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#### HOUSE BILL 140

Short Title: Unpaid Debt Taxed as Income.	(Public)
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Referred to: Finance.	

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT DEBTS THAT REMAIN UNPAID ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS AFTER THEY ARE DUE ARE TAXABLE AS INCOME TO THE DEBTOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Division I of Article 4 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

## "§ 105-130.12A. Certain debts taxable as income.

- (a) Definitions. As used in this section, the term 'debt' means a liquidated sum due a creditor, minus the value of any real or tangible personal property by which the sum due is secured. The term does not include a sum due under a home loan, as defined in G.S. 24-1.1A, or a manufactured home loan, as defined in G.S. 24-1.1C.
- (b) Creditors May Report Debts. A creditor who complies with the requirements of this section may report to the Secretary pursuant to G.S. 105-130.21(c) a debt owed to the creditor that became 120 days overdue during the calendar year. Before reporting the debt, the creditor must send the debtor a letter by mail to the debtor's last known address advising the debtor that (i) unless the debtor contests or pays the debt within 30 days, the creditor will report the amount of the debt will be taxable to the debtor as income. If the debtor does not contest or pay the debt within 35 days after the creditor mails the letter required by this subsection, the creditor may report the debt to the Secretary pursuant to G.S. 105-130.21(c).
- (c) <u>Debts Taxable as Income. Uncontested debts that become 120 days overdue</u> during the taxable year are taxable as income of the debtor. A debt is uncontested if the

debtor does not dispute the amount or the due date of the debt. The debtor shall include an uncontested debt in taxable income as provided in G.S. 105-130.5(a)(14) unless the debt is (i) includable in gross income under the Code for the taxable year because it has been discharged or (ii) not includable in gross income for the taxable year pursuant to section 108(a) of the Code. If the debtor later repays the debt, the debtor may deduct the amount repaid as provided in G.S. 105-130.5(b)(17). If the debt later becomes (i) includable in gross income under the Code for the taxable year because it has been discharged or (ii) not includable in gross income for the taxable year pursuant to section 108(a) of the Code, the debtor may deduct the debt as provided in G.S. 105-130.5(b)(17)."

Sec. 2. G.S. 105-130.5 reads as rewritten:

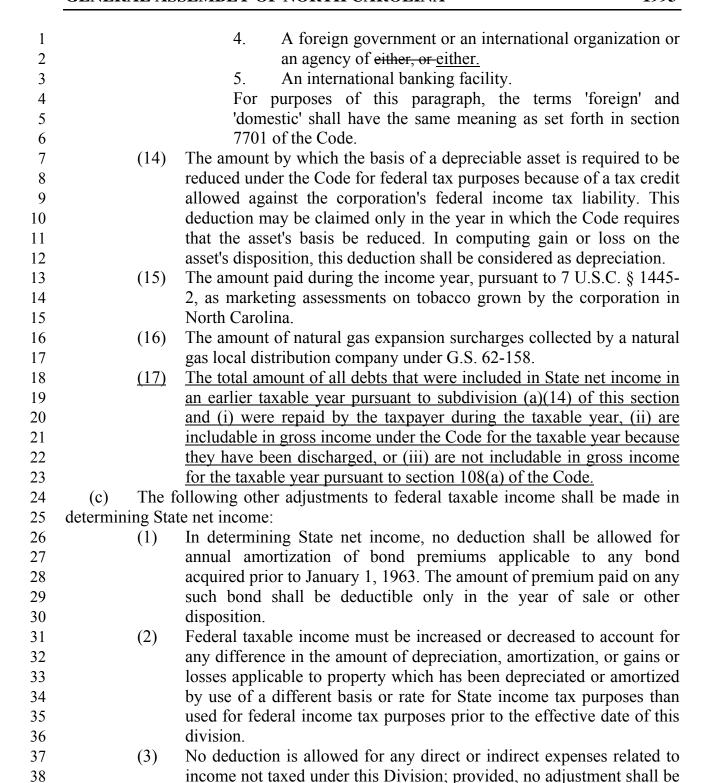
# "§ 105-130.5. Adjustments to federal taxable income in determining State net income.

