## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## State of Illinois

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 5/1501

from Ch. 120, par. 15-1501

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act concerning the definition of "captive real estate investment trusts". Provides that, to be a captive real estate investment trust, at least 50% of the voting power must be controlled by a single corporation (now, controlled by a single person). Exempts from the definition certain real estate investment trusts that are owned and controlled by certain entities that are organized outside of the laws of the United States. Imposes conditions on any rulemaking authority. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

# 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by 5 changing Section 1501 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 5/1501) (from Ch. 120, par. 15-1501)

7 Sec. 1501. Definitions.

8 (a) In general. When used in this Act, where not otherwise 9 distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible with the 10 intent thereof:

(1) Business income. The term "business income" means 11 12 all income that may be treated as apportionable business income under the Constitution of the United States. 13 14 Business income is net of the deductions allocable thereto. Such term does not include compensation or the deductions 15 16 allocable thereto. For each taxable year beginning on or 17 after January 1, 2003, a taxpayer may elect to treat all income other than compensation as business income. This 18 19 election shall be made in accordance with rules adopted by 20 the Department and, once made, shall be irrevocable.

21 (1.5) Captive real estate investment trust:

(A) The term "captive real estate investment
 trust" means a corporation, trust, or association:

(i) that is considered a real estate
 investment trust for the taxable year under
 Section 856 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(ii) the certificates of beneficial interest or shares of which are not regularly traded on an established securities market; and

7 (iii) of which more than 50% of the voting 8 power or value of the beneficial interest or 9 shares, at any time during the last half of the 10 taxable year, is owned or controlled, directly, 11 indirectly, or constructively, by a single 12 <u>corporation person</u>.

13 (B) The term "captive real estate investment
14 trust" does not include:

(i) a real estate investment trust of which
more than 50% of the voting power or value of the
beneficial interest or shares is owned or
controlled, directly, indirectly, or
constructively, by:

20 (a) a real estate investment trust, other
21 than a captive real estate investment trust;

22 (b) a person who is exempt from taxation 23 under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code, 24 and who is not required to treat income 25 received from the real estate investment trust 26 as unrelated business taxable income under

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Section 512 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(c) a listed Australian property trust, if no more than 50% of the voting power or value of the beneficial interest or shares of that trust, at any time during the last half of the taxable year, is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a single person; <del>or</del>

(d) an entity organized as a trust, provided a listed Australian property trust described in subparagraph (c) owns or controls, directly or indirectly, or constructively, 75% or more of the voting power or value of the beneficial interests or shares of such entity; or

(e) an entity that is organized outside of the laws of the United States and that satisfies all of the following criteria:

18 (1) at least 75% of the entity's total 19 asset value at the close of its taxable 20 year is represented by real estate assets 21 (as defined in Section 856(c)(5)(B) of the 22 Internal Revenue Code, thereby including 23 shares or certificates of beneficial 24 interest in any real estate investment 25 trust), cash and cash equivalents, and 26 U.S. Government securities;

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1	(2) the entity is not subject to tax on
2	amounts that are distributed to its
3	beneficial owners or is exempt from
4	entity-level taxation;
5	(3) the entity distributes at least
6	85% of its taxable income (as computed in
7	the jurisdiction in which it is organized)
8	to the holders of its shares or
9	certificates of beneficial interest on an
10	annual basis;
11	(4) either (i) the shares or
12	beneficial interests of the entity are
13	regularly traded on an established
14	securities market or (ii) not more than 10%
15	of the voting power or value in the entity
16	is held, directly, indirectly, or
17	constructively, by a single entity or
18	individual; and
19	<u>(5) the entity is organized in a</u>
20	country that has entered into a tax treaty
21	with the United States; or
22	(ii) during its first taxable year for which it
23	elects to be treated as a real estate investment
24	trust under Section 856(c)(1) of the Internal
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which are not regularly traded on an established 1 2 securities market, but only if the certificates of beneficial interest or shares of the real estate 3 investment trust are regularly traded on 4 an 5 established securities market prior to the earlier 6 of the due date (including extensions) for filing its return under this Act for that first taxable 7 8 year or the date it actually files that return.

