SENATE BILL NO. 416

INTRODUCED BY WILLIAMS, H. HANSON

IN THE SENATE

| FEBRUARY 16, 1991 | INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TAXATION. |
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| | FIRST READING. |
| MARCH 12, 1991 | COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO NOT PASS. REPORT ADOPTED. |
| MARCH 13, 1991 | ON MOTION, ADOPTION OF ADVERSE COMMITTEE REPORT RECONSIDERED. |
| MARCH 14, 1991 | PRINTING REPORT. |
| | ON MOTION, CONSIDERATION PASSED UNTIL THE 56TH LEGISLATIVE DAY. |
| MARCH 15, 1991 | ON MOTION, CONSIDERATION PASSED UNTIL THE 57TH LEGISLATIVE DAY. |
| MARCH 16, 1991 | SECOND READING, DO PASS. AYES, 20; NOES, 28. MOTION FAILED. |
| | ON MOTION, INDEFINITELY POSTPONED. |
| MARCH 18, 1991 | ON MOTION, PREVIOUS ACTION RECONSIDERED. |
| | ON MOTION, REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TAXATION. |
| MARCH 27, 1991 | COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED. |
| MARCH 28, 1991 | PRINTING REPORT. |
| APRIL 1, 1991 | SECOND READING, DO PASS. |
| APRIL 2, 1991 | ENGROSSING REPORT. |
| | THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 35; NOES, 15. |
| | TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE. |

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| APRIL 2, 1991 | INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TAXATION. |
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| APRIL 13, 1991 | COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED. |
| APRIL 16, 1991 | SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN. |
| APRIL 17, 1991 | THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 71; NOES, 29. |
| | RETURNED TO SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS. |
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| APRIL 18, 1991 | RECEIVED FROM HOUSE. |
| | SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN. |
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ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on <u>Taxation</u> report that <u>Senate</u>

<u>Bill 416</u> (third reading copy -- blue) <u>be concurred in as</u>

amended.

Signed:

Dan Hafrington, Chairman

Carried by: Rep. H.S. Hanson

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 3, line 13.

Following: "70%"

Insert: ", as provided in subsection (3),"

2. Page 3, line 15.

Strike: "\$400"

Insert: "\$250 per year for 4 years"

3. Page 3, line 17.

Following: "YEAR"

Insert: "in which the credit is claimed"

4. Page 4, line 4.

Following: "(3)"

Insert: "The tax credit allowed under this section is deductible from the taxpayer's income tax liability for the taxable year in which the installation costs were incurred and for the next 3 taxable years succeeding the taxable year in which the installation costs were incurred."

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| (2) "Capital investment" means any material or | 17 | measuring the emissions and efficiencies of residential wood |
| • | 18 | stoves as adopted by the department of health and |
| or without improvements. | 19 | environmental sciences pursuant to 15-32-203. |
| (3) "Energy conservation purpose" means one or more of | 20 | t6)(7) "Recognized nonfossil forms of energy |
| | 21 | generation" means: |
| | 22 | (a) a system for the utilization of solar energy |
| | 23 | including passive solar systems, wind, solid wastes, or the |
| - | 24 | decomposition of organic wastes for capturing energy or |
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energy either from the ground, by way of a closed loop, or

| 3 | (4)(5) "Passive solar system" means a direct thermal |
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| • | energy system that uses the structure of a building and its |
| 5 | operable components to provide heating or cooling during the |
| 5 | appropriate times of the year by using the climate resources |
| 7 | available at the site. It includes only those portions and |
| 3 | components of a building that are expressly designed and |
| • | required for the collection, storage, and distribution of |
|) | solar energy and that are not standard components of a |

stem for the utilization of solar energy ve solar systems, wind, solid wastes, or the of organic wastes for capturing energy or converting energy sources into usable sources;

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- (b) a system for the production of electric power from solid wood wastes;
- 3 (c) a low-emission wood or biomass combustion device;
 4 or

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- 5 (d) a small system for the utilization of water power 6 by means of an impoundment not over 20 acres in surface 7 area."
- NEW SECTION. Section 2. Credit for geothermal system 8 9 -- to whom available -- eligible costs -- LIMITATIONS. (1) A 10 resident individual taxpayer who completes installation of a 11 geothermal system, as defined in 15-32-102, in the 12 taxpayer's principal dwelling is entitled to claim a tax 13 credit in-an-amount-equal-to-70%, AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION 14 (3), AGAINST THE TAXPAYER'S TAX LIABILITY UNDER CHAPTER 30 15 FOR A PORTION of the installation costs of the system, up to
- \$37888 \$488 \$250 PER YEAR FOR 4 YEARS. THE CREDIT MAY NOT

 EXCEED THE TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX LIABILITY FOR THE TAXABLE

 YEAR IN WHICH THE CREDIT IS CLAIMED.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, installationcosts include the cost of:
- (a) trenching, well drilling, casing, and downhole heatexchangers;
- 23 (b) piping, control devices, and pumps that move heat
 24 from the earth to heat or cool the building;
- 25 (c) ground source or ground coupled heat pumps;

- 1 (d) liquid-to-air heat exchanger, ductwork, and fans
 2 installed with a ground heat well that pump heat from a well
 3 into a building; and
- (e) design and labor.
- 5 (3) THE TAX CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION IS
 6 DEDUCTIBLE FROM THE TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX LIABILITY FOR THE
 7 TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH THE INSTALLATION COSTS WERE INCURRED
 8 AND FOR THE NEXT 3 TAXABLE YEARS SUCCEEDING THE TAXABLE YEAR
 9 IN WHICH THE INSTALLATION COSTS WERE INCURRED. THERE IS NO
 10 CARRYBACK OR CARRYFORWARD OF THE CREDIT PERMITTED UNDER THIS
 11 SECTION, --AND--THE--CREDIT--MUST--BE-APPLIED-IN-THE-YEAR-THE
 12 INSTALLATION-COSTS-ARE-INCURRED.
- 13 NBW-SBCTiOn:--Section-3:--Taxable-years-in-which--credit 14 may--be--claimed----carryover: The-tax-credit-allowed-under 15 fsection-2}-is-deductible-from--the--taxpayer-s--income--tax 16 timbility--for--the--taxable--year--in--which-the-geothermal 17 system-was-acquired-by-the-taxpayer -- If-the--amount--of--the 18 tax--credit--exceeds-the-taxpayer+s-income-tax-liability-for 19 the-taxable-year;-the-amount-that-exceeds-the-tax--liability 20 may-be-carried-over-for-deduction-from-the-taxpayer+s-income 21 tax--liability--in-the-next-succeeding-taxable-year-or-years 22 until-the-total-amount-of-the-tax-credit-has--been--deducted 23 from-tax-liability--A-tax-credit-may-not-be-carried-over-for 24 deduction--after--the--fifth--taxable--year--succeeding--the 25 taxable-year-in-which-the-energy-system-was-acquired-

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| 1 | NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction |
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| 2 | [Sections SECTION 2 and-3] are IS intended to be codified as |
| 3 | an integral part of Title 15, chapter 32, part 1, and the |
| 4 | provisions of Title 15, chapter 32, part 1, apply to |
| 5 | [sections SECTION 2 and-3]. |
| 6 | NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date retroactive |
| 7 | applicability. [This act] is effective on passage an |
| 8 | approval and applies retroactively, within the meaning o |
| 9 | 1-2-109, to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1990 |
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