non-resident bidder from any 26 state that gives or requires a preference to bidders from that 27 state. The preference shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state of the non-resident bidder. Further, if 28 29 only non-resident bidders are bidding, the purchasing agency is 30 within its right to specify that Illinois labor and 31 manufacturing locations be used as a part of the manufacturing process, if applicable. This specification may be negotiated as 32 33 part of the solicitation process.

34 (b) Residency. A resident bidder is a person authorized to35 transact business in this State and having a bona fide

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1 establishment for transacting business within this State where it was actually transacting business on the date when any bid 2 for a public contract is first advertised or announced. A 3 resident bidder includes a foreign corporation duly authorized 4 5 to transact business in this State that has a bona fide establishment for transacting business within this State where 6 7 it was actually transacting business on the date when any bid for a public contract is first advertised or announced; 8 however, an expatriate corporation shall be considered a 9 non-resident bidder. 10

11 (c) Federal funds. This Section does not apply to any 12 contract for any project as to which federal funds are 13 available for expenditure when its provisions may be in 14 conflict with federal law or federal regulation.

15 (Source: P.A. 90-572, eff. date - See Sec. 99-5.)

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(30 ILCS 500/50-17 new)

Sec. 50-17. Expatriate corporations. No business or member of a unitary business group, as defined in the Illinois Income Tax Act, shall submit a bid for or enter into a contract with a State agency under this Code if that business or any member of the unitary business group is an expatriate corporation as defined in this Code.

23 Section 10. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by 24 changing Section 1501 as follows:

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(35 ILCS 5/1501) (from Ch. 120, par. 15-1501)

26 Sec. 1501. Definitions.

(a) In general. When used in this Act, where not otherwise
 distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible with the
 intent thereof:

30 (1) Business income. The term "business income" means
 31 income arising from transactions and activity in the
 32 regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business, net of
 33 the deductions allocable thereto, and includes income from

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1 tangible and intangible property if the acquisition, 2 management, and disposition of the property constitute 3 integral parts of the taxpayer's regular trade or business operations. Such term does not include compensation or the 4 5 deductions allocable thereto. For each taxable year 6 beginning on or after January 1, 2003, a taxpayer may elect to treat all income other than compensation as business 7 income. This election shall be made in accordance with 8 9 rules adopted by the Department and, once made, shall be 10 irrevocable.

(2) Commercial domicile. The term "commercial
 domicile" means the principal place from which the trade or
 business of the taxpayer is directed or managed.

14 (3) Compensation. The term "compensation" means wages,
15 salaries, commissions and any other form of remuneration
16 paid to employees for personal services.

17 (4) Corporation. The term "corporation" includes associations, joint-stock companies, insurance companies 18 including cooperatives. Any entity, 19 and a limited 20 liability company formed under the Illinois Limited Liability Company Act, shall be treated as a corporation if 21 it is so classified for federal income tax purposes. 22

(5) Department. The term "Department" means the Department of Revenue of this State.

25 (6) Director. The term "Director" means the Director of26 Revenue of this State.

(7) Fiduciary. The term "fiduciary" means a guardian,
 trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or any person
 acting in any fiduciary capacity for any person.

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(8) Financial organization.

(A) The term "financial organization" means any
bank, bank holding company, trust company, savings
bank, industrial bank, land bank, safe deposit
company, private banker, savings and loan association,
building and loan association, credit union, currency
exchange, cooperative bank, small loan company, sales

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1 finance company, investment company, or any person 2 which is owned by a bank or bank holding company. For the purpose of this Section a "person" will include 3 only those persons which a bank holding company may 4 5 acquire and hold an interest in, directly or 6 indirectly, under the provisions of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841, et seq.), except 7 where interests in any person must be disposed of 8 9 within certain required time limits under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956. 10

(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the term "bank" includes (i) any entity that is regulated by the Comptroller of the Currency under the National Bank Act, or by the Federal Reserve Board, or by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and (ii) any federally or State chartered bank operating as a credit card bank.

