



Rhode Island Department of Revenue

Division of Taxation

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NOTICE TO ALL TAXPAYERS & TAX PROFESSIONALS INVOLVING STATE TAX CREDITS

As a result of legislation recently approved in the 2021 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly and signed into law by Rhode Island Governor Daniel J. McKee, changes have made to certain Rhode Island state tax credits.¹

'Wavemaker' awards

The "Stay Invested in RI Wavemaker Fellowship" program, under Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 42-64.26, was originally scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2021. Under the new law, the sunset has been extended: No incentives or credits shall be authorized after December 31, 2022. Also, any award issued under the program after January 1, 2021, shall be exempt from Rhode Island personal income tax.

'Rebuild Rhode Island' credits

The "Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit" program, under Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 42-64.20, was originally scheduled to sunset June 30, 2021. Under the new law, the sunset has been extended: No credits shall be authorized to be reserved after December 31, 2022. Also, additional funds have been allocated to the program.

Motion picture production credits

Changes have been made to the "Motion Picture Production Tax Credits" program, under Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 44-31.2, and the "Musical and Theatrical Production Tax Credits" program under Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 44-31.3.

Under former law, no more than twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) in total could be issued for motion picture tax credits and/or musical and theatrical production tax credits. Under the new law, solely for the 2022 tax year, the total amount of motion picture tax credits and/or musical and theatrical production tax credits issued shall not exceed thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000).

Historic preservation credits

The "Historic Preservation Tax Credits 2013" program, under Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 44-33.6, was originally scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2021. Under the new law, the sunset has been extended: No credits shall be authorized to be reserved on or after June 30, 2022, or upon

¹ House Bill 6122 Substitute A as amended: <http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText21/HouseText21/H6122Aaa.pdf>.

the exhaustion of the maximum aggregate credits, whichever comes first. Also, \$20 million of additional funds have been allocated to the program.

Qualified jobs credits

The “Rhode Island Qualified Jobs Incentive Act of 2015” program, under Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 44-48.3, was originally scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2021. Under the new law, the sunset has been extended: No credits shall be authorized to be reserved after December 31, 2022.

Tax increment financing

The “Rhode Island Tax Increment Financing” program, under Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 42-64.21, was originally scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2021. Under the new law, the sunset has been extended: The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation shall enter into no tax increment financing agreement after December 31, 2022.

Contact Information

For questions about this Notice, contact the Rhode Island Division of Taxation via the following email address: Tax.Credits@tax.ri.gov.

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