MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a state income tax credit for psychiatrists and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners under certain circumstances.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

• requires the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing within the Department of Commerce to issue a tax credit certificate to a psychiatrist or psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner who submits an application to the division and provides certain information to the division;

• defines terms;

• creates a nonrefundable state income tax credit for a psychiatrist or a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner who begins practicing in the state on or after July 1, 2016;

• creates a refundable state income tax credit for a psychiatrist or a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner who provides mental health services to an underserved population in the state; and

• limits the number of years in which the income tax credits may be claimed.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:
This bill provides retrospective operation.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

59-10-1002.1, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapters 30 and 41

59-10-1002.2, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 302

ENACTS:

58-1-111, Utah Code Annotated 1953

59-10-1036, Utah Code Annotated 1953

59-10-1111, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 58-1-111 is enacted to read:

58-1-111. Tax credit certificate -- Psychiatrists and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners -- Underserved populations.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Average of 30 hours or more per week" means that the quotient calculated when dividing the claimant's total hours providing licensed services in the state during the taxable year by the number of weeks in which the claimant is licensed in the state during the taxable year is greater than or equal to 30.

(b) "Licensed services" means the provision of behavioral health treatment within the scope of practice of a psychiatrist or a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner.

(c) "Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner" means an individual who:

(i) is licensed under Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, for the practice of advanced practice registered nursing as that term is defined in Section 58-31b-102; and

(ii) holds a certification recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner.

(d) "Psychiatrist" means an individual who:

(i) is licensed as a physician under:

(A) Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;

(B) Chapter 67b, Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; or
(C) Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; and

(ii) is board eligible for a psychiatry specialization recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialists or the American Osteopathic Association's Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists.

(e) "Underserved population" means:

(i) a veteran;

(ii) an individual located in a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class, as designated in Section 17-50-501;

(iii) a Native American Indian; or

(iv) an individual who is less than 19 years of age.

(2) (a) An individual who seeks to obtain a state income tax credit under Sections 59-10-1036 and 59-10-1111 shall file an application with the division with respect to each taxable year in which the individual seeks the state income tax credit.

(b) An individual may qualify for a tax certificate under this section for no more than 10 taxable years under:

(i) Section 59-10-1036; and

(ii) Section 59-10-1111.

(3) The application shall require the individual to provide the following to the division:

(a) the date on which the individual obtained a license and the specialization described in Subsection (1)(c)(ii) or (d)(ii);

(b) the individual's social security number;

(c) an attestation to the division:

(i) that the individual averaged 30 or more hours per week during the taxable year providing licensed services; and

(ii) if applicable:

(A) that the individual devoted 25% or more of the individual's total hours of licensed services in the taxable year to an underserved population; and

(B) the type of underserved population for which the individual provided services during the taxable year; and

(d) other information as required by the division by administrative rule adopted in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
(4) (a) The division shall issue a tax certification in accordance with Subsections (4)(b) through (d) to an individual who submits the information and attestation under Subsection (3).

(b) The tax certification may state that an individual is entitled to:

(i) a tax credit under Section 59-10-1036;

(ii) a tax credit under Section 59-10-1111; or

(iii) a tax credit under Sections 59-10-1036 and 59-10-1111.

(c) (i) The tax certificate issued by the division shall state that the individual qualifies for a tax credit under Section 59-10-1036 if the individual:

(A) attested to practicing an average of 30 or more hours per week during the taxable year; and

(B) was licensed on or after July 1, 2016, or received a specialty certification under Subsection (1)(c) or (d) on or after July 1, 2016.

(ii) The tax certificate issued by the division shall state that the individual qualifies for a refundable tax credit under Section 59-10-1111, if the individual attests to the division that the individual:

(A) practiced an average of 30 or more hours per week during the taxable year; and

(B) devoted 25% or more of the individual's licensed services in the taxable year to an underserved population.

(d) The division may issue a tax refund certificate to an individual under Sections 59-10-1036 and 59-10-1111 for no more than 10 taxable years per income tax refund.

(5) The division shall provide a copy of a tax credit certificate issued under this section to the individual and the State Tax Commission.

Section 2. Section 59-10-1002.1 is amended to read:

59-10-1002.1. Removal of tax credit from tax return and prohibition on claiming or carrying forward a tax credit -- Conditions for removal and prohibition on claiming or carrying forward a tax credit -- Commission publishing requirements.

(1) As used in this section, "tax return" means a tax return filed in accordance with this chapter.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (4), beginning two taxable years after the requirements of Subsection (3) are met:

(a) the commission shall remove a tax credit allowed under this part from each tax
(b) a claimant, estate, or trust filing a tax return may not claim or carry forward the tax credit.