(C) For purposes of subparagraph (A) of this
paragraph, the term "sales finance company" has the
meaning provided in the following item (i) or (ii):

(i) A person primarily engaged in one or more 21 of the following businesses: the business of 22 23 purchasing customer receivables, the business of making loans upon the security of customer 24 25 receivables, the business of making loans for the express purpose of funding purchases of tangible 26 27 personal property or services by the borrower, or 28 the business of finance leasing. For purposes of 29 this item (i), "customer receivable" means:

30 (a) a retail installment contract or
31 retail charge agreement within the meaning of
32 the Sales Finance Agency Act, the Retail
33 Installment Sales Act, or the Motor Vehicle
34 Retail Installment Sales Act;

35 (b) an installment, charge, credit, or
 36 similar contract or agreement arising from the

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sale of tangible personal property or services in a transaction involving a deferred payment price payable in one or more installments subsequent to the sale; or

(c) the outstanding balance of a contract or agreement described in provisions (a) or (b) of this item (i).

A customer receivable need not provide for payment of interest on deferred payments. A sales finance company may purchase a customer receivable from, or make a loan secured by a customer receivable to, the seller in the original transaction or to a person who purchased the customer receivable directly or indirectly from that seller.

(ii) A corporation meeting each of the following criteria:

(a) the corporation must be a member of an "affiliated group" within the meaning of Section 1504(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, determined without regard to Section 1504(b) of the Internal Revenue Code;

23 (b) more than 50% of the gross income of the corporation for the taxable year must be 24 25 interest income derived from qualifying loans. A "qualifying loan" is a loan made to a member 26 27 of the corporation's affiliated group that 28 originates customer receivables (within the 29 meaning of item (i)) or to whom customer 30 receivables originated by a member of the 31 affiliated group have been transferred, to the 32 extent the average outstanding balance of loans from that corporation to members of its 33 34 affiliated group during the taxable year do not the limitation amount for that 35 exceed corporation. The "limitation amount" for a 36

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1 corporation is the average outstanding balances during the taxable year of customer 2 3 receivables (within the meaning of item (i)) originated by all members of the affiliated 4 5 group. If the average outstanding balances of the loans made by a corporation to members of 6 its affiliated group exceed the limitation 7 amount, the interest income of that 8 9 corporation from qualifying loans shall be equal to its interest income from loans to 10 11 members of its affiliated groups times a 12 fraction equal to the limitation amount 13 divided by the average outstanding balances of the loans made by that corporation to members 14 15 of its affiliated group; (c) the total of all shareholder's equity 16 17 (including, without limitation, paid-in capital on common and preferred stock and 18 19 retained earnings) of the corporation plus the 20 total of all of its loans, advances, and other obligations payable or owed to members of its 21 affiliated group may not exceed 20% of the 22 23 total assets of the corporation at any time during the tax year; and 24 (d) more than 50% of all interest-bearing 25 obligations of the affiliated group payable to 26 27 persons outside the group determined in 28 accordance with generally accepted accounting 29 principles must be obligations of the 30 corporation. This amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly is 31 32 declaratory of existing law.

33 (D) Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this paragraph are 34 declaratory of existing law and apply retroactively, 35 for all tax years beginning on or before December 31, 36 1996, to all original returns, to all amended returns

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filed no later than 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1996, and to all notices issued on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1996 under subsection (a) of Section 903, subsection (a) of Section 904, subsection (e) of Section 909, or Section 912. A taxpayer that is a "financial organization" that engages in any transaction with an affiliate shall be a "financial organization" for all purposes of this Act.

10 (E) For all tax years beginning on or before 11 December 31, 1996, a taxpayer that falls within the 12 definition of a "financial organization" under subparagraphs (B) or (C) of this paragraph, but who 13 does not fall within the definition of a "financial 14 organization" under the Proposed Regulations issued by 15 16 the Department of Revenue on July 19, 1996, may 17 irrevocably elect to apply the Proposed Regulations as though the Proposed 18 for all of those years Regulations had been lawfully promulgated, adopted, 19 20 and in effect for all of those years. For purposes of applying subparagraphs (B) or (C) of this paragraph to 21 all of those years, the election allowed by this 22 23 subparagraph applies only to the taxpayer making the election and to those members of the taxpayer's unitary 24 25 business group who are ordinarily required to apportion business income under the same subsection of 26 27 Section 304 of this Act as the taxpayer making the 28 election. No election allowed by this subparagraph 29 shall be made under a claim filed under subsection (d) 30 of Section 909 more than 30 days after the effective 31 date of this amendatory Act of 1996.

