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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes a personal income tax credit for the installation of energy efficient household devices such as washers, dryers, ranges, refrigerators, water heaters, furnaces, or air conditioners, among other items, excluding entertainment devices.
- The amount of the credit depends on the cost of the device, and may be up to \$1,000 for devices costing \$10,000 or more.
- The credit is nonrefundable.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Income tax credit for purchasing energy saving devices

(secs. 5747.72 and 5747.98)

The bill grants a credit against the personal income tax for energy saving devices purchased and installed for household use. The device must be installed in the taxpayer's home.

The credit is available for devices purchased and installed in taxable years beginning in 2001 or thereafter.

"Energy saving device"

For the purposes of the tax credit, an energy saving device is any of the following devices, as long as the device carries the "energy star" label indicating

that the device meets efficiency standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy:

- Washers and dryers
- Ranges
- Refrigerators, freezers
- Dishwashers
- Trash compactors
- Furnaces, air conditioners
- Water heaters
- Other products used for regulating air or water temperature, cooking, or sanitary or other household purposes
- Exterior windows and doors

"Energy saving device" does not include televisions or other appliances used primarily for entertainment.

Amount of credit

The amount of the credit depends on the cost of the device (including installation costs, if any), as shown in the following table; but if the cost is under \$100, the credit may not exceed the cost of the device.

Cost	Credit amount
Up to \$2,500	\$100
\$2,500 to \$4999.99	\$250
\$5,000 to \$9,999.99	\$500
\$10,000 or more	\$1,000

If spouses file separate returns, they both may claim the credit as long as the total amount of credit claimed by both of them does not exceed the maximum amount of credit allowed for the device.

The credit is nonrefundable, meaning that if it exceeds the taxpayer's net tax liability, the excess amount is not refunded to the taxpayer.

HISTORY

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