(3) Except as provided in Subsection (4), the commission shall remove a tax credit allowed under this part from a tax return and a claimant, estate, or trust filing a tax return may not claim or carry forward the tax credit as provided in Subsection (2) if:

(a) the total amount of the tax credit claimed or carried forward by all claimants, estates, or trusts filing tax returns is less than $10,000 per year for three consecutive taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2002; and

(b) less than 10 claimants, estates, and trusts per year for the three consecutive taxable years described in Subsection (3)(a), file a tax return claiming or carrying forward the tax credit.

(4) This section does not apply to a tax credit under:

(a) Section 59-10-1027[.]; or

(b) Section 59-10-1036.

(5) The commission shall, on or before the November interim meeting of the year after the taxable year in which the requirements of Subsection (3) are met, report to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee that in accordance with this section:

(a) the commission is required to remove a tax credit from each tax return on which the tax credit appears; and

(b) a claimant, estate, or trust filing a tax return may not claim or carry forward the tax credit.

(6) (a) Within a 30-day period after making the report required by Subsection (5), the commission shall publish a list in accordance with Subsection (6)(b) stating each tax credit that the commission will remove from a return on which the tax credit appears.

(b) The list shall:

(i) be published on:

(A) the commission's website; and

(B) the public legal notice website in accordance with Section 45-1-101;

(ii) include a statement that:

(A) the commission is required to remove the tax credit from each return on which the
tax credit appears; and
(B) the tax credit may not be claimed or carried forward on a return;
(iii) state the taxable year for which the removal described in Subsection (6)(a) takes
effect; and
(iv) remain available for viewing and searching until the commission publishes a new
list in accordance with this Subsection (6).
Section 3. Section 59-10-1002.2 is amended to read:

59-10-1002.2. Apportionment of tax credits.
(1) A nonresident individual or a part-year resident individual that claims a tax credit
in accordance with Section 59-10-1017, 59-10-1018, 59-10-1019, 59-10-1021, 59-10-1022,
59-10-1023, 59-10-1024, [or] 59-10-1028, or 59-10-1036 may only claim an apportioned
amount of the tax credit equal to:
(a) for a nonresident individual, the product of:
(i) the state income tax percentage for the nonresident individual; and
(ii) the amount of the tax credit that the nonresident individual would have been
allowed to claim but for the apportionment requirements of this section; or
(b) for a part-year resident individual, the product of:
(i) the state income tax percentage for the part-year resident individual; and
(ii) the amount of the tax credit that the part-year resident individual would have been
allowed to claim but for the apportionment requirements of this section.
(2) A nonresident estate or trust that claims a tax credit in accordance with Section
59-10-1017, 59-10-1020, 59-10-1022, 59-10-1024, or 59-10-1028 may only claim an
apportioned amount of the tax credit equal to the product of:
(a) the state income tax percentage for the nonresident estate or trust; and
(b) the amount of the tax credit that the nonresident estate or trust would have been
allowed to claim but for the apportionment requirements of this section.
Section 4. Section 59-10-1036 is enacted to read:

59-10-1036. Definitions -- Nonrefundable tax credit for psychiatrists and
psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners.
(1) As used in this section:
(a) "Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner" means the same as that term is
defined in Section 58-1-111.

(b) "Psychiatrist" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-1-111.

(c) "Tax credit certificate" means a certificate issued by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing under Section 58-1-111 certifying that the claimant is entitled to a tax credit under this section.

(2) A claimant who is a psychiatrist or a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner and who submits a tax credit certificate issued by the Division of Occupational and Professional licensing under Section 58-1-111, may claim a nonrefundable tax credit:

(a) as provided in this section;

(b) against taxes otherwise due under this chapter; and

(c) in the amount of $15,000.

(3) A claimant may claim a tax credit under this section for no more than 10 taxable years.

Section 5. Section 59-10-1111 is enacted to read:

59-10-1111. Refundable tax credit for psychiatrists and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners who work with underserved populations.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-1-111.

(b) "Psychiatrist" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-1-111.

(c) "Tax credit certificate" means a certificate issued by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing under Section 58-1-111 certifying that the claimant is entitled to a tax credit under this section.

(2) A claimant who is a psychiatrist or a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner and who submits a tax credit certificate issued by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing under Section 58-1-111, may claim a refundable tax credit:

(a) as provided in this section; and

(b) in the amount of $7,500.

(3) A claimant may claim a tax credit under this section for no more than 10 taxable years.

(4) (a) In accordance with any rules prescribed by the commission under Subsection
(4)(b), the commission shall make a refund to a claimant who claims a tax credit under this section if the amount of the tax credit exceeds the claimant's tax liability for the taxable year.

(b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission may make rules providing procedures for making a refund to a claimant as required by Subsection (4)(a).

Section 6. **Retrospective operation.**

This bill has retrospective operation for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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