32 (F) Finance Leases. For purposes of this subsection, a finance lease shall be treated as a loan 33 or other extension of credit, rather than as a lease, 34 regardless of how the transaction is characterized for 35 any other purpose, including the purposes of any 36

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regulatory agency to which the lessor is subject. A finance lease is any transaction in the form of a lease in which the lessee is treated as the owner of the leased asset entitled to any deduction for depreciation allowed under Section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code.

7 (9) Fiscal year. The term "fiscal year" means an
8 accounting period of 12 months ending on the last day of
9 any month other than December.

10 (10) Includes and including. The terms "includes" and 11 "including" when used in a definition contained in this Act 12 shall not be deemed to exclude other things otherwise 13 within the meaning of the term defined.

14 (11) Internal Revenue Code. The term "Internal Revenue
15 Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954
16 or any successor law or laws relating to federal income
17 taxes in effect for the taxable year.

(12) Mathematical error. The term "mathematical error"
 includes the following types of errors, omissions, or
 defects in a return filed by a taxpayer which prevents
 acceptance of the return as filed for processing:

(A) arithmetic errors or incorrect computations on the return or supporting schedules;

(B) entries on the wrong lines;

(C) omission of required supporting forms or
schedules or the omission of the information in whole
or in part called for thereon; and

(D) an attempt to claim, exclude, deduct, or
improperly report, in a manner directly contrary to the
provisions of the Act and regulations thereunder any
item of income, exemption, deduction, or credit.

(13) Nonbusiness income. The term "nonbusiness income"
 means all income other than business income or
 compensation.

35 (14) Nonresident. The term "nonresident" means a
 36 person who is not a resident.

1 (15) Paid, incurred and accrued. The terms "paid", 2 "incurred" and "accrued" shall be construed according to 3 the method of accounting upon the basis of which the 4 person's base income is computed under this Act.

5 (16) Partnership and partner. The term "partnership" 6 includes a syndicate, group, pool, joint venture or other unincorporated organization, through or by means of which 7 any business, financial operation, or venture is carried 8 9 on, and which is not, within the meaning of this Act, a 10 trust or estate or a corporation; and the term "partner" 11 includes a member in such syndicate, group, pool, joint venture or organization. 12

The term "partnership" includes any entity, including a limited liability company formed under the Illinois Limited Liability Company Act, classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.

The term "partnership" does not include a syndicate, group, pool, joint venture, or other unincorporated organization established for the sole purpose of playing the Illinois State Lottery.

(17) Part-year resident. The term "part-year resident" 21 means an individual who became a resident during the 22 23 taxable year or ceased to be a resident during the taxable year. Under Section 1501(a)(20)(A)(i) residence commences 24 25 with presence in this State for other than a temporary or 26 transitory purpose and ceases with absence from this State 27 for other than a temporary or transitory purpose. Under 28 Section 1501(a)(20)(A)(ii) residence commences with the establishment of domicile in this State and ceases with the 29 30 establishment of domicile in another State.

(18) Person. The term "person" shall be construed to mean and include an individual, a trust, estate, partnership, association, firm, company, corporation, limited liability company, or fiduciary. For purposes of Section 1301 and 1302 of this Act, a "person" means (i) an individual, (ii) a corporation, (iii) an officer, agent, or

employee of a corporation, (iv) a member, agent or employee of a partnership, or (v) a member, manager, employee, officer, director, or agent of a limited liability company who in such capacity commits an offense specified in Section 1301 and 1302.

6 (18A) Records. The term "records" includes all data 7 maintained by the taxpayer, whether on paper, microfilm, 8 microfiche, or any type of machine-sensible data 9 compilation.

(19) Regulations. The term "regulations" includes
 rules promulgated and forms prescribed by the Department.

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(20) Resident. The term "resident" means:

(A) an individual (i) who is in this State for
other than a temporary or transitory purpose during the
taxable year; or (ii) who is domiciled in this State
but is absent from the State for a temporary or
transitory purpose during the taxable year;

(B) The estate of a decedent who at his or her
death was domiciled in this State;

20 (C) A trust created by a will of a decedent who at
21 his death was domiciled in this State; and

(D) An irrevocable trust, the grantor of which was domiciled in this State at the time such trust became irrevocable. For purpose of this subparagraph, a trust shall be considered irrevocable to the extent that the grantor is not treated as the owner thereof under Sections 671 through 678 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(21) Sales. The term "sales" means all gross receipts
of the taxpayer not allocated under Sections 301, 302 and
303.