9 (C) For the purposes of this subsection (1.5), the 10 constructive ownership rules prescribed under Section 11 318(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as modified by 12 Section 856(d)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code, apply 13 in determining the ownership of stock, assets, or net 14 profits of any person.

15 (2) Commercial domicile. The term "commercial
16 domicile" means the principal place from which the trade or
17 business of the taxpayer is directed or managed.

(3) Compensation. The term "compensation" means wages,
salaries, commissions and any other form of remuneration
paid to employees for personal services.

21 (4) Corporation. The term "corporation" includes 22 associations, joint-stock companies, insurance companies 23 and cooperatives. Any entity, including а limited 24 liability company formed under the Illinois Limited 25 Liability Company Act, shall be treated as a corporation if it is so classified for federal income tax purposes. 26

(5) Department. The term "Department" means the
 Department of Revenue of this State.

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(6) Director. The term "Director" means the Director of Revenue of this State.

5 (7) Fiduciary. The term "fiduciary" means a guardian, 6 trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or any person 7 acting in any fiduciary capacity for any person.

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(8) Financial organization.

9 (A) The term "financial organization" means any 10 bank, bank holding company, trust company, savings 11 bank, industrial bank, land bank, safe deposit 12 company, private banker, savings and loan association, 13 building and loan association, credit union, currency 14 exchange, cooperative bank, small loan company, sales 15 finance company, investment company, or any person 16 which is owned by a bank or bank holding company. For 17 the purpose of this Section a "person" will include only those persons which a bank holding company may 18 19 acquire and hold an interest in, directly or 20 indirectly, under the provisions of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841, et seq.), except 21 22 where interests in any person must be disposed of 23 within certain required time limits under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956. 24

(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A) of this
 paragraph, the term "bank" includes (i) any entity that

is regulated by the Comptroller of the Currency under the National Bank Act, or by the Federal Reserve Board, or by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and (ii) any federally or State chartered bank operating as a credit card bank.

(C) For purposes of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the term "sales finance company" has the meaning provided in the following item (i) or (ii):

9 (i) A person primarily engaged in one or more 10 of the following businesses: the business of 11 purchasing customer receivables, the business of 12 upon the security of making loans customer 13 receivables, the business of making loans for the 14 express purpose of funding purchases of tangible 15 personal property or services by the borrower, or 16 the business of finance leasing. For purposes of 17 this item (i), "customer receivable" means:

(a) a retail installment contract or
retail charge agreement within the meaning of
the Sales Finance Agency Act, the Retail
Installment Sales Act, or the Motor Vehicle
Retail Installment Sales Act;

(b) an installment, charge, credit, or
similar contract or agreement arising from the
sale of tangible personal property or services
in a transaction involving a deferred payment

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price payable in one or more installments subsequent to the sale; or

(c) the outstanding balance of a contract or agreement described in provisions (a) or (b) of this item (i).

6 A customer receivable need not provide for 7 payment of interest on deferred payments. A sales 8 finance company may purchase a customer receivable 9 from, or make a loan secured by a customer 10 receivable to, the seller in the original 11 transaction or to a person who purchased the 12 customer receivable directly or indirectly from 13 that seller.

14(ii) A corporation meeting each of the15following criteria:

(a) the corporation must be a member of an "affiliated group" within the meaning of Section 1504(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, determined without regard to Section 1504(b) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) more than 50% of the gross income of
the corporation for the taxable year must be
interest income derived from qualifying loans.
A "qualifying loan" is a loan made to a member
of the corporation's affiliated group that
originates customer receivables (within the

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meaning of item (i)) or to whom customer 1 receivables originated by a member of the 2 3 affiliated group have been transferred, to the extent the average outstanding balance of 4 5 loans from that corporation to members of its 6 affiliated group during the taxable year do not 7 the limitation amount for exceed that 8 corporation. The "limitation amount" for a 9 is the corporation average outstanding 10 balances during the taxable year of customer 11 receivables (within the meaning of item (i)) 12 originated by all members of the affiliated 13 group. If the average outstanding balances of 14 the loans made by a corporation to members of 15 its affiliated group exceed the limitation 16 amount, the interest income of that 17 corporation from qualifying loans shall be 18 equal to its interest income from loans to 19 members of its affiliated groups times a 20 fraction equal to the limitation amount 21 divided by the average outstanding balances of 22 the loans made by that corporation to members 23 of its affiliated group;

(c) the total of all shareholder's equity
 (including, without limitation, paid-in
 capital on common and preferred stock and

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1 retained earnings) of the corporation plus the 2 total of all of its loans, advances, and other 3 obligations payable or owed to members of its 4 affiliated group may not exceed 20% of the 5 total assets of the corporation at any time 6 during the tax year; and

7 (d) more than 50% of all interest-bearing 8 obligations of the affiliated group payable to 9 outside the group determined persons in 10 accordance with generally accepted accounting 11 principles must be obligations of the 12 corporation.

