103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

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Introduced 2/9/2024, by Sen. Win Stoller

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

805 ILCS 5/15.35	from Ch. 32, par. 15.35
805 ILCS 5/15.65	from Ch. 32, par. 15.65
805 ILCS 5/15.98 new	

Amends the Business Corporation Act of 1983. Provides that, in the case of a domestic or foreign corporation, no payment is required for a franchise tax that would have been due and payable on or after January 1, 2025. Repeals on January 1, 2026 the provisions in the Act that establish the corporate franchise tax. Directs the Legislative Reference Bureau to prepare a bill effecting necessary changes to conform the statutes to the changes made by the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning revenue.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Business Corporation Act of 1983 is amended 5 by changing Sections 15.35 and 15.65 and by adding Section 6 15.98 as follows:

7 (805 ILCS 5/15.35) (from Ch. 32, par. 15.35)

8 (Text of Section from P.A. 102-16 and 103-8)

9 Sec. 15.35. Franchise taxes payable by domestic 10 corporations. For the privilege of exercising its franchises 11 in this State, each domestic corporation shall pay to the 12 Secretary of State the following franchise taxes, computed on 13 the basis, at the rates and for the periods prescribed in this 14 Act:

15 (a) An initial franchise tax at the time of filing its16 first report of issuance of shares.

17 (b) An additional franchise tax at the time of filing 18 (1) a report of the issuance of additional shares, or (2) a 19 report of an increase in paid-in capital without the 20 issuance of shares, or (3) an amendment to the articles of 21 incorporation or a report of cumulative changes in paid-in 22 capital, whenever any amendment or such report discloses 23 an increase in its paid-in capital over the amount thereof 303400

last reported in any document, other than an annual report, interim annual report or final transition annual report required by this Act to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

5 (c) An additional franchise tax at the time of filing 6 a report of paid-in capital following a statutory merger 7 or consolidation, which discloses that the paid-in capital of the surviving or new corporation immediately after the 8 9 merger or consolidation is greater than the sum of the 10 paid-in capital of all of the merged or consolidated 11 corporations as last reported by them in any documents, 12 other than annual reports, required by this Act to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State; and in 13 14 addition, the surviving or new corporation shall be liable 15 for a further additional franchise tax on the paid-in 16 capital of each of the merged or consolidated corporations 17 as last reported by them in any document, other than an annual report, required by this Act to be filed with the 18 19 Secretary of State from their taxable year end to the next 20 succeeding anniversary month or, in the case of a corporation which has established an extended 21 filing 22 month, the extended filing month of the surviving or new 23 corporation; however if the taxable year ends within the 24 2-month period immediately preceding the anniversary month 25 or, in the case of a corporation which has established an 26 extended filing month, the extended filing month of the

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surviving or new corporation the tax will be computed to the anniversary month or, in the case of a corporation which has established an extended filing month, the extended filing month of the surviving or new corporation in the next succeeding calendar year.

6 (d) An annual franchise tax payable each year with the 7 annual report which the corporation is required by this 8 Act to file.

9 On or after January 1, 2020 and before prior to January 1, 10 2021, the first \$30 in liability is exempt from the tax imposed 11 under this Section. On or after January 1, 2021, and before 12 prior to January 1, 2024, the first \$1,000 in liability is exempt from the tax imposed under this Section. On or after 13 January 1, 2024 and before January 1, 2025, the first \$5,000 in 14 15 liability is exempt from the tax imposed under this Section. 16 The provisions of this Section shall not require the payment 17 of any franchise tax that would otherwise have been due and payable on or after January 1, 2025. There shall be no refunds 18 19 or proration of franchise tax for any taxes due and payable on or after January 1, 2025 on the basis that a portion of the 20 21 corporation's taxable year extends beyond January 1, 2025.

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23 (Source: P.A. 102-16, eff. 6-17-21; 103-8, eff. 6-7-23.)

This Section is repealed on January 1, 2026.

24 (Text of Section from P.A. 102-282, 102-558, and 103-8)
 25 Sec. 15.35. Franchise taxes payable by domestic

1 corporations. For the privilege of exercising its franchises 2 in this State, each domestic corporation shall pay to the 3 Secretary of State the following franchise taxes, computed on 4 the basis, at the rates and for the periods prescribed in this 5 Act:

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(a) An initial franchise tax at the time of filing its first report of issuance of shares.

(b) An additional franchise tax at the time of filing 8 9 (1) a report of the issuance of additional shares, or (2) a 10 report of an increase in paid-in capital without the 11 issuance of shares, or (3) an amendment to the articles of 12 incorporation or a report of cumulative changes in paid-in capital, whenever any amendment or such report discloses 13 14 an increase in its paid-in capital over the amount thereof 15 last reported in any document, other than an annual 16 report, interim annual report or final transition annual 17 report required by this Act to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. 18

19 (c) An additional franchise tax at the time of filing 20 a report of paid-in capital following a statutory merger 21 or consolidation, which discloses that the paid-in capital 22 of the surviving or new corporation immediately after the 23 merger or consolidation is greater than the sum of the 24 paid-in capital of all of the merged or consolidated 25 corporations as last reported by them in any documents, 26 other than annual reports, required by this Act to be

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filed in the office of the Secretary of State; and in 1 addition, the surviving or new corporation shall be liable 2 3 for a further additional franchise tax on the paid-in capital of each of the merged or consolidated corporations 4 as last reported by them in any document, other than an 5 annual report, required by this Act to be filed with the 6 7 Secretary of State from their taxable year end to the next 8 succeeding anniversary month or, in the case of a 9 corporation which has established an extended filing 10 month, the extended filing month of the surviving or new 11 corporation; however if the taxable year ends within the 12 2-month period immediately preceding the anniversary month or, in the case of a corporation which has established an 13 14 extended filing month, the extended filing month of the 15 surviving or new corporation the tax will be computed to 16 the anniversary month or, in the case of a corporation 17 which has established an extended filing month, the extended filing month of the surviving or new corporation 18 19 in the next succeeding calendar year.