31 (22) State. The term "state" when applied to a 32 jurisdiction other than this State means any state of the 33 United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth 34 of Puerto Rico, any Territory or Possession of the United 35 States, and any foreign country, or any political 36 subdivision of any of the foregoing. For purposes of the

1 foreign tax credit under Section 601, the term "state" 2 means any state of the United States, the District of 3 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any 4 territory or possession of the United States, or any 5 political subdivision of any of the foregoing, effective 6 for tax years ending on or after December 31, 1989.

7 (23) Taxable year. The term "taxable year" means the 8 calendar year, or the fiscal year ending during such 9 calendar year, upon the basis of which the base income is 10 computed under this Act. "Taxable year" means, in the case 11 of a return made for a fractional part of a year under the 12 provisions of this Act, the period for which such return is 13 made.

14 (24) Taxpayer. The term "taxpayer" means any person15 subject to the tax imposed by this Act.

16 (25) International banking facility. The term 17 international banking facility shall have the same meaning 18 as is set forth in the Illinois Banking Act or as is set 19 forth in the laws of the United States or regulations of 20 the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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(26) Income Tax Return Preparer.

(A) The term "income tax return preparer" means any 22 23 person who prepares for compensation, or who employs 24 one or more persons to prepare for compensation, any 25 return of tax imposed by this Act or any claim for refund of tax imposed by this Act. The preparation of a 26 27 substantial portion of a return or claim for refund 28 shall be treated as the preparation of that return or 29 claim for refund.

(B) A person is not an income tax return preparer if all he or she does is

32 (i) furnish typing, reproducing, or other33 mechanical assistance;

34 (ii) prepare returns or claims for refunds for 35 the employer by whom he or she is regularly and 36 continuously employed; 1

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(iii) prepare as a fiduciary returns or claims for refunds for any person; or

3 (iv) prepare claims for refunds for a taxpayer in response to any notice of deficiency issued to 4 5 that taxpayer or in response to any waiver of restriction after the commencement of an audit of 6 7 that taxpayer or of another taxpayer if а determination in the audit of the other taxpayer 8 9 directly or indirectly affects the tax liability 10 of the taxpayer whose claims he or she is 11 preparing.

12 (27) Unitary business group. The term "unitary business group" means a group of persons related through 13 common ownership whose business activities are integrated 14 with, dependent upon and contribute to each other. The 15 16 group will not include those members whose business 17 activity outside the United States is 80% or more of any such member's total business activity; for purposes of this 18 paragraph and clause (a)(3)(B)(ii) of Section 19 304, 20 business activity within the United States shall be 21 measured by means of the factors ordinarily applicable under subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), or (h) of Section 304 22 except that, in the case of members ordinarily required to 23 apportion business income by means of the 3 factor formula 24 25 of property, payroll and sales specified in subsection (a) of Section 304, including the formula as weighted in 26 27 subsection (h) of Section 304, such members shall not use 28 the sales factor in the computation and the results of the 29 property and payroll factor computations of subsection (a) 30 of Section 304 shall be divided by 2 (by one if either the 31 property or payroll factor has a denominator of zero). The 32 computation required by the preceding sentence shall, in each case, involve the division of the member's property, 33 payroll, or revenue miles in the United States, insurance 34 premiums on property or risk in the United States, or 35 36 financial organization business income from sources within

