1	LIFE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TAX CREDIT
2	AMENDMENTS
3	2012 GENERAL SESSION
4	STATE OF UTAH
5	Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble
6	House Sponsor: Patrick Painter
7 8	LONG TITLE
9	General Description:
10	This bill makes changes to certain tax credits.
11	Highlighted Provisions:
12	This bill:
13	 makes changes to life science and technology tax credits and related provisions; and
14	 makes technical changes.
15	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
16	None
17	Other Special Clauses:
18	This bill has retrospective operation for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1,
19	2012.
20	Utah Code Sections Affected:
21	AMENDS:
22	59-7-614.6, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 306
23	59-10-1025, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 306
24	59-10-1109, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 306
25	63M-1-2902, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 306
26	63M-1-2903, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 306
27	63M-1-2905, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 306
28	63M-1-2908, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 306
29	63M-1-2909, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 306

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30	63M-1-2910, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 306
31	REPEALS:
32	59-10-1026, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 306
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34	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
35	Section 1. Section 59-7-614.6 is amended to read:
36	59-7-614.6. Refundable tax credit for certain business entities generating state tax
37	revenue increases.
38	(1) As used in this section:
39	(a) "Eligible business entity" is as defined in Section 63M-1-2902.
40	(b) "Eligible new state tax revenues" is as defined in Section 63M-1-2902.
41	[(b)] (c) "Office" means the Governor's Office of Economic Development.
42	[(c)] (d) "Pass-through entity" is as defined in Section 59-10-1402.
43	[(d)] (e) "Pass-through entity taxpayer" is as defined in Section 59-10-1402.
44	(f) "Qualifying agreement" means an agreement under Subsection 63M-1-2908 that
45	includes a provision for an eligible business entity to make new capital expenditures of at least
46	<u>\$1,000,000 in the state.</u>
47	(2) Subject to the other provisions of this section, an eligible business entity may:
48	(a) claim a refundable tax credit as provided in Subsection (3); or
49	(b) if the eligible business entity is a pass-through entity, pass through to one or more
50	pass-through entity taxpayers of the pass-through entity, in accordance with Chapter 10, Part
51	14, Pass-through Entities and Pass-through Entity Taxpayers Act, a refundable tax credit that
52	the eligible business entity could otherwise claim under this section.
53	(3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), the amount of the tax credit an eligible
54	business entity may claim or pass through is the amount listed on the tax credit certificate that
55	the office issues to the eligible business entity for a taxable year in accordance with Section
56	63M-1-2908.
57	(b) [A] Subject to Subsection (3)(c), a tax credit under this section may not exceed the

84	(1) As used in this section:
83	establishments.
82	59-10-1025. Nonrefundable tax credit for investment in certain life science
81	Section 2. Section 59-10-1025 is amended to read:
80	tax credit certificate issued in accordance with Section 63M-1-2908 for a taxable year.
79	(b) claim or pass through a tax credit in an amount greater than the amount listed on a
78	(a) carry forward or carry back a tax credit under this section; or
77	(5) An eligible business entity may not:
76	(4)(b)(i).]
75	[(ii) for two taxable years immediately following the year described in Subsection
74	state tax revenues; and]
73	[(i) for the taxable year in which the eligible business entity first generates eligible new
72	Subsection (4)(a):]
71	[(b) subject to obtaining a tax credit certificate for each taxable year as required by
70	certificate issued in accordance with Section 63M-1-2908[; and].
69	section[: (a)] for a taxable year for which the eligible business entity holds a tax credit
68	(4) An eligible business entity may only claim or pass through a tax credit under this
67	eligible business entity.
66	Subsection (3)(c)(i), 75% of the amount of eligible new state tax revenues generated by the
65	(ii) for the seven taxable years following the last of the three taxable years described in
64	generated by the eligible business entity; and
63	state tax revenues and the two following years, the amount of eligible new state tax revenues
62	(i) for the taxable year in which the eligible business entity first generates eligible new
61	qualifying agreement may not exceed:
60	(c) A tax credit under this section for an eligible business entity that enters into a
59	taxable year for which the eligible business entity claims a tax credit under this section.
58	amount of eligible new state tax revenues generated by an eligible business entity for the