13This amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly is14declaratory of existing law.

15 (D) Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this paragraph are 16 declaratory of existing law and apply retroactively, 17 for all tax years beginning on or before December 31, 1996, to all original returns, to all amended returns 18 19 filed no later than 30 days after the effective date of 20 this amendatory Act of 1996, and to all notices issued on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act 21 22 of 1996 under subsection (a) of Section 903, subsection 23 (a) of Section 904, subsection (e) of Section 909, or 24 Section 912. A taxpayer that is a "financial 25 organization" that engages in any transaction with an 26 affiliate shall be a "financial organization" for all

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purposes of this Act.

2 (E) For all tax years beginning on or before December 31, 1996, a taxpayer that falls within the 3 definition of a "financial organization" under 4 5 subparagraphs (B) or (C) of this paragraph, but who does not fall within the definition of a "financial 6 7 organization" under the Proposed Regulations issued by the Department of Revenue on July 19, 1996, may 8 9 irrevocably elect to apply the Proposed Regulations 10 for all of those years as though the Proposed 11 Regulations had been lawfully promulgated, adopted, 12 and in effect for all of those years. For purposes of 13 applying subparagraphs (B) or (C) of this paragraph to all of those years, the election allowed by this 14 15 subparagraph applies only to the taxpayer making the 16 election and to those members of the taxpayer's unitary 17 group who are ordinarily required business to apportion business income under the same subsection of 18 19 Section 304 of this Act as the taxpayer making the 20 election. No election allowed by this subparagraph 21 shall be made under a claim filed under subsection (d) 22 of Section 909 more than 30 days after the effective 23 date of this amendatory Act of 1996.

(F) Finance Leases. For purposes of this
subsection, a finance lease shall be treated as a loan
or other extension of credit, rather than as a lease,

regardless of how the transaction is characterized for 1 2 any other purpose, including the purposes of any 3 regulatory agency to which the lessor is subject. A finance lease is any transaction in the form of a lease 4 5 in which the lessee is treated as the owner of the 6 leased asset entitled to any deduction for 7 depreciation allowed under Section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code. 8

9 (9) Fiscal year. The term "fiscal year" means an 10 accounting period of 12 months ending on the last day of 11 any month other than December.

12 (9.5) Fixed place of business. The term "fixed place of
13 business" has the same meaning as that term is given in
14 Section 864 of the Internal Revenue Code and the related
15 Treasury regulations.

16 (10) Includes and including. The terms "includes" and 17 "including" when used in a definition contained in this Act 18 shall not be deemed to exclude other things otherwise 19 within the meaning of the term defined.

(11) Internal Revenue Code. The term "Internal Revenue
Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954
or any successor law or laws relating to federal income
taxes in effect for the taxable year.

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(11.5) Investment partnership.

(A) The term "investment partnership" means any
 entity that is treated as a partnership for federal

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income tax purposes that meets the following requirements:

(i) no less than 90% of the partnership's cost
of its total assets consists of qualifying
investment securities, deposits at banks or other
financial institutions, and office space and
equipment reasonably necessary to carry on its
activities as an investment partnership;

9 (ii) no less than 90% of its gross income 10 consists of interest, dividends, and gains from 11 the sale or exchange of qualifying investment 12 securities; and

13 (iii) the partnership is not a dealer in14 qualifying investment securities.