1 the United States, as the case may be, by the respective 2 worldwide figures for such items. Common ownership in the 3 case of corporations is the direct or indirect control or ownership of more than 50% of the outstanding voting stock 4 5 of the persons carrying on unitary business activity. 6 Unitary business activity can ordinarily be illustrated where the activities of the members are: (1) in the same 7 line (such as manufacturing, wholesaling, 8 general 9 retailing of tangible personal property, insurance, 10 transportation or finance); or (2) are steps in а 11 vertically structured enterprise or process (such as the steps involved in the production of natural resources, 12 which might include exploration, mining, refining, 13 and marketing); and, in either instance, the members are 14 functionally integrated through the exercise of strong 15 16 centralized management (where, for example, authority over 17 such matters as purchasing, financing, tax compliance, product line, personnel, marketing and capital investment 18 is not left to each member). In no event, however, will any 19 20 unitary business group include members which are ordinarily required to apportion business income under 21 different subsections of Section 304 except that for tax 22 years ending on or after December 31, 1987 this prohibition 23 shall not apply to a unitary business group composed of one 24 25 or more taxpayers all of which apportion business income pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 304, or all of which 26 27 apportion business income pursuant to subsection (d) of 28 Section 304, and a holding company of such single-factor taxpayers (see definition of "financial organization" for 29 30 holding companies of financial rule regarding 31 organizations). If a unitary business group would, but for 32 the preceding sentence, include members that are ordinarily required to apportion business income under 33 different subsections of Section 304, then for each 34 subsection of Section 304 for which there are two or more 35 members, there shall be a separate unitary business group 36

1 composed of such members. For purposes of the preceding two 2 sentences, a member is "ordinarily required to apportion business income" under a particular subsection of Section 3 304 if it would be required to use the apportionment method 4 5 prescribed by such subsection except for the fact that it derives business income solely from Illinois. If the 6 unitary business group members' accounting periods differ, 7 the common parent's accounting period or, if there is no 8 9 common parent, the accounting period of the member that is 10 expected to have, on a recurring basis, the greatest 11 Illinois income tax liability must be used to determine whether to use the apportionment method provided in 12 subsection (a) or subsection (h) of Section 304. The 13 prohibition against membership in a unitary business group 14 for taxpayers ordinarily required to apportion income 15 16 under different subsections of Section 304 does not apply 17 to taxpayers required to apportion income under subsection (a) and subsection (h) of Section 304. The provisions of 18 this amendatory Act of 1998 apply to tax years ending on or 19 20 after December 31, 1998.

(28) Subchapter S corporation. The term "Subchapter S corporation" means a corporation for which there is in effect an election under Section 1362 of the Internal Revenue Code, or for which there is a federal election to opt out of the provisions of the Subchapter S Revision Act of 1982 and have applied instead the prior federal Subchapter S rules as in effect on July 1, 1982.

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(29) Foreign tax haven.

29(A) Notwithstanding any provision of item (27),30any person formed or incorporated in a foreign tax31haven may be a member of a unitary business group32without regard to where its business activities are33conducted.

34(B) The term "foreign tax haven" includes Andorra,35Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, the Bahamas,36Bahrain, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin

1	Islands, Cayman Islands, Cook Islands, Turks and
2	<u>Caicos Islands, Dominica, Gibraltar, Grenada,</u>
3	Guernsey-Sark-Alderney, Isle of Man, Jersey, Liberia,
4	Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Maldives, Marshall Islands,
5	Monaco, Montserrat, Nauru, Netherlands Antilles, Niue,
6	Panama, Samoa, Seychelles, St. Kitts and Nevis, St.
7	Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tonga, U.S.
8	Virgin Islands, and Vanuatu.
9	(C) The term "foreign tax haven" also includes any
10	foreign country that does not impose a substantial
11	business income tax or other substantial business
12	activity tax, as determined by the Department by rule.
13	(D) The provisions of this item (29) apply to tax
14	years ending on or after December 31, 2004.
15	(b) Other definitions.
16	(1) Words denoting number, gender, and so forth, when
17	used in this Act, where not otherwise distinctly expressed
18	or manifestly incompatible with the intent thereof:
19	(A) Words importing the singular include and apply
20	to several persons, parties or things;
21	(B) Words importing the plural include the
22	singular; and
23	(C) Words importing the masculine gender include
24	the feminine as well.
25	(2) "Company" or "association" as including successors
26	and assigns. The word "company" or "association", when used
27	in reference to a corporation, shall be deemed to embrace
28	the words "successors and assigns of such company or
29	association", and in like manner as if these last-named
30	words, or words of similar import, were expressed.
31	(3) Other terms. Any term used in any Section of this
32	Act with respect to the application of, or in connection
33	with, the provisions of any other Section of this Act shall
34	have the same meaning as in such other Section.
35	(Source: P.A. 91-535, eff. 1-1-00; 91-913, eff. 1-1-01; 92-846,

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2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 3 2004.