85 (a) "Commercial domicile" means the principal place from which the trade or business

86	of a Utah small business corporation is directed or managed.
87	(b) "Eligible claimant, estate, or trust" is as defined in Section 63M-1-2902.
88	(c) "Life science establishment" means an establishment described in one of the
89	following NAICS codes of the 2007 North American Industry Classification System of the
90	federal Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget:
91	(i) NAICS Code 33911, Medical Equipment and Supplies Manufacturing;
92	(ii) NAICS Code 334510, Electromedical and Electrotherapeutic Apparatus
93	Manufacturing; or
94	(iii) NAICS Code 334517, Irradiation Apparatus Manufacturing.
95	(d) "Office" means the Governor's Office of Economic Development.
96	(e) "Pass-through entity" is as defined in Section 59-10-1402.
97	(f) "Pass-through entity taxpayer" is as defined in Section 59-10-1402.
98	(g) "Qualifying ownership interest" means an ownership interest that is:
99	(i) (A) common stock;
100	(B) preferred stock; or
101	(C) an ownership interest in a pass-through entity;
102	(ii) originally issued to:
103	(A) an eligible claimant, estate, or trust; or
104	(B) a pass-through entity if the eligible claimant, estate, or trust that claims a tax credit
105	under this section was a pass-through entity taxpayer of the pass-through entity on the day on
106	which the qualifying ownership interest was issued and remains a pass-through entity taxpayer
107	of the pass-through entity until the last day of the taxable year for which the eligible claimant,
108	estate, or trust claims a tax credit under this section; and
109	(iii) issued:
110	(A) by a Utah small business corporation;
111	(B) on or after January 1, 2011; and
112	(C) for money or other property, except for stock or securities.
113	(h) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(h)(ii), "Utah small business corporation" is

as defined in Section 59-10-1022.
(ii) For purposes of this section, a corporation under Section 1244(c)(3)(A), Internal
Revenue Code, is considered to include a pass-through entity.
(2) Subject to the other provisions of this section, for a taxable year beginning on or
after January 1, 2011, an eligible claimant, estate, or trust that holds a tax credit certificate
issued to the eligible claimant, estate, or trust in accordance with Section 63M-1-2908 for that
taxable year may claim a nonrefundable tax credit in an amount up to 35% of the purchase
price of a qualifying ownership interest in a Utah small business corporation by the claimant,
estate, or trust if:
(a) the qualifying ownership interest is issued by a Utah small business corporation that
is a life science establishment;
(b) the qualifying ownership interest in the Utah small business corporation is
purchased for at least \$25,000;
(c) the eligible claimant, estate, or trust owned less than 30% of the qualifying
ownership interest of the Utah small business corporation at the time of the purchase of the
qualifying ownership interest; and
(d) on each day of the taxable year of the purchase of the qualifying ownership interest,
the Utah small business corporation described in Subsection (2)(a) has at least 50% of its
employees in the state.
(3) Subject to Subsection (4), the tax credit under Subsection (2):
(a) may only be claimed by the eligible claimant, estate, or trust:
(i) for a taxable year for which the eligible claimant, estate, or trust holds a tax credit
certificate issued in accordance with Section 63M-1-2908; and
(ii) subject to obtaining a tax credit certificate for each taxable year as required by
Subsection (3)(a)(i), for a period of three taxable years as follows:
(A) the tax credit in the taxable year of the purchase of the qualifying ownership
interest may not exceed 10% of the purchase price of the qualifying ownership interest;
(B) the tax credit in the taxable year after the taxable year described in Subsection