(B) For purposes of this paragraph (11.5), the term
"qualifying investment securities" includes all of the
following:

18 (i) common stock, including preferred or debt 19 securities convertible into common stock, and 20 preferred stock;

21 (ii) bonds, debentures, and other debt 22 securities;

23 (iii) foreign and domestic currency deposits
24 secured by federal, state, or local governmental
25 agencies;

(iv) mortgage or asset-backed securities

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secured by federal, state, or local governmental
 agencies;

3 (v) repurchase agreements and loan
4 participations;

5 (vi) foreign currency exchange contracts and 6 forward and futures contracts on foreign 7 currencies;

8 (vii) stock and bond index securities and 9 futures contracts and other similar financial 10 securities and futures contracts on those 11 securities;

12 (viii) options for the purchase or sale of any 13 of the securities, currencies, contracts, or 14 financial instruments described in items (i) to 15 (vii), inclusive;

(ix) regulated futures contracts;

17 (x) commodities (not described in Section 1221(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code) 18 or 19 futures, forwards, and options with respect to 20 such commodities, provided, however, that any item of a physical commodity to which title is actually 21 22 acquired in the partnership's capacity as a dealer 23 in such commodity shall not be a qualifying 24 investment security;

25 (xi) derivatives; and

26 (xii) a partnership interest in another

partnership that is an investment partnership. 1 2 (12) Mathematical error. The term "mathematical error" 3 includes the following types of errors, omissions, or defects in a return filed by a taxpayer which prevents 4 5 acceptance of the return as filed for processing: (A) arithmetic errors or incorrect computations on 6 7 the return or supporting schedules; 8 (B) entries on the wrong lines; 9 (C) omission of required supporting forms or 10 schedules or the omission of the information in whole 11 or in part called for thereon; and 12 (D) an attempt to claim, exclude, deduct, or 13 improperly report, in a manner directly contrary to the 14 provisions of the Act and regulations thereunder any 15 item of income, exemption, deduction, or credit. 16 (13) Nonbusiness income. The term "nonbusiness income" 17 all income other than business means income or 18 compensation. (14) Nonresident. The term "nonresident" means 19 а

20 person who is not a resident.
21 (15) Paid, incurred and accrued. The terms "paid",

(15) Paid, incurred and accrued. The terms paid,
 "incurred" and "accrued" shall be construed according to
 the method of accounting upon the basis of which the
 person's base income is computed under this Act.

(16) Partnership and partner. The term "partnership"
 includes a syndicate, group, pool, joint venture or other

unincorporated organization, through or by means of which any business, financial operation, or venture is carried on, and which is not, within the meaning of this Act, a trust or estate or a corporation; and the term "partner" includes a member in such syndicate, group, pool, joint venture or organization.

7 The term "partnership" includes any entity, including 8 a limited liability company formed under the Illinois 9 Limited Liability Company Act, classified as a partnership 10 for federal income tax purposes.

11 The term "partnership" does not include a syndicate, 12 group, pool, joint venture, or other unincorporated 13 organization established for the sole purpose of playing 14 the Illinois State Lottery.

15 (17) Part-year resident. The term "part-year resident" 16 means an individual who became a resident during the 17 taxable year or ceased to be a resident during the taxable year. Under Section 1501(a)(20)(A)(i) residence commences 18 19 with presence in this State for other than a temporary or 20 transitory purpose and ceases with absence from this State 21 for other than a temporary or transitory purpose. Under 22 Section 1501(a)(20)(A)(ii) residence commences with the establishment of domicile in this State and ceases with the 23 establishment of domicile in another State. 24

(18) Person. The term "person" shall be construed to
 mean and include an individual, a trust, estate,

1 partnership, association, firm, company, corporation, limited liability company, or fiduciary. For purposes of 2 Section 1301 and 1302 of this Act, a "person" means (i) an 3 individual, (ii) a corporation, (iii) an officer, agent, or 4 5 employee of a corporation, (iv) a member, agent or employee of a partnership, or (v) a member, manager, employee, 6 7 officer, director, or agent of a limited liability company 8 in such capacity commits an offense specified in who 9 Section 1301 and 1302.

10 (18A) Records. The term "records" includes all data 11 maintained by the taxpayer, whether on paper, microfilm, 12 microfiche, or any type of machine-sensible data 13 compilation.

14 (19) Regulations. The term "regulations" includes
 rules promulgated and forms prescribed by the Department.

