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AN ACT

To amend chapter 135, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a tax credit for qualified railroad infrastructure investments.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 135, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 135.1210, to read as follows:

135.1210. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

2 **(1) "Eligible customer", a person who uses any railroad or railroad-related**
3 **property, facilities, or structures located wholly or partly within the state of Missouri to**
4 **directly or indirectly transport property, commodities, or goods, or who is served by any**
5 **railroad, or who stores railcars on any railroad in Missouri;**

6 **(2) "Eligible taxpayer":**

7 **(a) Any short line railroad company located wholly or partly in the state of**
8 **Missouri that is classified by the United States Surface Transportation board as a Class**
9 **II or Class III railroad; or**

10 **(b) Any owner or lessee of a rail siding, industrial spur, or industry track located**
11 **on or adjacent to any railroad in the state of Missouri;**

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13 **and subject to the state income tax imposed under chapter 143, 147, or 148, excluding**
14 **the withholding tax imposed under sections 143.191 to 143.265, who made qualified**
15 **railroad track expenditures in Missouri or qualified new rail infrastructure**
16 **expenditures in Missouri during the tax year for which a credit under this section is**
17 **claimed;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 (3) "Eligible vendor", a person who provides railroad-related services directly to
19 an eligible taxpayer;

20 (4) "Person", the same meaning as defined under section 1.020;

21 (5) "Qualified amount", for any eligible taxpayer in a given tax year, an amount
22 equal to fifty percent of an eligible taxpayer's qualified railroad track expenditures or
23 qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures, provided that:

24 (a) For qualified railroad track expenditures, the amount of tax credit shall not
25 exceed an amount equal to the product of five thousand dollars multiplied by the
26 number of miles of railroad track owned or leased in the state by a Class II or Class III
27 railroad as of the close of the tax year; and

28 (b) For qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures, the amount of tax credit
29 shall not exceed one million dollars for each new rail-served customer project of an
30 eligible taxpayer;

31 (6) "Qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures", gross expenditures for new
32 rail infrastructure by an eligible taxpayer, which includes the construction of new track
33 infrastructure such as industrial leads, switches, spurs, sidings, rail loading docks, and
34 transloading structures involved with servicing new customer locations or expansions by
35 any railroad located in Missouri;

36 (7) "Qualified railroad expenditures", gross expenditures for maintenance,
37 reconstruction, or replacement of railroad infrastructure, including track, roadbed,
38 bridges, industrial leads and sidings, and track-related structures owned or leased by a
39 Class II or Class III railroad located in Missouri. "Qualified railroad expenditures"
40 does not include expenditures used to generate a federal tax credit or expenditures
41 funded by a state or federal grant;

42 (8) "Railroad-related services", includes, but is not limited to, the following:
43 transport of freight by rail; loading and unloading of freight transported by rail;
44 railroad bridge services; railroad track construction; provision of railroad track
45 material or equipment; locomotive or freight train car leasing or rental; provision of
46 railroad financial services, including banking or insurance; maintenance of a railroad's
47 right-of-way, including vegetation control; and freight train car repair, rehabilitation, or
48 remanufacturing repair services;

49 (9) "Tax credit", a credit against the tax otherwise due under chapter 143, 147,
50 or 148, excluding withholding tax imposed under sections 143.191 to 143.265.

51 2. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, an eligible taxpayer
52 shall be allowed to claim a nonrefundable tax credit for qualified railroad track
53 expenditures in Missouri or for qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures in

54 Missouri against the taxpayer's state tax liability in an amount equal to the taxpayer's
55 qualified amount.

56 3. An eligible taxpayer who seeks to claim a tax credit under this section shall
57 submit a certificate of eligibility to the Missouri department of economic development
58 after completion of the qualified railroad expenditures or qualified new rail
59 infrastructure expenditures. The certificate shall include the number of miles of
60 railroad track owned or leased in this state and a description of the amount of qualified
61 railroad expenditures or qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures completed. The
62 certificate shall be made on forms and in the manner prescribed by the department and
63 considered in the order received.

