1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023) 3 ENGROSSED SENATE 4 BILL NO. 17x By: Thompson (Roger) and Hall 5 of the Senate and 6 7 Wallace and Martinez of the House 8 9 An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 10 O.S. 2021, Section 2357.104, which relates to certain 11 railroad rehabilitation tax credits; modifying taxable year references; and providing an effective 12 date. 13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 14 SECTION 1. 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2357.104, is 15 AMENDATORY amended to read as follows: 16 17 Section 2357.104. A. Except as otherwise provided by this section, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005, and 18 ending before January 1, 2025 2030, there shall be allowed a credit 19 against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title equal to fifty 20 percent (50%) of an eligible taxpayer's qualified railroad 21 reconstruction or replacement expenditures. 22 B. For tax years 2020 through 2024 2029, the amount of the 23 24 credit shall be limited to the product of Five Thousand Dollars

- (\$5,000.00) and the number of miles of railroad track owned or leased within this state by the eligible taxpayer as of the close of the taxable year.
- The credit allowed pursuant to subsection A of this section 4 5 but not used shall be freely transferable, by written agreement, to subsequent transferees at any time during the five (5) years 6 following the year of qualification. An eligible transferee shall 7 be any taxpayer subject to the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this 9 title. The person originally allowed the credit and the subsequent 10 transferee shall jointly file a copy of the written credit transfer agreement with the Oklahoma Tax Commission within thirty (30) days 11 12 of the transfer. The written agreement shall contain the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the parties to the 13 transfer, the amount of credit being transferred, the year the 14 credit was originally allowed to the transferring person and the tax 15 year or years for which the credit may be claimed. The Tax 16 Commission shall promulgate rules to permit verification of the 17 timeliness of a tax credit claimed upon a tax return pursuant to 18 this subsection but shall not promulgate any rules which unduly 19 restrict or hinder the transfers of such tax credit. The Department 20 of Transportation shall promulgate rules to permit verification of 21 the eligibility of an eligible taxpayer's expenditures for the 22 purpose of claiming the credit. The rules shall provide for the 23 24 approval of qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement

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expenditures prior to commencement of a project and provide a

certificate of verification upon completion of a project that uses

qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures. The

certificate of verification shall satisfy all requirements of the

Tax Commission pertaining to the eligibility of the person claiming

the credit.

- D. Any credits allowed pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section but not used in any tax year may be carried over in order to each of the five (5) years following the year of qualification.
- E. As used in this section:

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- 1. "Class II and Class III railroad" means a railroad that is classified by the United States Surface Transportation Board as a Class II or Class III railroad;
- 2. "Eligible taxpayer" means any Class II or Class III railroad; and
 - 3. "Qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures" means expenditures for:
 - a. track maintenance, natural disasters, and reconstruction or replacement of railroad infrastructure including track, roadbed, crossings, bridges, industrial leads and track-related structures owned or leased by a Class II or Class III railroad as of January 1, 2006, or

- b. new construction of industrial leads, switches, spurs
 and sidings and extensions of existing sidings by a
 Class II or Class III railroad.
 - F. The total amount of credits authorized by this section used to offset tax shall be adjusted annually to limit the annual amount of credits to Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for tax years 2018 and 2019 and Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) for tax year 2020 and all subsequent tax years. The Tax Commission shall annually calculate and publish a percentage by which the credits authorized by this section shall be reduced so the total amount of credits used to offset tax does not exceed the applicable annual limit. The formula to be used for the percentage adjustment shall be the applicable annual limit divided by the credits claimed in the second preceding year.
 - G. Pursuant to subsection F of this section, in the event the total tax credits authorized by this section exceed the annual applicable limit in any calendar year, the Tax Commission shall permit any excess over the annual applicable limit but shall factor such excess into the percentage adjustment formula for subsequent years.
- 21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.
- 23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated 05/23/2023 DO PASS, As Amended.