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(20) Resident. The term "resident" means:

(A) an individual (i) who is in this State for
other than a temporary or transitory purpose during the
taxable year; or (ii) who is domiciled in this State
but is absent from the State for a temporary or
transitory purpose during the taxable year;

(B) The estate of a decedent who at his or her
death was domiciled in this State;

24 (C) A trust created by a will of a decedent who at
25 his death was domiciled in this State; and

(D) An irrevocable trust, the grantor of which was

domiciled in this State at the time such trust became 1 2 irrevocable. For purpose of this subparagraph, a trust shall be considered irrevocable to the extent that the 3 grantor is not treated as the owner thereof under 4 5 Sections 671 through 678 of the Internal Revenue Code. (21) Sales. The term "sales" means all gross receipts 6 7 of the taxpayer not allocated under Sections 301, 302 and 303. 8

9 (22) State. The term "state" when applied to a 10 jurisdiction other than this State means any state of the 11 United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth 12 of Puerto Rico, any Territory or Possession of the United political 13 States, and any foreign country, or any 14 subdivision of any of the foregoing. For purposes of the 15 foreign tax credit under Section 601, the term "state" 16 means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any 17 18 territory or possession of the United States, or any 19 political subdivision of any of the foregoing, effective 20 for tax years ending on or after December 31, 1989.

(23) Taxable year. The term "taxable year" means the calendar year, or the fiscal year ending during such calendar year, upon the basis of which the base income is computed under this Act. "Taxable year" means, in the case of a return made for a fractional part of a year under the provisions of this Act, the period for which such return is 1 made.

2 (24) Taxpayer. The term "taxpayer" means any person
3 subject to the tax imposed by this Act.

4 (25) International banking facility. The term 5 international banking facility shall have the same meaning 6 as is set forth in the Illinois Banking Act or as is set 7 forth in the laws of the United States or regulations of 8 the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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(26) Income Tax Return Preparer.

10 (A) The term "income tax return preparer" means any 11 person who prepares for compensation, or who employs 12 one or more persons to prepare for compensation, any return of tax imposed by this Act or any claim for 13 14 refund of tax imposed by this Act. The preparation of a substantial portion of a return or claim for refund 15 16 shall be treated as the preparation of that return or 17 claim for refund.

(B) A person is not an income tax return preparerif all he or she does is

20 (i) furnish typing, reproducing, or other 21 mechanical assistance;

(ii) prepare returns or claims for refunds for
the employer by whom he or she is regularly and
continuously employed;

25 (iii) prepare as a fiduciary returns or claims
26 for refunds for any person; or

1 (iv) prepare claims for refunds for a taxpayer 2 in response to any notice of deficiency issued to 3 that taxpayer or in response to any waiver of restriction after the commencement of an audit of 4 5 that taxpayer or of another taxpayer if а 6 determination in the audit of the other taxpayer 7 directly or indirectly affects the tax liability the taxpayer whose claims he or 8 of she is 9 preparing.

10 (27)Unitary business group. The term "unitary 11 business group" means a group of persons related through 12 common ownership whose business activities are integrated 13 with, dependent upon and contribute to each other. The 14 group will not include those members whose business 15 activity outside the United States is 80% or more of any 16 such member's total business activity; for purposes of this 17 paragraph and clause (a)(3)(B)(ii) of Section 304, 18 business activity within the United States shall be 19 measured by means of the factors ordinarily applicable 20 under subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), or (h) of Section 304 except that, in the case of members ordinarily required to 21 22 apportion business income by means of the 3 factor formula 23 of property, payroll and sales specified in subsection (a) 24 of Section 304, including the formula as weighted in 25 subsection (h) of Section 304, such members shall not use 26 the sales factor in the computation and the results of the

property and payroll factor computations of subsection (a) 1 2 of Section 304 shall be divided by 2 (by one if either the 3 property or payroll factor has a denominator of zero). The computation required by the preceding sentence shall, in 4 5 each case, involve the division of the member's property, 6 payroll, or revenue miles in the United States, insurance 7 premiums on property or risk in the United States, or 8 financial organization business income from sources within 9 the United States, as the case may be, by the respective 10 worldwide figures for such items. Common ownership in the 11 case of corporations is the direct or indirect control or 12 ownership of more than 50% of the outstanding voting stock of the persons carrying on unitary business activity. 13 14 Unitary business activity can ordinarily be illustrated 15 where the activities of the members are: (1) in the same 16 general line (such as manufacturing, wholesaling, 17 retailing of tangible personal property, insurance, transportation or finance); or (2) 18 are steps in а 19 vertically structured enterprise or process (such as the 20 steps involved in the production of natural resources, which might include exploration, mining, refining, and 21 22 marketing); and, in either instance, the members are 23 functionally integrated through the exercise of strong 24 centralized management (where, for example, authority over such matters as purchasing, financing, tax compliance, 25 26 product line, personnel, marketing and capital investment