142	(3)(a)(ii)(A) may not exceed 10% of the purchase price of the qualifying ownership interest;
143	and
144	(C) the tax credit in the taxable year two years after the taxable year described in
145	Subsection (3)(a)(ii)(A) may not exceed 15% of the purchase price of the qualifying ownership
146	interest; and
147	(b) may not exceed the lesser of:
148	(i) the amount listed on the tax credit certificate issued in accordance with Section
149	63M-1-2908; or
150	(ii) \$350,000 in a taxable year.
151	(4) An eligible claimant, estate, or trust may not claim a tax credit under this section
152	for a taxable year if the eligible claimant, estate, or trust:
153	(a) has sold any of the qualifying ownership interest during the taxable year; or
154	(b) does not hold a tax credit certificate for that taxable year that is issued to the
155	eligible claimant, estate, or trust by the office in accordance with Section 63M-1-2908.
156	(5) If a Utah small business corporation in which an eligible claimant, estate, or trust
157	purchases a qualifying ownership interest fails, dissolves, or otherwise goes out of business, the
158	eligible claimant, estate, or trust may not claim both the tax credit provided in this section and
159	a capital loss on the qualifying ownership interest.
160	(6) If an eligible claimant is a pass-through entity taxpayer that files a return under
161	Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes, the eligible claimant may claim the tax
162	credit under this section on the return filed under Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income
163	Taxes.
164	[(6)] (7) A claimant, estate, or trust may not carry forward or carry back a tax credit
165	under this section.
166	Section 3. Section 59-10-1109 is amended to read:
167	59-10-1109. Refundable tax credit for certain business entities generating state
168	tax revenue increases.
169	(1) As used in this section:

170	(a) "Eligible business entity" is as defined in Section 63M-1-2902.
171	(b) "Eligible new state tax revenues" is as defined in Section 63M-1-2902.
172	(c) "Office" means the Governor's Office of Economic Development.
173	(d) "Pass-through entity" is as defined in Section 59-10-1402.
174	(e) "Pass-through entity taxpayer" is as defined in Section 59-10-1402.
175	(f) "Qualifying agreement" is as defined in Section 59-7-614.6.
176	(2) Subject to the other provisions of this section, an eligible business entity may:
177	(a) claim a refundable tax credit as provided in Subsection (3); or
178	(b) if the eligible business entity is a pass-through entity, pass through to one or more
179	pass-through entity taxpayers of the pass-through entity, in accordance with Chapter 10, Part
180	14, Pass-through Entities and Pass-through Entity Taxpayers Act, a refundable tax credit that
181	the eligible business entity could otherwise claim under this section.
182	(3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), the amount of the tax credit is:
183	(i) for an eligible business entity, an amount up to the amount listed on the tax credit
184	certificate that the office issues to the eligible business entity for the taxable year in accordance
185	with Section 63M-1-2908; or
186	(ii) for a pass-through entity taxpayer, an amount up to the amount of a tax credit that
187	an eligible business entity passes through to the pass-through entity taxpayer of the
188	pass-through entity in accordance with Subsection (2)(b) or Subsection 59-7-614.6(2)(b).
189	(b) [A] Subject to Subsection (3)(c), a tax credit under this section may not exceed the
190	amount of eligible new state tax revenues generated by an eligible business entity for the
191	taxable year for which the eligible business entity claims a tax credit under this section.
192	(c) A tax credit under this section for an eligible business entity that enters into a
193	qualifying agreement may not exceed:
194	(i) for the taxable year in which the eligible business entity first generates eligible new
195	state tax revenues and the two following years, the amount of eligible new state tax revenues
196	generated by the eligible business entity; and
197	(ii) for the seven taxable years following the last of the three taxable years described in

