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2-3 Sec. 172.102 [171.9015]. ELIGIBLE COSTS AND EXPENSES. (a) 2-4 Subject to Subsections (b) and (c), in this chapter [subchapter], "eligible costs and expenses" means qualified rehabilitation expenditures as defined by Section 47(c)(2), Internal Revenue Code. 2-5 2-6

2-7 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the depreciation 2-8 and tax-exempt use provisions of Section 47(c)(2), Internal Revenue Code, do not apply to costs and expenses incurred by an entity 2-9 2-10 2-11 exempted from the federal income tax under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code [exempt from the tax imposed under this chapter by Section 171.063], and those costs and expenses are eligible costs 2-12 and expenses if the other provisions of Section 47(c)(2), Internal 2-13 2-14 Revenue Code, are satisfied.

2**-**15 2**-**16 (c) Expenditures by an entity described by Subsection (b) to rehabilitate a structure that is leased to a tax-exempt entity in a 2-17 disqualified lease, as those terms are defined by Section 168(h), 2-18 Internal Revenue Code, are not eligible costs and expenses.

Sec. <u>172.103</u> [171.902]. ELIGIBILITY FOR CREDIT. An entity 2-19 is eligible to apply for a credit in the amount and under the conditions and limitations provided by this <u>chapter</u> [subchapter] against the taxes [tax] imposed under <u>Chapter 171 of this code and</u>, 2-20 2-21 2-22 as provided by Section 172.109(e), Chapters 221, 222, 223, and 224, 2-23 2-24

Insurance Code [this chapter]. Sec. <u>172.104</u> [171.903]. QUALIFICATION. An entity is eligible for a credit for eligible costs and expenses incurred in 2**-**25 2**-**26 2-27 the certified rehabilitation of a certified historic structure as 2-28 provided by this <u>chapter</u> [subchapter] if:

2-29 (1) the rehabilitated certified historic structure is 2-30 2-31 placed in service on or after September 1, 2013;

(2) the entity has an ownership interest in the 2-32 certified historic structure in the year during which the structure 2-33 is placed in service after the rehabilitation; and

(3) the total amount of the eligible costs expenses incurred exceeds \$5,000. Sec. <u>172.105</u> [171.904]. CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY. 2-34 and 2-35

2-36 (a) Before claiming, selling, or assigning a credit under this <u>chapter</u> [subchapter], the entity that incurred the eligible costs and 2-37 2-38 2-39 expenses in the rehabilitation of a certified historic structure 2-40 must request from the commission a certificate of eligibility on 2-41 which the commission certifies that the work performed meets the 2-42 definition of a certified rehabilitation. The entity must include 2-43 with the entity's request:

(1) information on the property that is sufficient for the commission to determine whether the property meets the definition of a certified historic structure; and 2-44 2-45 2-46

2-47 (2) information on the rehabilitation, and 2-48 photographs before and after work is performed, sufficient for the 2-49 commission to determine whether the rehabilitation meets the United States secretary of the interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as defined in 36 C.F.R. Section 67.7. 2-50 2-51

2-52 (b) The commission shall issue a certificate of eligibility 2-53 to an entity that has incurred eligible costs and expenses as 2-54 provided by this chapter [subchapter]. The certificate must: 2-55 (1)

confirm that:

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(A) the property to which the eligible costs and expenses relate is a certified historic structure; and

2-58 (B) the rehabilitation qualifies as a certified 2-59 rehabilitation; and

2-60 (2) specify the date the certified historic structure 2-61 was first placed in service after the rehabilitation.

2-62 The entity must forward the certificate of eligibility (c) 2-63 and the following documentation to the comptroller to claim the tax credit: 2-64

2-65 an audited cost report issued by a certified (1)2-66 public accountant, as defined by Section 901.002, Occupations Code, 2-67 that itemizes the eligible costs and expenses incurred in the certified rehabilitation of the certified historic structure by the 2-68 2-69 entity;

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3-1 (2) the date the certified historic structure was 3-2 first placed in service after the rehabilitation and evidence of 3-3 that placement in service; and

3-4 (3) an attestation of the total eligible costs and 3-5 expenses incurred by the entity on the rehabilitation of the 3-6 certified historic structure.

3-7 (d) For purposes of approving the tax credit under
3-8 Subsection (c), the comptroller may rely on the audited cost report
3-9 provided by the entity that requested the tax credit.

3-10 (e) An entity that sells or assigns a credit under this 3-11 <u>chapter [subchapter]</u> to another entity shall provide a copy of the 3-12 certificate of eligibility, together with the audited cost report, 3-13 to the purchaser or assignee.

Sec. <u>172.106</u> [171.905]. 3-14 AMOUNT OF CREDIT; LIMITATIONS. 3**-**15 3**-**16 The total amount of the credit under this chapter [subchapter] (a) with respect to the rehabilitation of a single certified historic 3-17 structure that may be claimed may not exceed 25 percent of the total expenses 3-18 and incurred eligible costs in the certified rehabilitation of the certified historic structure. 3-19

3-20 (b) The total credit claimed for a report, including the 3-21 amount of any carryforward under Section <u>172.107</u> [<u>171.906</u>], may not 3-22 exceed the amount of franchise tax due for the report after any 3-23 other applicable tax credits.