20 (d) An annual franchise tax payable each year with the
21 annual report which the corporation is required by this
22 Act to file.

23 On or after January 1, 2020 and <u>before</u> prior to January 1, 24 2021, the first \$30 in liability is exempt from the tax imposed 25 under this Section. On or after January 1, 2021 and <u>before</u> 26 prior to January 1, 2024, the first \$1,000 in liability is

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exempt from the tax imposed under this Section. On or after 1 2 January 1, 2024 and before January 1, 2025, the first \$5,000 in 3 liability is exempt from the tax imposed under this Section. The provisions of this Section shall not require the payment 4 5 of any franchise tax that would otherwise have been due and payable on or after January 1, 2025. There shall be no refunds 6 7 or proration of franchise tax for any taxes due and payable on 8 or after January 1, 2025 on the basis that a portion of the 9 corporation's taxable year extends beyond January 1, 2025.

10 This Section is repealed on January 1, 2026.

11 (Source: P.A. 102-282, eff. 1-1-22; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 12 103-8, eff. 6-7-23.)

13 (805 ILCS 5/15.65) (from Ch. 32, par. 15.65)

14 Sec. 15.65. Franchise taxes payable by foreign 15 corporations. For the privilege of exercising its authority to 16 transact such business in this State as set out in its application therefor or any amendment thereto, each foreign 17 18 corporation shall pay to the Secretary of State the following 19 franchise taxes, computed on the basis, at the rates and for 20 the periods prescribed in this Act:

(a) An initial franchise tax at the time of filing its
application for authority to transact business in this
State.

(b) An additional franchise tax at the time of filing
(1) a report of the issuance of additional shares, or (2) a

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1 report of an increase in paid-in capital without the 2 issuance of shares, or (3) a report of cumulative changes 3 paid-in capital or a report of an exchange or in reclassification of shares, whenever any such report 4 5 discloses an increase in its paid-in capital over the 6 amount thereof last reported in any document, other than 7 report, interim annual report annual or final an transition annual report, required by this Act to be filed 8 9 in the office of the Secretary of State.

10 (c) Whenever the corporation shall be a party to a 11 statutory merger and shall be the surviving corporation, 12 an additional franchise tax at the time of filing its report following merger, if such report discloses that the 13 14 amount represented in this State of its paid-in capital 15 immediately after the merger is greater than the aggregate 16 of the amounts represented in this State of the paid-in 17 capital of such of the merged corporations as were authorized to transact business in this State at the time 18 19 of the merger, as last reported by them in any documents, other than annual reports, required by this Act to be 20 21 filed in the office of the Secretary of State; and in 22 addition, the surviving corporation shall be liable for a further additional franchise tax on the paid-in capital of 23 24 each of the merged corporations as last reported by them 25 in any document, other than an annual report, required by 26 this Act to be filed with the Secretary of State, from

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their taxable year end to the next succeeding anniversary 1 2 month or, in the case of a corporation which has established an extended filing month, the extended filing 3 month of the surviving corporation; however if the taxable 4 5 year ends within the 2-month period immediately preceding the anniversary month or the extended filing month of the 6 7 surviving corporation, the tax will be computed to the 8 anniversary or, extended filing month of the surviving 9 corporation in the next succeeding calendar year.

10 (d) An annual franchise tax payable each year with any
11 annual report which the corporation is required by this
12 Act to file.

13 On or after January 1, 2020 and before prior to January 1, 2021, the first \$30 in liability is exempt from the tax imposed 14 15 under this Section. On or after January 1, 2021 and before 16 January 1, 2025, the first \$1,000 in liability is exempt from 17 the tax imposed under this Section. The provisions of this Section shall not require the payment of any franchise tax 18 19 that would otherwise have been due and payable on or after January 1, 2025. There shall be no refunds or proration of 20 21 franchise tax for any taxes due and payable on or after January 1, 2025 on the basis that a portion of the corporation's 22 taxable year extends beyond January 1, 2025. This amendatory 23 24 Act of the 103rd General Assembly shall not affect any right 25 accrued or established, or any liability or penalty incurred prior to January 1, 2025. 26

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1	This Section is repealed on January 1, 2026.
2	(Source: P.A. 101-9, eff. 6-5-19; 102-16, eff. 6-17-21;
3	102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)
4	(805 ILCS 5/15.98 new)
5	Sec. 15.98. Preparation of bill. The Legislative Reference
6	Bureau shall prepare for introduction in the 2025 spring
7	session of the General Assembly a bill effecting such changes

8 <u>in the statutes as may be necessary to conform the statutes to</u>
9 <u>the changes in law made by this amendatory Act of the 103rd</u>
10 <u>General Assembly.</u>

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.