- (a) The following additions to federal taxable income shall be made in determining State net income:
  - (1) Taxes based on or measured by net income by whatever name called and excess profits taxes; taxes.
  - (2) Interest paid in connection with income exempt from taxation under this Division; Division.
  - (3) The contributions deduction allowed by the Code; Code.
  - (4) Interest income earned on bonds and other obligations of other states or their political subdivisions, less allowable amortization on any bond acquired on or after January 1, 1963; 1963.
  - (5) The amount by which gains have been offset by the capital loss carryover allowed under the Code. All gains recognized on the sale or other disposition of assets must be included in determining State net income or loss in the year of disposition; disposition.
  - (6) The net operating loss deduction allowed by the Code; and Code.
  - (7) Special deductions allowable under sections 241 to 247, inclusive, of the Code.
  - (8) Repealed by Session Laws 1987, c. 778, s. 2.
  - (9) Payments to or charges by a parent, subsidiary or affiliated corporation in excess of fair compensation in all intercompany transactions of any kind whatsoever pursuant to the Revenue Laws of this State.
  - (10) The total amounts allowed under this Article during the taxable year as a credit against the taxpayer's income tax. A corporation that apportions part of its income to this State shall make the addition required by this subdivision after it determines the amount of its income that is apportioned and allocated to this State and shall not apply to a credit taken under this Article the apportionment factor used by it in determining the amount of its apportioned income.
  - (11) The amount by which the percentage depletion allowance allowed by sections 613 and 613A of the Code for mines, oil and gas wells, and other natural deposits exceeds the cost depletion allowance for these

- items under the Code, except as otherwise provided herein. This subdivision does not apply to depletion deductions for clay, gravel, phosphate rock, lime, shells, stone, sand, feldspar, gemstones, mica, talc, lithium compounds, tungsten, coal, peat, olivine, pyrophyllite, and other solid minerals or rare earths extracted from the soil or waters of this State. Corporations required to apportion income to North Carolina shall first add to federal taxable income the amount of all percentage depletion in excess of cost depletion that was subtracted from the corporation's gross income in computing its federal income taxes and shall then subtract from the taxable income apportioned to North Carolina the amount by which the percentage depletion allowance allowed by sections 613 and 613A of the Code for solid minerals or rare earths extracted from the soil or waters of this State exceeds the cost depletion allowance for these items.
  - (12) The amount allowed under the Code for depreciation or as an expense in lieu of depreciation for utility plant acquired by a natural gas local distribution company, to the extent the plant is included in the company's rate base at zero cost in accordance with G.S. 62-158.
  - (13) The amount of income the Code allowed the taxpayer to exclude because the income was attributed under section 925 of the Code to a foreign sales corporation, to the extent the Code required the amount to be included in the federal taxable income of the foreign sales corporation to which it was attributed.
  - The total amount of all uncontested debts owed by the taxpayer at the end of the taxable year that became 120 days overdue during the taxable year, as provided in G.S. 105-130.12A, other than a debt (i) includable in gross income under the Code for the taxable year because it has been discharged or (ii) not includable in gross income for the taxable year pursuant to section 108(a) of the Code.
  - (b) The following deductions from federal taxable income shall be made in determining State net income:
    - (1) Interest upon the obligations of the United States or its possessions, to the extent included in federal taxable income: Provided, interest upon the obligations of the United States shall not be an allowable deduction unless interest upon obligations of the State of North Carolina or any of its political subdivisions is exempt from income taxes imposed by the United States; States.
    - (2) Payments received from a parent, subsidiary or affiliated corporation in excess of fair compensation in intercompany transactions which in the determination of the net income or net loss of such corporation were not allowed as a deduction under the Revenue Laws of this State; State.
    - (3) The deductible portion of dividends from stock issued by any corporation as provided under G.S. 105-130.7; 105-130.7.

