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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections  
2 77-6306, 77-6307, and 77-6309, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
3 Supplement, 2014; to change the amount of tax credits allowed and  
4 reporting requirements under the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act; to  
5 repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.  
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 77-6306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2014, is amended to read:

3 77-6306 (1) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or  
4 after January 1, 2011, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
5 amended, a qualified investor or qualified fund is eligible for a  
6 refundable tax credit equal to thirty-five percent of its qualified  
7 investment in a qualified small business, except that if the qualified  
8 small business is located in a distressed area the qualified investor or  
9 qualified fund is eligible for a refundable tax credit equal to forty  
10 percent of its qualified investment in the qualified small business. The  
11 director shall not allocate more than four ~~three~~ million dollars in tax  
12 credits to all qualified investors or qualified funds in a calendar year.  
13 If the director does not allocate the entire four ~~three~~ million dollars  
14 of tax credits in a calendar year, the tax credits that are not allocated  
15 shall not carry forward to subsequent years. The director shall not  
16 allocate any amount for tax credits for calendar years after 2019.

17 (2) The director shall not allocate more than a total maximum amount  
18 in tax credits for a calendar year to a qualified investor for the  
19 investor's cumulative qualified investments as an individual qualified  
20 investor and as an investor in a qualified fund as provided in this  
21 subsection. For married couples filing joint returns the maximum is three  
22 hundred fifty thousand dollars, and for all other filers the maximum is  
23 three hundred thousand dollars. The director shall not allocate more than  
24 a total of one million dollars in tax credits for qualified investments  
25 in any one qualified small business.

26 (3) The director shall not allocate a tax credit to a qualified  
27 investor either as an individual qualified investor or as an investor in  
28 a qualified fund if the investor receives more than forty-nine percent of  
29 the investor's gross annual income from the qualified small business in  
30 which the qualified investment is proposed. A family member of an  
31 individual disqualified by this subsection is not eligible for a tax

1 credit under this section. For a married couple filing a joint return,  
2 the limitations in this subsection apply collectively to the investor and  
3 spouse. For purposes of determining the ownership interest of an investor  
4 under this subsection, the rules under section 267(c) and (e) of the  
5 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, apply.

6 (4) Tax credits shall be allocated to qualified investors or  
7 qualified funds in the order that the tax credit applications are filed  
8 with the director. Once tax credits have been approved and allocated by  
9 the director, the qualified investors and qualified funds shall implement  
10 the qualified investment specified within ninety days after allocation of  
11 the tax credits. Qualified investors and qualified funds shall notify the  
12 director no later than thirty days after the expiration of the ninety-day  
13 period that the qualified investment has been made. If the qualified  
14 investment is not made within ninety days after allocation of the tax  
15 credits, or the director has not, within thirty days following expiration  
16 of the ninety-day period, received notification that the qualified  
17 investment was made, the tax credit allocation is canceled and available  
18 for reallocation. A qualified investor or qualified fund that fails to  
19 invest as specified in the application within ninety days after  
20 allocation of the tax credits shall notify the director of the failure to  
21 invest within five business days after the expiration of the ninety-day  
22 investment period.

23 (5) All tax credit applications filed with the director on the same  
24 day shall be treated as having been filed contemporaneously. If two or  
25 more qualified investors or qualified funds file tax credit applications  
26 on the same day and the aggregate amount of tax credit allocation  
27 requests exceeds the aggregate limit of tax credits under this section or  
28 the lesser amount of tax credits that remain unallocated on that day,  
29 then the tax credits shall be allocated among the qualified investors or  
30 qualified funds who filed on that day on a pro rata basis with respect to  
31 the amounts requested. The pro rata allocation for any one qualified

1 investor or qualified fund shall be the product obtained by multiplying a  
2 fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of the tax credit  
3 allocation request filed on behalf of a qualified investor or qualified  
4 fund and the denominator of which is the total of all tax credit  
5 allocation requests filed on behalf of all applicants on that day, by the  
6 amount of tax credits that remain unallocated on that day for the taxable  
7 year.

