

CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX INS. GROSS PREMIUMS TAX Historic Rehabilitation Credit

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	Yes	No
DOR Administrative		
Costs/Savings		X

Department of Revenue

Analysis of S.F. 2115 (Clark), as Proposed to be Amended (SCS2115A-3)

	Fund Impact				
	F.Y. 2026	F.Y. 2027	F.Y. 2028	F.Y. 2029	
		(000's)			
General Fund	(\$1,400)	(\$1,500)	(\$2,500)	(\$2,500)	

Effective retroactively for projects for which an allocation certificate was issued after June 30, 2021.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

Current Law: The historic rehabilitation credit is a refundable credit equal to 20% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures (QREs). The credit may be claimed against the corporate franchise tax, individual income tax, or insurance premiums tax. To be eligible for the state credit, the taxpayer must qualify for the federal historic rehabilitation tax credit. As with the federal credit, the Minnesota credit is spread over a period of five years.

A qualifying project must be placed in service within three calendar years of receiving an allocation certificate. After a project is completed and placed in service, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) issues a tax credit certificate. The credit certificate may be assigned to another taxpayer. A taxpayer may instead choose to receive a grant in lieu of the credit equal to 90% of the credit amount.

Proposed Law: The bill allows the first assignee to assign the credit certificate to a second assignee in whole, so long as it is done before the payment is claimed but after the first assignment.

The bill also extends the time allowed to qualify for the credit. Eligible projects would have to be placed in service within six calendar years (rather than three calendar years) after the issuance of the allocation certificate.

Lastly, the bill requires that the original credit certificate recipient and each assignee must file a return with the commissioner of administration for the taxable year that the project is placed in service.

REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

• The assignment of credits to a second assignee would not have a fiscal impact. It is assumed that credits would be claimed in the same fiscal year as under current law.

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REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL (Cont.)

- Based on information provided by SHPO, it appears that a small number of projects may not be placed in service within three calendar years of their allocation certificate issue date.
- Under the bill, these projects would be eligible for a credit or grant in lieu of credit.

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