64 4. If the department of economic development determines that the taxpayer
65 meets the requirements to claim a tax credit under this section, the department may
66 issue a certificate of eligibility to the eligible taxpayer. The certificate shall be numbered
67 for identification and declare its date of issuance and the amount of the tax credit
68 allowed under this section.

69 5. (1) The cumulative amount of tax credits under this section authorized for
70 qualified railroad track expenditures in this state shall not exceed four million five
71 hundred thousand dollars per calendar year. If the amount of tax credits claimed in a
72 calendar year under this section for qualified railroad track expenditures exceeds four
73 million five hundred thousand dollars, tax credits shall be allowed based on the order in
74 which they are claimed.

75 (2) The cumulative amount of tax credits under this section authorized for
76 qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures in this state shall not exceed ten million
77 dollars per calendar year. If the amount of tax credits claimed in a calendar year under
78 this section for qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures exceeds ten million
79 dollars, tax credits shall be allowed based on the order in which they are claimed.

80 6. Any unused portion of a tax credit allowed under this section may be carried
81 forward for up to five subsequent tax years immediately following the tax year the
82 credit was allowed.

83 7. (1) Subject to the requirements of this subsection, an eligible taxpayer who
84 earns and is entitled to the credit or to an unused portion of the credit allowed by this
85 section may transfer all or a portion of the unused credit by written agreement to any
86 eligible customer, eligible vendor, or any taxpayer subject to tax imposed under chapter
87 143, 147, or 148, excluding withholding tax imposed under sections 143.191 to 143.265,
88 at any time during the year in which the credit is earned and the five years following the
89 year of the qualified expenditures. The taxpayer originally allowed the tax credit and
90 the subsequent transferee shall jointly file a copy of the written credit transfer

91 agreement with the department of revenue. The agreement shall include the name,
92 address, and taxpayer identification number of the parties to the transfer; the amount of
93 the credit being transferred; the year the credit was originally allowed to the
94 transferring taxpayer; and the tax year or years for which the credit may be claimed. In
95 the event of such a transfer, the transferee may claim the credit on the transferee's
96 income tax return originally filed during the calendar year in which the transfer takes
97 place and in the case of carryover of the credit, on the transferee's returns for the
98 number of years of carryover available to the transferor at the time of the transfer
99 unless earlier exhausted.

100 (2) In the event that after the transfer the department of revenue determines
101 that the amount of credit properly available under this section is less than the amount
102 claimed by the transferor of the credit or that the credit is subject to recapture, the
103 department shall assess the amount of overstated or recaptured credit as taxes due from
104 the transferor and not the transferee. The assessment shall be made in the manner
105 provided for a deficiency in taxes under state law.

106 8. The department of economic development shall prepare an annual report for
107 the general assembly outlining tax credit transfers that take place each calendar year,
108 listing the qualified railroad expenditures and qualified new rail infrastructure
109 expenditures for each eligible taxpayer and a statement summarizing the investments
110 made by the eligible taxpayer.

111 9. The department of economic development may promulgate rules governing
112 the allowance of the income tax credit provided for in this section, including provisions
113 for the verification of the timeliness of a claim, the process and documentation required
114 for the department of economic development to approve an income tax credit for
115 qualified railroad expenditures or qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures, and
116 any documentation that the department of economic development requires in order to
117 determine that an eligible taxpayer, eligible customer, or eligible vendor meets the
118 requirements of this section. In addition to other needed rules, the department of
119 economic development may promulgate rules prescribing, in the case of S corporations,
120 partnerships, trusts, or estates, a method of attributing the credit under this section to
121 the shareholders, partners, or beneficiaries in proportion to their share of the income
122 from the S corporation, partnership, trust, or estate.

123 10. The department of revenue and the department of economic development
124 shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this
125 section including, but not limited to, rules relating to the verification of a taxpayer's
126 qualified amount. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
127 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become

128 **effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,**
129 **if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any**
130 **of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to**
131 **delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**
132 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**
133 **adopted after August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.**

134 **11. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

135 **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall**
136 **automatically sunset December thirty-first six years after the effective date of this**
137 **section, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly;**

138 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**
139 **shall automatically sunset December thirty-first twelve years after the effective date of**
140 **the reauthorization of this section; and**

141 **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year**
142 **immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this**
143 **section is sunset.**

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