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198	Subsection (3)(c)(i), 75% of the amount of eligible new state tax revenues generated by the
199	eligible business entity.
200	(4) An eligible business entity or pass-through entity taxpayer to which an eligible
201	business entity passes through a tax credit in accordance with Subsection (2)(b) or Subsection
202	59-7-614.6(2)(b) may only claim or pass through a tax credit under this section for $[: (a)]$ a
203	taxable year for which the eligible business entity holds a tax credit certificate issued in
204	accordance with Section 63M-1-2908[; and].
205	[(b) subject to obtaining a tax credit certificate for each taxable year as required by
206	Subsection (4)(a):]
207	[(i) the taxable year in which the eligible business entity first generates eligible new
208	state tax revenues; and]
209	[(ii) two taxable years following the year described in Subsection (4)(b)(i).]
210	(5) An eligible business entity or a pass-through entity taxpayer may not:
211	(a) carry forward or carry back a tax credit under this section; or
212	(b) claim a tax credit under both this section and Section 59-7-614.6.
213	Section 4. Section 63M-1-2902 is amended to read:
214	63M-1-2902. Definitions.
215	As used in this part:
216	(1) "Board" means the Governor's Office of Economic Development Board of
217	Directors.
218	(2) "Claimant" is as defined in Section 59-10-1002.
219	(3) "Eligible business entity" means a person that:
220	(a) enters into an agreement with the office in accordance with this part to receive a tax
221	credit certificate for a tax credit under Section 59-7-614.6 or 59-10-1109;
222	(b) is:
223	(i) a life science establishment; or
224	(ii) described in NAICS Code 334413, Semiconductor and Related Device
225	Manufacturing, of the 2007 North American Industry Classification System of the federal

226	Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget;
227	(c) has at least 50% of its employees in the state for each day of a taxable year the
228	eligible business entity claims a tax credit under Section 59-7-614.6 or 59-10-1109; and
229	(d) receives a tax credit certificate from the office in accordance with this part.
230	(4) "Eligible claimant, estate, or trust" means a claimant, estate, or trust that:
231	(a) enters into an agreement with the office in accordance with this part to receive a tax
232	credit certificate for a tax credit under Section 59-10-1025 [or 59-10-1026]; and
233	(b) receives a tax credit certificate from the office in accordance with this part.
234	(5) "Eligible new state tax revenues" means an increased amount of tax revenues
235	generated as a result of an eligible product or project by an eligible business entity or a new
236	incremental job within the state under the following:
237	(a) Title 59, Chapter 7, Corporate Franchise and Income Taxes;
238	(b) Title 59, Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act; and
239	(c) Title 59, Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act.
240	(6) "Eligible product or project" means any product or project produced by an eligible
241	business entity that was not produced prior to the date of an agreement with the office under
242	Section 63M-1-2908:
243	(a) by the eligible business entity; and
244	(b) within the state.
245	(7) "Life science establishment" is as defined in Section 59-10-1025.
246	(8) "New incremental job within the state" means, with respect to an eligible business
247	entity, an employment position that:
248	(a) did not exist within the state before:
249	(i) the eligible business entity entered into an agreement with the office in accordance
250	with this part; and
251	(ii) the eligible product was produced or the eligible project began;
252	(b) is not shifted from one location in the state to another location in the state; and
253	(c) is established to the satisfaction of the office, including by amounts paid or

254 withheld by the eligible business entity under Title 59, Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act. 255 (9) "Office" means the Governor's Office of Economic Development. (10) "Tax credit" means a tax credit under: 256 257 (a) Section 59-7-614.6; 258 (b) Section 59-10-1025; or 259 [(c) Section 59-10-1026; or] 260 [(d)] (c) Section 59-10-1109. (11) "Tax credit applicant" means a person that applies to the office to receive a tax 261 262 credit certificate under this part. 263 (12) "Tax credit certificate" means a certificate issued by the office that: (a) lists the name of the tax credit certificate recipient; 264 265 (b) lists the tax credit certificate recipient's taxpayer identification number; 266 (c) lists the amount of the tax credit certificate recipient's tax credits authorized under this part for a taxable year; and 267 268 (d) includes other information as determined by the office. 269 (13) "Tax credit certificate recipient" means: 270 (a) an eligible business entity that receives a tax credit certificate in accordance with 271 this part for a tax credit under Section 59-7-614.6 or 59-10-1109; or 272 (b) an eligible claimant, estate, or trust that receives a tax credit certificate in 273 accordance with this part for a tax credit under Section 59-10-1025 [or 59-10-1026]. 274 Section 5. Section 63M-1-2903 is amended to read: 275 63M-1-2903. Tax credits issued by office. 276 (1) (a) The office may issue tax credit certificates under this part only to the extent that the Legislature, by statute, expressly [sets aside money for] authorizes the office to issue the tax 277 278 credit certificates under this part for a fiscal year. 279 (b) The Legislature intends that a statutory authorization under Subsection (1)(a) 280 specify: 281 (i) the total allocation to the tax credits under Section 59-7-614.6 and 59-10-1109; and

