

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 667

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING CERTAIN STATE OFFICIALS ELECTED FROM  
5 DISTRICTS IN WHICH THEY MUST BE RESIDENTS TO DEDUCT A LIMITED AMOUNT OF SUBSTANTIATED  
6 MEAL AND LODGING EXPENSES WHILE IN HELENA; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-30-121 AND 15-30-123,  
7 MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 15-30-121, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"15-30-121. Deductions allowed in computing net income.** (1) In computing net income, there are  
13 allowed as deductions:

14 (a) the items referred to in sections 161, including the contributions referred to in 33-15-201(5)(b), and  
15 211 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 161 and 211, subject to the following exceptions, which are not  
16 deductible:

17 (i) items provided for in 15-30-123;

18 (ii) state income tax paid;

19 (iii) premium payments for medical care as provided in subsection (1)(g)(i);

20 (iv) long-term care insurance premium payments as provided in subsection (1)(g)(ii); and

21 (v) a charitable contribution using a charitable gift annuity unless the annuity is a qualified charitable gift  
22 annuity as defined in 33-20-701;

23 (b) federal income tax paid within the tax year, not to exceed \$5,000 for each taxpayer filing singly, head  
24 of household, or married filing separately or \$10,000 if married and filing jointly;

25 (c) expenses of household and dependent care services as outlined in subsections (1)(c)(i) through  
26 (1)(c)(iii) and (2) and subject to the limitations and rules as set out in subsections (1)(c)(iv) through (1)(c)(vi), as  
27 follows:

28 (i) expenses for household and dependent care services necessary for gainful employment incurred for:

29 (A) a dependent under 15 years of age for whom an exemption can be claimed;

30 (B) a dependent as allowable under 15-30-112(5), except that the limitations for age and gross income

1 do not apply, who is unable to provide self-care because of physical or mental illness; and  
2 (C) a spouse who is unable to provide self-care because of physical or mental illness;  
3 (ii) employment-related expenses incurred for the following services, but only if the expenses are incurred  
4 to enable the taxpayer to be gainfully employed:  
5 (A) household services that are attributable to the care of the qualifying individual; and  
6 (B) care of an individual who qualifies under subsection (1)(c)(i);  
7 (iii) expenses incurred in maintaining a household if over half of the cost of maintaining the household  
8 is furnished by an individual or, if the individual is married during the applicable period, is furnished by the  
9 individual and the individual's spouse;  
10 (iv) the amounts deductible in subsections (1)(c)(i) through (1)(c)(iii), subject to the following limitations:  
11 (A) a deduction is allowed under subsection (1)(c)(i) for employment-related expenses incurred during  
12 the year only to the extent that the expenses do not exceed \$4,800;  
13 (B) expenses for services in the household are deductible under subsection (1)(c)(i) for  
14 employment-related expenses only if they are incurred for services in the taxpayer's household, except that  
15 employment-related expenses incurred for services outside the taxpayer's household are deductible, but only if  
16 incurred for the care of a qualifying individual described in subsection (1)(c)(i)(A) and only to the extent that the  
17 expenses incurred during the year do not exceed:  
18 (I) \$2,400 in the case of one qualifying individual;  
19 (II) \$3,600 in the case of two qualifying individuals; and  
20 (III) \$4,800 in the case of three or more qualifying individuals;  
21 (v) if the combined adjusted gross income of the taxpayers exceeds \$18,000 for the tax year during  
22 which the expenses are incurred, the amount of the employment-related expenses incurred, to be reduced by  
23 one-half of the excess of the combined adjusted gross income over \$18,000;  
24 (vi) for purposes of this subsection (1)(c):  
25 (A) married couples shall file a joint return or file separately on the same form;  
26 (B) if the taxpayer is married during any period of the tax year, employment-related expenses incurred  
27 are deductible only if:  
28 (I) both spouses are gainfully employed, in which case the expenses are deductible only to the extent  
29 that they are a direct result of the employment; or  
30 (II) the spouse is a qualifying individual described in subsection (1)(c)(i)(C);

1 (C) an individual legally separated from the individual's spouse under a decree of divorce or of separate  
2 maintenance may not be considered as married;

