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LEGISLATIVE BILL 310

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Committee: Revenue

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet
- 2 Revitalization Act; to amend section 77-2906, Reissue Revised
- 3 Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a deadline for the determination of
- 4 the amount of tax credits; to change provisions relating to appeals;
- 5 and to repeal the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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Section 1. Section 77-2906, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 77-2906 (1)(a) (1) Within twelve months after the date on which the historically significant real property is placed in service, a person 4 whose application was approved under section 77-2905 shall file a request 5 for final approval containing all required information with the officer 6 on a form prescribed by the officer and shall include a fee established 7 by the officer pursuant to section 77-2907. The officer shall then 8 9 determine whether the work substantially conforms to the application approved under section 77-2905. If the work substantially conforms and no 10 other significant improvements have been made to the historically 11 significant real property that do not substantially comply with the 12 standards, the officer shall approve the request for final approval and 13 14 refer the application to the department to determine the amount of eligible expenditures, calculate the amount of the credit, and issue a 15 16 certificate to the person evidencing the credit. If the work does not 17 substantially conform to the approved application or if other significant improvements have been made to the historically significant real property 18 that do not substantially comply with the standards, the officer shall 19 deny the request for final approval and provide the person with a written 20 explanation of the decision. The officer shall make a determination on 21 the request for final approval in writing within thirty days after the 22 23 filing of the request. If the officer does not make a determination 24 within thirty days after the filing of the request, the request shall be deemed approved and the person may petition the department directly to 25 determine the amount of eligible expenditures, calculate the amount of 26 the credit, and issue a certificate evidencing the credit. 27

(b) The department shall determine the amount of eligible expenditures, calculate the amount of the credit, and issue one or more certificates evidencing the credit within sixty days after referral of the application to the department by the officer or the filing of a

- 1 petition pursuant to subdivision (1)(a) of this section. The person
- 2 filing the request for final approval and the department may also agree
- 3 to extend the sixty-day period, but such extension shall not exceed an
- 4 additional thirty days. If the department does not determine the amount
- 5 of eligible expenditures, calculate the amount of the credit, and issue
- 6 one or more certificates evidencing the credit within such sixty-day
- 7 period or agreed-upon longer period, the credit shall be deemed to have
- 8 <u>been issued by the department for the amount requested in such person's</u>
- 9 request for final approval, except that such amount shall not exceed one
- 10 hundred ten percent of the amount of credits allocated by the officer
- 11 <u>under section 77-2905 and such amount shall not increase or decrease the</u>
- 12 <u>total amount of credits that may be allocated by the officer under</u>
- 13 <u>section 77-2905 in any calendar year.</u>
- 14 <u>(c)</u> Any denial of a request for final approval by the officer <u>or any</u>
- 15 determination of the amount of eligible expenditures or calculation of
- 16 the amount of the credit by the department pursuant to this section may
- 17 be appealed, and the appeal shall be in accordance with the
- 18 Administrative Procedure Act.
- 19 (2) The department shall divide the credit and issue multiple
- 20 certificates to a person who qualifies for the credit upon reasonable
- 21 request.
- 22 (3) In calculating the amount of the credits to be issued pursuant
- 23 to this section, the department may issue credits in an amount that
- 24 differs from the amount of credits allocated by the officer under section
- 25 77-2905 if such credits are supported by eligible expenditures as
- 26 determined by the department, except that the department shall not issue
- 27 credits in an amount exceeding one hundred ten percent of the amount of
- 28 credits allocated by the officer under section 77-2905. If the amount of
- 29 credits to be issued under this section is more than the amount of
- 30 credits allocated by the officer pursuant to section 77-2905, the
- 31 department shall notify the officer of the difference and such amount

- 1 shall be subtracted from the annual amount available for allocation under
- 2 section 77-2905. If the amount of credits to be issued under this section
- 3 is less than the amount of credits allocated by the officer pursuant to
- 4 section 77-2905, the department shall notify the officer of the
- 5 difference and such amount shall be added to the annual amount available
- 6 for allocation under section 77-2905.
- 7 (4) The department shall not issue any certificates for credits
- 8 under this section until the recipient of the credit has paid to the
- 9 department a fee equal to one-quarter of one percent of the credit
- 10 amount. The department shall remit such fees to the State Treasurer for
- 11 credit to the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund.
- 12 (5) If the recipient of the credit is (a) a corporation having an
- 13 election in effect under subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of
- 14 1986, as amended, (b) a partnership, or (c) a limited liability company,
- 15 the credit may be claimed by the shareholders of the corporation, the
- 16 partners of the partnership, or the members of the limited liability
- 17 company in the same manner as those shareholders, partners, or members
- 18 account for their proportionate shares of the income or losses of the
- 19 corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, or as provided in
- 20 the bylaws or other executed agreement of the corporation, partnership,
- 21 or limited liability company. Credits granted to a partnership, a limited
- 22 liability company taxed as a partnership, or other multiple owners of
- 23 property shall be passed through to the partners, members, or owners,
- 24 respectively, on a pro rata basis or pursuant to an executed agreement
- 25 among the partners, members, or owners documenting any alternate
- 26 distribution method.
- 27 (6) Subject to section 77-2912, any credit amount that is unused may
- 28 be carried forward to subsequent tax years until fully utilized.
- 29 (7) Credits allowed under this section may be claimed for taxable
- 30 years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2015, under the
- 31 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

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1 Sec. 2. Original section 77-2906, Reissue Revised Statutes of

2 Nebraska, is repealed.