282	(ii) the allocation to the tax credit under Section 59-10-1025.
283	(2) For fiscal year 2011-12 only, the office may issue a total of \$1,300,000 in tax credit
284	certificates in accordance with this part.
285	(3) (a) If the total amount of tax credit certificates the office issues in a fiscal year is
286	less than the amount of tax credit certificates the office may issue under this part in a fiscal
287	year, the office may issue the remaining amount of tax credit certificates in a fiscal year after
288	the fiscal year for which there is a remaining amount of tax credit certificates.
289	(b) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(c), if the total amount of tax credit certificates
290	the office issues in a quarter of a fiscal year is less than the amount of tax credit certificates the
291	office may issue under this part in that quarter, the office may issue the remaining amount of
292	tax credit certificates in a quarter after the quarter for which there is a remaining amount of tax
293	credit certificates.
294	(c) For fiscal year 2011-12 only, if the total amount of tax credit certificates the office
295	issues in fiscal year 2011-12 is less than the amount of tax credit certificates the office may
296	issue in tax credit certificates under Subsection (2), the office:
297	(i) may issue the remaining amount of tax credit certificates in a fiscal year after fiscal
298	year 2011-12; and
299	(ii) is not required to allocate the tax credit certificates to any particular quarter.
300	Section 6. Section 63M-1-2905 is amended to read:
301	63M-1-2905. Application process.
302	(1) A tax credit applicant may [annually] apply to the office to receive a tax credit
303	certificate by filing an application with the office:
304	(a) [on or before July 1] on or before the quarterly deadline established by the office by
305	rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
306	(b) on a form and in the manner prescribed by the office.
307	(2) The application shall include:
308	(a) tax return information as required by the office that is necessary for the office to
309	determine eligibility for and the amount of a tax credit; and

310	(b) other documentation as required by the office.
311	(3) As part of the application required by this section, a tax credit applicant shall sign a
312	separate document that expressly directs and authorizes the State Tax Commission to disclose
313	to the office the tax credit certificate recipient's tax returns and other information concerning
314	the tax credit certificate that:
315	(a) would otherwise be subject to confidentiality under Section 59-1-403 or Section
316	6103, Internal Revenue Code; and
317	(b) are necessary for the office to determine eligibility for and the amount of a tax
318	credit under this part.
319	(4) Upon receipt of the document described in Subsection (3), the State Tax
320	Commission shall provide the office with the tax returns and other information requested by
321	the office that the tax credit applicant directed or authorized the State Tax Commission to
322	provide to the office, including information necessary to determine eligibility for the amount of
323	a tax credit.
324	(5) If the office determines that the information a tax credit applicant provides is
325	inadequate to provide a reasonable justification for authorizing a tax credit, the office shall:
326	(a) deny the tax credit; or
327	(b) inform the tax credit applicant that the information is inadequate and ask the tax
328	credit applicant to submit new or additional documentation.
329	Section 7. Section 63M-1-2908 is amended to read:
330	63M-1-2908. Agreement between tax credit applicant and office Tax credit
331	certificate.
332	(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection 63M-1-2903(3)(b), for each quarter of a fiscal
333	year after fiscal year 2011-12, the office shall allocate:
334	(i) 25% of the total amounts made available for allocation in accordance with Section
335	63M-1-2903 for the tax credits under Sections 59-7-614.6 and 59-10-1109; and
336	(ii) 25% of the amounts made available for allocation in accordance with Section
337	63M-1-2903 for the tax credit under Section 59-10-1025.