- (4) Losses in the nature of net economic losses sustained by the corporation in any or all of the five preceding years pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 105-130.8. Provided, a corporation required to allocate and apportion its net income under the provisions of G.S. 105-130.4 shall deduct its allocable net economic loss only from total income allocable to this State pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 105-130.8; 105-130.8.
- (5) Contributions or gifts made by any corporation within the income year to the extent provided under G.S. 105-130.9; 105-130.9.
- (6) Amortization in excess of depreciation allowed under the Code on the cost of any sewage or waste treatment plant, and facilities or equipment used for purposes of recycling or resource recovery of or from solid waste, or for purposes of reducing the volume of hazardous waste generated as provided in G.S. 105-130.10.
- (7) Depreciation of emergency facilities acquired prior to January 1, 1955. Any corporation shall be permitted to depreciate any emergency facility, as such is defined in section 168 of the Code, over its useful life, provided such facility was acquired prior to January 1, 1955, and no amortization has been claimed on such facility for State income tax purposes; and purposes.
- (8) The amount of losses realized on the sale or other disposition of assets not allowed under section 1211(a) of the Code. All losses recognized on the sale or other disposition of assets must be included in determining State net income or loss in the year of disposition.
- (9) With respect to a shareholder of a regulated investment company, the portion of undistributed capital gains of such regulated investment company included in such shareholder's federal taxable income and on which the federal tax paid by the regulated investment company is allowed as a credit or refund to the shareholder under section 852 of the Code.
- (10) Repealed by Session Laws 1987, c. 778, s. 2.
- (11) The amount by which a deduction for an ordinary and necessary business expense was required to be reduced under the Code for federal tax purposes or the amount of such a deduction that was not allowed under the Code because the corporation claimed a federal tax credit against its federal income tax liability for the income year in lieu of a deduction.
- (12) Reasonable expenses, in excess of deductions allowed under the Code, paid for reforestation and cultivation of commercially grown trees; provided, that this deduction shall be allowed only to those corporations in which the real owners of all the shares of such corporation are natural persons actively engaged in the commercial growing of trees, or the spouse, siblings, or parents of such persons. Provided, further, that in no case shall a corporation be allowed a

1		deduction for the same reforestation or cultivation expenditure more
2	(4.5)	than once.
3	(13)	The eligible income of an international banking facility to the exten
4		included in determining federal taxable income, determined as follows
5		a. 'International banking facility' shall have the same meaning as
6		is set forth in the laws of the United States or regulations of the
7		board of governors of the federal reserve system.
8		b. The eligible income of an international banking facility for the
9		taxable year shall be an amount obtained by multiplying State
10		taxable income as determined under G.S. 105-130.3
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12		international banking facility and allocation and apportionment
13		if applicable) for such year by a fraction, the denominator of
14		which shall be the gross receipts for such year derived by the
15		bank from all sources, and the numerator of which shall be the
16		adjusted gross receipts for such year derived by the
17		international banking facility from:
18		1. Making, arranging for, placing or servicing loans to
19		foreign persons substantially all the proceeds of which
20		are for use outside the United States;
21		2. Making or placing deposits with foreign persons which
22		are banks or foreign branches of banks (including
23		foreign subsidiaries or foreign branches of the taxpayer
24		or with other international banking facilities; or
25		3. Entering into foreign exchange trading or hedging
26		transactions related to any of the transactions described
27		in this paragraph.
28		c. The adjusted gross receipts shall be determined by multiplying
29		the gross receipts of the international banking facility by a
30		fraction the numerator of which is the average amount for the
31		taxable year of all assets of the international banking facility
32		which are employed outside the United States and the
33		denominator of which is the average amount for the taxable
34		year of all assets of the international banking facility.
35		d. For the purposes of this subsection the term 'foreign person
36		means: means any of the following:
37		1. An individual who is not a resident of the United States
38		States.
39		2. A foreign corporation, a foreign partnership or a foreign
40		trust, as defined in section 7701 of the Code, other than a
41		domestic branch thereof; thereof.
42		3. A foreign branch of a domestic corporation (including
43		the <del>taxpayer);</del> <u>taxpayer.</u>



(d) Repealed by Session Laws 1987, c. 778, s. 3.

130.5(a) and (b).

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any recapture of depreciation required under the Code must be included in a corporation's State net income to the extent required for federal income tax purposes.

made under this subsection for adjustments addressed in G.S. 105-

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 (f) Expired."

Sec. 3. G.S. 105-130.21 reads as rewritten:

# "§ 105-130.21. Information at the source.

- (a) Every corporation having a place of business or having one or more employees, agents or other representatives in this State, in whatever capacity acting, including lessors or mortgagors of real or personal property, or having the control, receipt, custody, disposal, or payment of interest (other than interest coupons payable to the bearer), rent, salaries, wages, premiums, annuities, compensations, remunerations, emoluments or other fixed or determinable annual or periodical gains or profits paid or payable during any year to any taxpayer, shall make complete return thereof to the Secretary of Revenue under such regulations and in such form and manner and to such extent as may be prescribed by him. The filing of any report in compliance with the provisions of this section by a foreign corporation shall not constitute an act in evidence of and shall not be deemed to be evidence that such corporation is doing business in this State.
- (b) Every corporation doing business or having a place of business in this State shall file with the Secretary of Revenue, on such form and in such manner as he may prescribe, the names and addresses of all taxpayers, residents of North Carolina, to whom dividends have been paid and the amount of such dividends during the income year.
- (c) A creditor who has complied with the provisions of G.S. 105-130.12A may file with the Secretary of Revenue, on the form and in the manner prescribed by the Secretary, (i) the name, address, and social security number of every individual residing in this State who owes a debt to the creditor that became 120 days overdue during the year, (ii) the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of every corporation doing business in this State who owes a debt to the creditor that became 120 days overdue during the year, and (iii) the amount of each debt."
- Sec. 4. Division II of Article 4 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

## "§ 105-134.9. Certain debts taxable as income.

- (a) <u>Definitions.</u> As used in this section, the term 'debt' means a liquidated sum due a creditor, minus the value of any real or tangible personal property by which the sum due is secured. The term does not include a sum due under a home loan, as defined in G.S. 24-1.1A, or a manufactured home loan, as defined in G.S. 24-1.1C.
- (b) Creditors May Report Debts. A creditor who complies with the requirements of this section may report to the Secretary pursuant to G.S. 105-154(e) a debt owed to the creditor that became 120 days overdue during the calendar year. Before reporting the debt, the creditor must send the debtor a letter by mail to the debtor's last known address advising the debtor that (i) unless the debtor contests or pays the debt within 30 days, the creditor will report the amount of the debt will be taxable to the debtor as income. If the debtor does not contest or pay the debt within 35 days after the creditor mails the letter required by this subsection, the creditor may report the debt to the Secretary pursuant to G.S. 105-154(e).

during the taxable year are taxable as income of the debtor. A debt is uncontested if the debtor does not dispute the amount or the due date of the debt. The debtor shall include an uncontested debt in taxable income as provided in G.S. 105-134.6(c)(6) unless the debt is (i) includable in gross income under the Code for the taxable year because it has been discharged or (ii) not includable in gross income for the taxable year pursuant to section 108(a) of the Code. If the debtor later repays the debt, the debtor may deduct the amount repaid as provided in G.S. 105-134.6(b)(9). If the debt later becomes (i) includable in gross income under the Code for the taxable year pursuant to section 108(a) of the Code, the debtor may deduct the debt as provided in G.S. 105-134.6(b)(9)."

Sec. 5. G.S. 105-134.6 reads as rewritten:

# "§ 105-134.6. Adjustments to taxable income.

- (a) S Corporations. The pro rata share of each shareholder in the income attributable to the State of an S Corporation shall be adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-130.5. The pro rata share of each resident shareholder in the income not attributable to the State of an S Corporation shall be subject to the adjustments provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.
- (b) Deductions. The following deductions from taxable income shall be made in calculating North Carolina taxable income, to the extent each item is included in gross income:
  - (1) Interest upon the obligations of (i) the United States or its possessions, (ii) this State or a political subdivision of this State, or (iii) a nonprofit educational institution organized or chartered under the laws of this State.
  - (2) Interest upon obligations and gain from the disposition of obligations to the extent the interest or gain is exempt from tax under the laws of this State.
  - (3) Benefits received under Title II of the Social Security Act and amounts received from retirement annuities or pensions paid under the provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937.
  - (4) Repealed by Session Laws 1989 (Regular Session, 1990), c. 1002, s. 2.
  - (5) Refunds of state, local, and foreign income taxes included in the taxpayer's gross income.
  - (6) a. An amount, not to exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000), equal to the sum of the amount calculated in subparagraph b. plus the amount calculated in subparagraph c.
    - b. The amount calculated in this subparagraph is the amount received during the taxable year from one or more state, local, or federal government retirement plans.
    - c. The amount calculated in this subparagraph is the amount received during the taxable year from one or more retirement plans other than state, local, or federal government retirement

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- plans, not to exceed a total of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in any taxable year.

