

Amend CSHB 9 (committee printing) on page 7, between lines 15 and 16, by inserting the following:

Sec. 169.0045. SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAM. (a) An employer in control of a place of employment subject to this chapter may offer to employees a smoking cessation program to assist employees who smoke.

(b) An employer that offers a program under this section is entitled to a credit against taxes owed by the employer under Chapter 171, Tax Code, in accordance with rules adopted by the comptroller. The amount of the credit is equal to the cost of the program.

(c) To qualify for the credit under Subsection (b), the program must offer assistance to an employee through at least two attempts to quit smoking and may be offered directly by the employer or through contract with another provider.