

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 SB3027

Introduced 1/5/2022, by Sen. Christopher Belt

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 5/232 new

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit in an amount equal to \$500 for individuals who serve as volunteer emergency workers for or on behalf of a volunteer fire protection association. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by adding Section 232 as follows:
- 6 (35 ILCS 5/232 new)
- Sec. 232. Volunteer firefighters and volunteer EMS providers.
- 9 (a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1,
 10 2023, each individual who serves as a volunteer emergency
 11 worker for, or on behalf of, a volunteer fire protection
 12 association for at least 9 months during the taxable year is
 13 entitled to a credit against the taxes imposed by subsections
 14 (a) and (b) of Section 201 in an amount equal to \$500.
- (b) In no event shall a credit under this Section reduce a 15 16 taxpayer's liability to less than zero. If the amount of the 17 credit exceeds the tax liability for the year, the excess may be carried forward and applied to the tax liability for the 5 18 taxable years following the excess credit year. The tax credit 19 20 shall be applied to the earliest year for which there is a tax 21 liability. If there are credits for more than one year that are 22 available to offset liability, the earlier credit shall be applied first. 2.3

- 1 (c) As used in this Section:
- 2 "Volunteer emergency worker" has the meaning given to that
- 3 term in Section 3 of the Volunteer Emergency Worker Job
- 4 <u>Protection Act.</u>
- 5 "Volunteer fire protection association" has the meaning
- 6 given to that term in Section 2 of the Volunteer Fire
- 7 Protection Association Act.
- 8 (d) This Section is exempt from the provisions of Section
- 9 <u>250.</u>
- 10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 11 becoming law.