94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HB4684

Introduced 1/12/2006, by Rep. Rich Brauer

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 5/216 new

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that for taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2006, each taxpayer who was a member in good standing of a volunteer fire department during the entire taxable year is entitled to an income tax credit. Provides that the credit may not exceed \$500 or the amount of the taxpayer's liability under this Act, whichever is less. Prohibits the carry forward of an excess tax credit to a succeeding year's tax liability. Exempts the provisions from the sunset requirements. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY 1

AN ACT concerning taxes.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by adding
Section 216 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 5/216 new)

7 <u>Sec. 216. Tax credit for volunteer firefighters.</u>

8 (a) For taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2006, each taxpayer who was a member in good standing of a volunteer 9 fire department during the entire taxable year is entitled to a 10 credit against the tax imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of 11 Section 201. The credit allowed under this Section may not 12 exceed \$500 or the amount of the taxpayer's liability under 13 this Act, whichever is less. If the amount of the credit 14 15 exceeds the taxpayer's liability under this Act for the year, then the excess may not be carried forward to apply to the 16 17 taxpayer's liability for the succeeding year.

18 (b) For the purposes of this Section, "volunteer 19 firefighter" means a firefighter who does not receive monetary 20 compensation for his or her services to a fire department or 21 fire protection district. Monetary compensation does not 22 include a monetary incentive awarded to a firefighter by the 23 board of trustees of a fire protection district under Section 6 24 of the Fire Protection Act.

25 (c) This Section is exempt from the provisions of Section
26 <u>250.</u>

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon28 becoming law.