338 [(1)] (b) Subject to the other provisions of this part, the office, with advice from the 339 board, shall determine [on or before the August 1 immediately following the July 1 described 340 in Subsection 63M-1-2905(1)] quarterly: 341 $\left[\frac{a}{a}\right]$ (i) the tax credit applicant or applicants to which a tax credit certificate may be 342 provided; and 343 [(b)] (ii) the amount of tax credit a tax credit applicant may receive. 344 (2) The office, with advice from the board, may enter into an agreement to grant a tax 345 credit certificate to a tax credit applicant selected in accordance with this part, if the tax credit 346 applicant meets the conditions established in the agreement and under this part. 347 (3) The agreement described in Subsection (2) shall: 348 (a) detail the requirements that the tax credit applicant shall meet prior to receiving a 349 tax credit certificate; 350 (b) require the tax credit certificate recipient to retain records supporting a claim for a 351 tax credit for at least four years after the tax credit certificate recipient claims a tax credit under 352 this part; and 353 (c) require the tax credit certificate recipient to submit to audits for verification of the 354 tax credit claimed, including audits by the office and by the State Tax Commission. Section 8. Section 63M-1-2909 is amended to read: 355 356 63M-1-2909. Issuance of tax credit certificates. (1) For a tax credit applicant that seeks to claim a tax credit [under Section 59-7-614.6, 357 59-10-1025, or 59-10-1109], the office may issue a tax credit certificate to the tax credit 358 359 applicant: 360 (a) for the first taxable year for which the tax credit applicant qualifies for the tax credit and enters into an agreement with the office; [and] 361 (b) for two taxable years immediately following the taxable year described in 362 363 Subsection (1)(a)[-]; and [(2) For a tax credit applicant that seeks to claim a tax credit under Section 364 365 59-10-1026, the office may issue a tax credit certificate to the tax credit applicant only for the

366	taxable year for which the tax credit applicant qualifies for the tax credit and enters into an
367	agreement with the office.]
368	(c) for the seven taxable years immediately following the last of the two taxable years
369	described in Subsection (1)(b) if:
370	(i) the agreement with the office described in Section 63M-1-2908 includes a provision
371	that the tax credit applicant will make new capital expenditures of at least \$1,000,000,000 in
372	the state; and
373	(ii) the tax credit applicant makes new capital expenditures of at least \$1,000,000,000
374	in the state in accordance with the agreement with the office described in Section 63M-1-2908.
375	[(3)] (2) The office shall provide a duplicate copy of each tax credit certificate to the
376	State Tax Commission.
377	Section 9. Section 63M-1-2910 is amended to read:
378	63M-1-2910. Report to the Legislature Study by legislative committees.
379	(1) The office shall annually report to the Workforce Services and Community and
380	Economic Development Interim Committee and Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee
381	describing:
382	(a) the total amount listed on tax credit certificates the office issues under this part;
383	(b) the criteria that the office uses in prioritizing the issuance of tax credits amongst tax
384	credit applicants under this part; and
385	(c) the economic impact on the state related to providing tax credits under this part.
386	(2) (a) On or before November 1, $[2011]$ 2016, and every five years after November 1,
387	[2011] 2016, the Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim
388	Committee and Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee shall:
389	(i) study the tax credits allowed under Sections 59-7-614.6, 59-10-1025, [59-10-1026,]
390	and 59-10-1109; and
391	(ii) make recommendations concerning whether the tax credits should be continued,
392	modified, or repealed.
393	(b) The study under Subsection (2)(a) shall include an evaluation of:

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394	(i) the cost of the tax credits under Sections 59-7-614.6, 59-10-1025, [59-10-1026,] and
395	59-10-1109;
396	(ii) the purposes and effectiveness of the tax credits; and
397	(iii) the extent to which the state benefits from the tax credits.
398	Section 10. Repealer.
399	This bill repeals:
400	Section 59-10-1026, Nonrefundable tax credit for capital gain transactions related
401	to a life science establishment.
402	Section 11. Retrospective operation.
403	This bill has retrospective operation for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1,
404	<u>2012.</u>