8 (6) A qualified investor or qualified fund, or a qualified small  
9 business acting on behalf of the investor or fund, shall notify the  
10 director when an investment for which tax credits were allocated has been  
11 made and shall furnish the director with documentation of the investment  
12 date. A qualified fund shall also provide the director with a statement  
13 indicating the amount invested by each investor in the qualified fund  
14 based on each investor's share of the assets of the qualified fund at the  
15 time of the qualified investment. After receiving notification that the  
16 qualified investment was made, the director shall issue tax credit  
17 certificates for the taxable year in which the qualified investment was  
18 made to the qualified investor or, for a qualified investment made by a  
19 qualified fund, to each qualified investor who is an investor in the  
20 fund. The certificate shall state that the tax credit is subject to  
21 revocation if the qualified investor or qualified fund does not hold the  
22 investment in the qualified small business for at least three years,  
23 consisting of the calendar year in which the investment was made and the  
24 two following calendar years. The three-year holding period does not  
25 apply if:

26 (a) The qualified investment by the qualified investor or qualified  
27 fund becomes worthless before the end of the three-year period;

28 (b) Eighty percent or more of the assets of the qualified small  
29 business are sold before the end of the three-year period;

30 (c) The qualified small business is sold or merges with another  
31 business before the end of the three-year period;

1 (d) The qualified small business's common stock begins trading on a  
2 public exchange before the end of the three-year period; or

3 (e) In the case of an individual qualified investor, such investor  
4 becomes deceased before the end of the three-year period.

5 (7) The director shall notify the Tax Commissioner that tax credit  
6 certificates have been issued, including the amount of tax credits and  
7 all other pertinent tax information.

8 Sec. 2. Section 77-6307, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
9 2014, is amended to read:

10 77-6307 (1) ~~Each Beginning July 1, 2012, each~~ qualified small  
11 business, qualified investor, and qualified fund shall submit an annual  
12 report to the director by July 1 of each year ~~identifying the amount of~~  
13 ~~money that has been invested by or in it in the previous calendar year~~  
14 ~~under the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act.~~

15 ~~(2)~~ The report shall certify that the business, investor, or ~~and~~ fund  
16 satisfies the requirements of the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act and  
17 shall include all information which will enable the Department of  
18 Economic Development to fulfill its reporting requirements under section  
19 77-6309 act.

20 ~~(2 3)~~ A qualified small business that ceases all operations and  
21 becomes insolvent shall file a final report with the director in the form  
22 required by the director documenting its insolvency.

23 ~~(3 4)~~ To maintain the confidentiality of the qualified investor and  
24 qualified small business, the Department of Economic Development shall  
25 use a designated number to identify such persons or businesses.

26 ~~(4 5)~~ A qualified small business, qualified investor, or qualified  
27 fund that fails to file a complete ~~an~~ annual report by July 1 shall, at  
28 the discretion of the director, be subject to a fine of two hundred  
29 dollars, revocation of its certification, or both.

30 Sec. 3. Section 77-6309, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
31 2014, is amended to read:

1           77-6309 (1) By November 15 of each odd-numbered year, the Department  
2 of Economic Development shall submit a report to the Legislature and the  
3 Governor that includes:

4           (a) The number and geographic location of qualified investors;

5           (b) The number, geographic location, and amount of qualified  
6 investment made into each qualified small business;

7           (c) The total amount of all grants, loans, incentives, and  
8 investments that are not qualified investments received by each qualified  
9 small business since receiving the initial qualified investment;

10          (d e) A breakdown of the industry sectors in which qualified small  
11 businesses are involved;

12          (e d) The number of actual tax credits issued by project under the  
13 Angel Investment Tax Credit Act on an annual basis; and

14          (f e) The number and annual salary or wage of jobs created at each  
15 qualified small business since receiving the initial qualified  
16 investment.

17          The report submitted to the Legislature shall be submitted  
18 electronically.

19          (2) Information received, developed, created, or otherwise  
20 maintained by the Department of Economic Development and the Department  
21 of Revenue in administering and enforcing the Angel Investment Tax Credit  
22 Act, other than information required to be included in the report to be  
23 submitted by the Department of Economic Development pursuant to this  
24 section, may be deemed confidential by the respective departments and not  
25 subject to public disclosure.

26          Sec. 4. Original sections 77-6306, 77-6307, and 77-6309, Revised  
27 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, are repealed.

28          Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
29 passed and approved according to law.