is not left to each member). In no event, however, will any 1 2 unitary business group include members which are 3 ordinarily required to apportion business income under different subsections of Section 304 except that for tax 4 5 years ending on or after December 31, 1987 this prohibition 6 shall not apply to a unitary business group composed of one 7 or more taxpayers all of which apportion business income 8 pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 304, or all of which 9 apportion business income pursuant to subsection (d) of 10 Section 304, and a holding company of such single-factor 11 taxpayers (see definition of "financial organization" for 12 holding of financial rule regarding companies organizations). If a unitary business group would, but for 13 14 preceding sentence, include members that the are 15 ordinarily required to apportion business income under 16 different subsections of Section 304, then for each 17 subsection of Section 304 for which there are two or more members, there shall be a separate unitary business group 18 19 composed of such members. For purposes of the preceding two 20 sentences, a member is "ordinarily required to apportion 21 business income" under a particular subsection of Section 22 304 if it would be required to use the apportionment method 23 prescribed by such subsection except for the fact that it 24 derives business income solely from Illinois. As used in 25 this paragraph, the phrase "United States" means only the 50 states and the District of Columbia, but does not 26

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include any territory or possession of the United States or any area over which the United States has asserted jurisdiction or claimed exclusive rights with respect to the exploration for or exploitation of natural resources.

5 If the unitary business group members' accounting 6 periods differ, the common parent's accounting period or, 7 if there is no common parent, the accounting period of the 8 member that is expected to have, on a recurring basis, the 9 greatest Illinois income tax liability must be used to 10 determine whether to use the apportionment method provided 11 in subsection (a) or subsection (h) of Section 304. The 12 prohibition against membership in a unitary business group for taxpayers ordinarily required to apportion income 13 14 under different subsections of Section 304 does not apply 15 to taxpayers required to apportion income under subsection 16 (a) and subsection (h) of Section 304. The provisions of 17 this amendatory Act of 1998 apply to tax years ending on or after December 31, 1998. 18

19 (28) Subchapter S corporation. The term "Subchapter S 20 corporation" means a corporation for which there is in 21 effect an election under Section 1362 of the Internal 22 Revenue Code, or for which there is a federal election to 23 opt out of the provisions of the Subchapter S Revision Act 24 of 1982 and have applied instead the prior federal 25 Subchapter S rules as in effect on July 1, 1982.

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(30) Foreign person. The term "foreign person" means

any person who is a nonresident alien individual and any nonindividual entity, regardless of where created or organized, whose business activity outside the United States is 80% or more of the entity's total business activity.

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(b) Other definitions.

7 (1) Words denoting number, gender, and so forth, when
8 used in this Act, where not otherwise distinctly expressed
9 or manifestly incompatible with the intent thereof:

10 (A) Words importing the singular include and apply
11 to several persons, parties or things;

12 (B) Words importing the plural include the 13 singular; and

14 (C) Words importing the masculine gender include15 the feminine as well.

16 (2) "Company" or "association" as including successors 17 and assigns. The word "company" or "association", when used 18 in reference to a corporation, shall be deemed to embrace 19 the words "successors and assigns of such company or 20 association", and in like manner as if these last-named 21 words, or words of similar import, were expressed.

(3) Other terms. Any term used in any Section of this
Act with respect to the application of, or in connection
with, the provisions of any other Section of this Act shall
have the same meaning as in such other Section.

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1	(c) Rulemaking authority to implement this amendatory Act
2	of the 96th General Assembly, if any, is conditioned on the
3	rules being adopted in accordance with all provisions of the
4	Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and all rules and
5	procedures of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; any
6	purported rule not so adopted, for whatever reason, is
7	unauthorized.
8	(Source: P.A. 95-233, eff. 8-16-07; 95-707, eff. 1-11-08.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon10 becoming law.