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Short Title: Nonhaz. Dry-Cleaning Incentive/Investment.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR INVESTING IN DRY-CLEANING
EQUIPMENT THAT DOES NOT USE HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND TO
MODIFY THE AUTHORIZATION FOR INVESTING STATE FUNDS IN RURAL
NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 3B of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is amended by
adding a new section to read:

**"§ 105-129.16C. Credit for investing in dry-cleaning equipment that does not use a
hazardous substance.**

(a) Credit. – If a taxpayer that has purchased or leased qualified dry-cleaning
equipment, places it in service in this State for commercial purposes during the taxable
year, the taxpayer is allowed a credit equal to twenty percent (20%) of the cost of the
equipment. To support the credit allowed by this section, the taxpayer must file with the
tax return for the taxable year in which the credit is claimed a certification by the
Department of Environment and Natural Resources that the equipment purchased or
leased by the taxpayer is qualified dry-cleaning equipment.

1 **(b) Restrictions.** – No credit is allowed under this section to the extent the cost of
2 the equipment was paid with public funds. A taxpayer that claims any other credit
3 allowed under this Chapter with respect to qualified dry-cleaning equipment may not take
4 the credit allowed in this section with respect to the same equipment.

5 **(c) Definitions.** – The following definitions apply only in this section:

6 **(1) Hazardous solvent.** – A solvent, any portion of which consists of a
7 chlorine-based solvent, a hydrocarbon-based solvent, a hazardous
8 substance as defined in G.S. 130A-310(2), or any substance determined
9 by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency or the
10 Director of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health to
11 possess carcinogenic potential to humans.

12 **(2) Qualified dry-cleaning equipment.** – Equipment that is designed and
13 used primarily to dry-clean clothing and other fabric and does not use
14 any hazardous solvent or any other substance that the Department of
15 Environment and Natural Resources determines to pose a threat to
16 human health or the environment."

17 Section 2. G.S. 147-69.2(b)(9) and (10) read as rewritten:

18 **"(b)** It shall be the duty of the State Treasurer to invest the cash of the funds
19 enumerated in subsection (a) of this section in excess of the amount required to meet the
20 current needs and demands on such funds, selecting from among the following:

21 ...

22 **(9)** Obligations and securities of The North Carolina Enterprise
23 Corporation, of the North Carolina Economic Opportunities Fund, or of
24 a limited partnership in which The North Carolina Enterprise
25 Corporation or the North Carolina Economic Opportunities Fund is the
26 only general partner, not to exceed twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000)
27 from all ~~funds~~.

28 ~~(10)~~ A ~~funds~~; and a limited partnership interest in a partnership whose
29 primary purpose is to invest in venture capital or corporate buyout
30 transactions, not to exceed thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) from all
31 funds. These maximum dollar amounts do not apply to or restrict the
32 reinvestment in accordance with this subdivision of any income from
33 these investments."

34 Section 3. Section 1 of this act is effective for taxable years beginning on or
35 after July 1, 2001. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.