3-24 (c) Eligible costs and expenses may only be counted once in 3-25 determining the amount of the tax credit available, and more than 3-26 one entity may not claim a credit for the same eligible costs and 3-27 expenses.

Sec. <u>172.107</u> [171.906]. CARRYFORWARD. (a) If an entity is eligible for a credit that exceeds the limitation under Section <u>172.106(b)</u> [171.905(b)], the entity may carry the unused credit forward for not more than five consecutive reports.

3-32 (b) A carryforward is considered the remaining portion of a 3-33 credit that cannot be claimed in the current year because of the 3-34 limitation under Section <u>172.106(b)</u> [171.905(b)].

3-34 limitation under Section <u>172.106(b)</u> [171.905(b)].
3-35 Sec. <u>172.108</u> [171.907]. APPLICATION FOR CREDIT. (a) An
3-36 entity must apply for a credit under this <u>chapter</u> [subchapter] on or
3-37 with the report for the period for which the credit is claimed.

3-38 (b) An entity shall file with any report on which the credit 3-39 is claimed a copy of the certificate of eligibility issued by the 3-40 commission under Section <u>172.105</u> [<u>171.904</u>] and any other 3-41 information required by the comptroller to sufficiently 3-42 demonstrate that the entity is eligible for the credit.

3-43 (c) The burden of establishing eligibility for and the value 3-44 of the credit is on the entity.

Sec. <u>172.109</u> [171.908]. SALE OR ASSIGNMENT OF CREDIT. (a) An entity that incurs eligible costs and expenses may sell or assign 3-45 3-46 3-47 all or part of the credit that may be claimed for those costs and expenses to one or more entities, and any entity to which all or 3-48 3-49 part of the credit is sold or assigned may sell or assign all or part 3-50 of the credit to another entity. There is no limit on the total 3-51 number of transactions for the sale or assignment of all or part of the total credit authorized under this <u>chapter</u> [subchapter], however, collectively all transfers are subject to the maximum 3-52 3-53 3-54

3-54 total limits provided by Section <u>172.106</u> [<u>171.905</u>].
3-55 (b) An entity that sells or assigns a credit under this
3-56 section and the entity to which the credit is sold or assigned shall
3-57 jointly submit written notice of the sale or assignment to the
3-58 comptroller on a form promulgated by the comptroller not later than
3-59 the 30th day after the date of the sale or assignment. The notice
3-60 must include:

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(1) the date of the sale or assignment;

(2) the amount of the credit sold or assigned;

3-63 (3) the names and federal tax identification numbers 3-64 of the entity that sold or assigned the credit or part of the credit 3-65 and the entity to which the credit or part of the credit was sold or 3-66 assigned; and

3-67 (4) the amount of the credit owned by the selling or 3-68 assigning entity before the sale or assignment, and the amount the 3-69 selling or assigning entity retained, if any, after the sale or

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4-1 assignment.

4-2 (c) The sale or assignment of a credit in accordance with 4-3 this section does not extend the period for which a credit may be 4-4 carried forward and does not increase the total amount of the credit 4-5 that may be claimed. After an entity claims a credit for eligible 4-6 costs and expenses, another entity may not use the same costs and 4-7 expenses as the basis for claiming a credit.

4-8 (d) Notwithstanding the requirements of this chapter [subchapter], a credit earned or purchased by, or assigned to, a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or other pass-through entity may be allocated to the partners, members, or shareholders of that entity and claimed under this <u>chapter</u> [subchapter] in accordance with the provisions of any agreement 4-9 4-10 4-11 4-12 4-13 4-14 among the partners, members, or shareholders and without regard to 4**-**15 4**-**16 the ownership interest of the partners, members, or shareholders in the rehabilitated certified historic structure, provided that the 4-17 entity that claims the credit must be subject to the tax imposed under Chapter 171 [this chapter]. 4-18

4-19 (e) An entity that incurs eligible costs and expenses or to 4-20 4-21 which all or part of a credit is sold or assigned and that is subject to a premium tax imposed under Chapter 221, 222, 223, or 224, Insurance Code, may claim all or part of the credit against that tax. The provisions of this <u>chapter</u> [<u>subchapter</u>], including provisions relating to the total amount of the credit that may be 4-22 4-23 4-24 claimed for a report, the carryforward of the credit, and the sale or assignment of the credit, apply with respect to a credit claimed against a tax imposed under Chapter 221, 222, 223, or 224, Insurance 4-25 4-26 4-27 4-28 Code, to the same extent those provisions apply to a credit claimed against the tax imposed under <u>Chapter 171 of this code</u> [this chapter]. An entity claiming all or part of a credit as authorized by this subsection is not required to pay any additional retaliatory tax levied under Chapter 281, Insurance Code, as a 4-29 4-30 4-31 4-32 4-33 result of claiming that credit.

4-34 Sec. <u>172.110</u> [171.909]. RULES. The commission and the 4-35 comptroller shall adopt rules necessary to implement this <u>chapter</u> 4-36 [subchapter].

4-37 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act do not affect 4-38 the validity of a credit that accrued under Subchapter S, Chapter 4-39 171, Tax Code, before the effective date of this Act. The credit 4-40 continues in effect as a credit under Chapter 172, Tax Code, as 4-41 transferred, redesignated, and amended by this Act.

4-42 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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