  d. In the case of a married couple filing a joint return where both
  - d. In the case of a married couple filing a joint return where both spouses received retirement benefits during the taxable year, the maximum dollar amounts provided in this subdivision for various types of retirement benefits apply separately to each spouse's benefits.
  - **(7)** The amount of inheritance tax attributable to an item of income in respect of a decedent required to be included in gross income under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.5, 105-134.6, and 105-134.7. The amount of inheritance tax attributable to an item of income in respect of a decedent is (i) the amount by which the inheritance tax paid under Article 1 of this Chapter on property transferred to a beneficiary by a decedent exceeds the amount of inheritance tax that would have been payable by the beneficiary if the item of income in respect of a decedent had not been included in the property transferred to the beneficiary by the decedent, (ii) multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount required to be included in gross income for the taxable year under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.5, 105-134.6, and 105-134.7, and the denominator of which is the total amount of income in respect of a decedent transferred to the beneficiary by the decedent. For an estate or trust, the deduction allowed by this subdivision shall be computed by excluding from the gross income of the estate or trust the portion, if any, of the items of income in respect of a decedent that are properly paid, credited, or to be distributed to the beneficiaries during the taxable year.

The Secretary of Revenue may provide to a beneficiary of an item of income in respect of a decedent any information contained on an inheritance tax return that the beneficiary needs to compute the deduction allowed by this subdivision.

- (8) The amount by which the taxpayer's deductions allowed under the Code were reduced, and the amount of the taxpayer's deductions that were not allowed, because the taxpayer elected a federal tax credit in lieu of a deduction, to the extent that a similar credit is not allowed by this Division for the amount.
- (9) The total amount of all debts that were included in the taxpayer's North Carolina taxable income in an earlier taxable year pursuant to subdivision (c)(6) of this section and (i) were repaid by the taxpayer during the taxable year, (ii) are includable in gross income under the Code for the taxable year because they have been discharged, or (iii) are not includable in gross income for the taxable year pursuant to section 108(a) of the Code.

- (c) Additions. The following additions to taxable income shall be made in calculating North Carolina taxable income, to the extent each item is not included in gross income:
  - (1) Interest upon the obligations of states, other than this State, and their political subdivisions.
  - (2) Any amount allowed as a deduction from gross income under the Code that is taxed under the Code by a separate tax other than the tax imposed in section 1 of the Code.
  - (3) Any amount deducted from gross income under section 164 of the Code as state, local, or foreign income tax to the extent that the taxpayer's total itemized deductions deducted under the Code for the taxable year exceed the standard deduction allowable to the taxpayer under the Code reduced by the amount by which the taxpayer's allowable standard deduction has been increased under section 63(c)(4) of the Code.
  - (4) The amount by which the taxpayer's standard deduction has been increased for inflation under section 63(c)(4) of the Code and the amount by which the taxpayer's personal exemptions have been increased for inflation under section 151(d)(4) of the Code. For the purpose of this subdivision, if the taxpayer's personal exemptions have been reduced by the applicable percentage under section 151(d)(3) of the Code, the amount by which the personal exemptions have been increased for inflation is also reduced by the applicable percentage.
  - (5) The fair market value, up to a maximum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), of the donated property interest for which the taxpayer claims a credit for the taxable year under G.S. 105-151.12 and the market price of the gleaned crop for which the taxpayer claims a credit for the taxable year under G.S. 105-151.14.
  - (6) The total amount of all uncontested debts owed by the taxpayer at the end of the taxable year that became 120 days overdue during the taxable year, as provided in G.S. 105-134.9, other than a debt (i) includable in gross income under the Code for the taxable year because it has been discharged or (ii) not includable in gross income for the taxable year pursuant to section 108(a) of the Code."

Sec. 6. G.S. 105-154 reads as rewritten:

# "§ 105-154. Information at the source returns.

- (a) 'Person' Defined. Notwithstanding G.S. 105-134.1, as used in this section, the term 'person' means an individual, a fiduciary, a firm, a partnership, an association, a corporation, a unit of government, or another group acting as a unit.
- (b) Information Returns of Payers. A person who is a resident of this State, has a place of business in this State, or has an employee, an agent, or another representative in any capacity in this State shall file an information return as required by the Secretary if the person directly or indirectly pays or controls the payment of any income to any taxpayer. The return shall contain all information required by the Secretary. The filing

 of any return in compliance with this section by a foreign corporation is not evidence that the corporation is doing business in this State.

