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HOUSE BILL 631

Short Title: Volunteer Rescue Worker Tax Credit. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Kidwell, Speciale, and Pittman (Primary Sponsors).
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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO CERTAIN VOLUNTEER WORKERS
3 FOR UNREIMBURSED BUSINESS EXPENSES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is amended
6 by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 105-153.11. Credit for volunteer workers.**

8 (a) Credit. – A taxpayer who is an eligible firefighter or an eligible rescue squad worker
9 is allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this Part equal to the amount of ordinary, reasonable
10 business expenses related to the taxpayer's rescue work for which the taxpayer is not reimbursed
11 by the department or squad.

12 (b) Limitations. – The credit allowed under this section may not exceed the lesser of five
13 hundred dollars (\$500.00) or the amount of tax imposed by this Part for the taxable year reduced
14 by the sum of all credits allowed, except payments of tax made by or on behalf of the taxpayer.
15 A taxpayer may not claim a credit as both an eligible firefighter and as an eligible rescue squad
16 worker in a single taxable year.

17 (c) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

18 (1) Eligible firefighter. – An unpaid member of a volunteer fire department who
19 attended at least 36 hours of fire department drills and meetings during the
20 taxable year.

21 (2) Eligible rescue squad worker. – An unpaid member of a volunteer rescue or
22 emergency medical services squad who attended at least 36 hours of rescue
23 squad training and meetings during the taxable year.

24 (3) Rescue work. – Firefighting and rescue or emergency medical service."

25 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1,
26 2019.

