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SENATE BILL 2

January 5, 2011 – Introduced by COMMITTEE ON SENATE ORGANIZATION, by request of Governor Scott Walker, Senator Darling, and Representative Kaufert. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 71.07 (6f) and 71.10 (4) (cf) of the statutes; **relating to:** creating
2 a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for certain amounts relating to
3 health savings accounts that may be deducted from, or are exempt from, federal
4 income taxes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current federal law, certain individuals may make tax-deductible contributions to health savings accounts (HSAs) and withdraw the money tax-free when needed to cover routine and preventive medical care.

Under this bill, an individual who makes contributions to such an HSA may claim a nonrefundable income tax credit for 6.5 percent of the allowable amount that the individual claims as a federal tax deduction for a contribution to an HSA or 6.5 percent of the federal tax-exempt earnings relating to an HSA, or both.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

5 **SECTION 1.** 71.07 (6f) of the statutes is created to read:

1 71.07 **(6f)** HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT TAX CREDIT. (a) *Definitions.* In this
2 subsection:

3 1. “Claimant” means an individual who claims a deduction for a contribution
4 to, or who claims federal tax–exempt earnings relating to, a health savings account
5 under section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code.

6 2. “Deduction amount” means the allowable amount of a deduction claimed on
7 a claimant’s federal income tax return for a contribution to a health savings account
8 under section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code, or federal tax–exempt earnings
9 relating to a health savings account under section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code.

10 (b) *Filing claims.* Subject to the limitations provided in this subsection, a
11 claimant may claim as a credit against the tax imposed under s. 71.02, up to the
12 amount of those taxes, 6.5 percent of the deduction amount claimed in the taxable
13 year to which the claim under this subsection relates.

14 (c) *Limitations.* 1. No credit may be allowed under this subsection unless it
15 is claimed within the time period under s. 71.75 (2).

16 2. For a claimant who is a nonresident or part–year resident of this state and
17 who is a single person or a married person filing a separate return, multiply the
18 credit for which the claimant is eligible under par. (b) by a fraction the numerator of
19 which is the individual’s Wisconsin adjusted gross income and the denominator of
20 which is the individual’s federal adjusted gross income. If a claimant is married and
21 files a joint return, and if the claimant or the claimant’s spouse, or both, are
22 nonresidents or part–year residents of this state, multiply the credit for which the
23 claimant is eligible under par. (b) by a fraction the numerator of which is the couple’s
24 joint Wisconsin adjusted gross income and the denominator of which is the couple’s
25 joint federal adjusted gross income.

(d) *Administration.* Subsection (9e) (d), to the extent that it applies to the credit under that subsection, applies to the credit under this subsection.

SECTION 2. 71.10 (4) (cf) of the statutes is created to read:

71.10 (4) (cf) The health savings account tax credit under s. 71.07 (6f).

SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) REQUIRED GENERAL FUND BALANCE. Section 20.003 (4) of the statutes does not apply to the action of the legislature in enacting this act.

SECTION 4. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year in which this subsection takes effect, except that if this subsection takes effect after July 31 this act first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year following the year in which this subsection takes effect.

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