3 (D) the deduction for employment-related expenses must be divided equally between the spouses when  
4 filing separately on the same form;

5 (E) payment made to a child of the taxpayer who is under 19 years of age at the close of the tax year  
6 and payments made to an individual with respect to whom a deduction is allowable under 15-30-112(5) are not  
7 deductible as employment-related expenses;

8 (d) in the case of an individual, political contributions determined in accordance with the provisions of  
9 section 218(a) and (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (now repealed) that were in effect for the tax year  
10 that ended December 31, 1978;

11 (e) that portion of expenses for organic fertilizer and inorganic fertilizer produced as a byproduct allowed  
12 as a deduction under 15-32-303 that was not otherwise deducted in computing taxable income;

13 (f) contributions to the child abuse and neglect prevention program provided for in 52-7-101, subject to  
14 the conditions set forth in 15-30-156;

15 (g) the entire amount of premium payments made by the taxpayer, except premiums deducted in  
16 determining Montana adjusted gross income, or for which a credit was claimed under 15-30-128, for:

17 (i) insurance for medical care, as defined in 26 U.S.C. 213(d), for coverage of the taxpayer, the  
18 taxpayer's dependents, and the parents and grandparents of the taxpayer; and

19 (ii) long-term care insurance policies or certificates that provide coverage primarily for any qualified  
20 long-term care services, as defined in 26 U.S.C. 7702B(c), for:

21 (A) the benefit of the taxpayer for tax years beginning after December 31, 1994; or

22 (B) the benefit of the taxpayer, the taxpayer's dependents, and the parents and grandparents of the  
23 taxpayer for tax years beginning after December 31, 1996;

24 (h) light vehicle registration fees, as provided for in 61-3-321(2) and 61-3-562, paid during the tax year;

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26 (i) per capita livestock fees imposed pursuant to 15-24-921, 15-24-922, 81-6-104, 81-6-204, 81-6-209,  
27 81-7-118, or 81-7-201; and

28 (j) substantiated meal and lodging expenses, not to exceed the daily allowance established for legislators  
29 under 5-2-301(4), for each day of attendance in Helena by a state officer, other than a legislator, who:

30 (i) is elected from a district in which residence in the district is a qualification for office; and

1           (ii) resides more than 50 miles from the limits of the city of Helena.

2           (2) (a) Subject to the conditions of subsection (1)(c), a taxpayer who operates a family day-care home  
3 or a group day-care home, as these terms are defined in 52-2-703, and who cares for the taxpayer's own child  
4 and at least one unrelated child in the ordinary course of business may deduct employment-related expenses  
5 considered to have been paid for the care of the child.

6           (b) The amount of employment-related expenses considered to have been paid by the taxpayer is equal  
7 to the amount that the taxpayer charges for the care of a child of the same age for the same number of hours of  
8 care. The employment-related expenses apply regardless of whether any expenses actually have been paid.  
9 Employment-related expenses may not exceed the amounts specified in subsection (1)(c)(iv)(B).

10           (c) Only a day-care operator who is licensed and registered as required in 52-2-721 is allowed the  
11 deduction under this subsection (2)."

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13           **Section 2.** Section 15-30-123, MCA, is amended to read:

14           **"15-30-123. Nondeductible items in computing net income.** In computing net income, deductions are  
15 not allowed for:

16           (1) except as provided in 15-30-121(1)(j), personal, living, or family expenses;

17           (2) any amount paid out for new buildings or for permanent improvements or betterments made to  
18 increase the value of any property or estate;

19           (3) any amount expended in restoring property or in making good the exhaustion of the property for  
20 which an allowance is or has been made;

21           (4) premiums paid on any life insurance policy covering the life of any officer or employee or of any  
22 person financially interested in any trade or business carried on by the taxpayer when the taxpayer is directly or  
23 indirectly a beneficiary under the policy; or

24           (5) expenses that are associated with the production of exempt or excludable income. This subsection  
25 (5) does not apply to the deductibility of federal income taxes paid on income that is excludable or exempt for  
26 Montana income tax purposes."

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28           NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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30           NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Retroactive applicability.** [This act] applies retroactively, within the

1 meaning of 1-2-109, to tax years beginning after December 31, 2008.

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