- (c) Information Returns of Partnerships. A partnership doing business in this State and required to file a return under the Code shall file an information return with the Secretary. A partnership that the Secretary believes to be doing business in this State and to be required to file a return under the Code shall file an information return when requested to do so by the Secretary. The information return shall contain all information required by the Secretary. It shall state specifically the items of the partnership's gross income, the deductions allowed under the Code, and the adjustments required by this Division. The information return shall also include the name and address of each person who would be entitled to share in the partnership's net income, if distributable, and the amount each person's distributive share would be. The information return shall specify the part of each person's distributive share of the net income that represents corporation dividends. The information return shall be signed by one of the partners under affirmation in the form prescribed in G.S. 105-155.
- (d) Payment of Tax on Behalf of Nonresident Owner or Partner. If a business conducted in this State is owned by a nonresident individual or by a partnership having one or more nonresident members, the manager of the business shall report the earnings of the business in this State, the distributive share of the income of each nonresident owner or partner, and any other information required by the Secretary. The manager of the business shall pay with the return the tax on each nonresident owner or partner's share of the income computed at the rate levied on individuals under G.S. 105-134.2(a)(3). The business may deduct the payment for each nonresident owner or partner from the owner or partner's distributive share of the profits of the business in this State. If the nonresident partner is not an individual and the partner has executed an affirmation that the partner will pay the tax with its corporate, partnership, trust, or estate income tax return, the manager of the business is not required to pay the tax on the partner's share. In this case, the manager shall include a copy of the affirmation with the report required by this subsection.
- (e) <u>Information Returns of Creditors.</u> A creditor who has complied with the provisions of G.S. 105-134.9 may file an information return with the Secretary. The information return shall contain (i) the name, address, and social security number of every individual residing in this State who owes a debt to the creditor that became 120 days overdue during the year and (ii) the amount of each debt."

Sec. 7. G.S. 105-201 reads as rewritten:

## "§ 105-201. Accounts receivable.

All accounts receivable on December 31 of each year, having a business, commercial or taxable situs in this State, other than credit balances on accounts with investment brokers or security dealers, shall be subject to an annual tax, which is hereby levied, of twenty-five cents  $(25\phi)$  on every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the face value of such accounts receivable, except that taxpayers reporting on a fiscal year basis for income tax purposes under the provisions of Article 4 shall report accounts receivable on the last day of such fiscal year ending during the year prior to that December 31 as of which such property would otherwise be reported: Provided, that

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 from the face value of such accounts receivable there may be deducted the accounts payable of the taxpayer as of the valuation date of the accounts receivable: Provided further, that no deduction in any case shall be allowed under this section of any indebtedness of the taxpayer on account of capital outlay, permanent additions to capital or purchase of capital assets.

The term 'accounts payable' as used in this section shall not include: does not include any of the following:

- (1) Reserves, secondary liabilities or contingent liabilities except upon satisfactory showing that the taxpayer will actually be compelled to pay the debt or liability; liability.
- (2) Taxes of any kind owing by the taxpayer; taxpayer.
- (3) Debts owed to a corporation of which the taxpayer is parent or subsidiary or with which the taxpayer is closely affiliated by stock ownership or with which the taxpayer is subsidiary of same parent corporation unless the credits created by such debts are listed if so required by law for ad valorem or property taxation, for taxation at the situs of such eredits; or credits.
- (4) Debts incurred to purchase assets which are not subject to taxation at the situs of such assets.
- (5) An uncontested debt that is 120 days overdue at the end of the taxable year and is includable in the taxpayer's taxable income under G.S. 105-130.12A or G.S. 105-134.9, unless the debt has been included in the taxpayer's taxable income under Article 4 of this Chapter.

From the total face value of accounts receivable returned to this State for taxation by or in behalf of any taxpayer who or which also owns other such accounts receivable as have situs outside of this State, accounts payable of the taxpayer may be deducted only in the proportion which the total face value of accounts receivable taxable under this section bears to the total face value of all accounts receivable of the taxpayer.

The term 'accounts payable' as used in this section includes notes payable that are made for a term of one year or less and are not claimed as a deduction under G.S. 105-202.

Indebtedness of commercial factors incurred directly for the purchase of accounts receivable may be deducted from the total value of such accounts receivable.

Indebtedness of securities brokers directly incurred in connection with the purchase or sale of stocks, bonds or other securities from which such brokers derive accounts receivable taxable under this Article may be deducted from the total value of such accounts receivable."

Sec. 8. This act is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1,

1993.