HOUSE BILL No. 2395

By Committee on Taxation

Requested by Representative Alcala on behalf of Representative Martinez

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AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to credits; establishing the shelter to home pet rescue act providing for a tax credit for expenses incurred for the care of adopted cats and dogs.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) The provisions of this section shall be known and may be cited as the shelter to home pet rescue act.

- (b) For tax year 2025, and all tax years thereafter, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax liability of a resident individual taxpayer imposed under the Kansas income tax act in an amount equal to the expenses incurred and paid by the taxpayer for the care of a single cat or dog that resides indoors and is owned by the taxpayer up to \$250 for the first year for a particular qualifying animal in the year for which the return is filed. The credit shall not exceed \$100 for a particular animal after the first year such credit is taken. A particular animal shall only be eligible for credits for six taxable years. A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit for up to three animals per tax year subject to the limitations set forth in this section.
- (c) Qualifying expenses shall only be taken by one taxpayer in the year in which the credit is claimed. In order to qualify for the credit, the taxpayer must provide receipts and documentation, as required by the secretary of revenue, substantiating the expenses incurred for the cat or dog and documentation proving such cat or dog had been spayed or neutered. Any qualifying expenses must be purchased before December 1st in the year in which the credit is claimed. As used in this section, expense means the costs incurred and paid for the following:
 - (1) Vaccines administered by a veterinarian;
- (2) veterinarian expenses incurred for spaying or neutering the cat or dog;
- (3) inserting a microchip into the animal that would provide the owner's contact information;
 - (4) food for the animal: and
 - (5) any other animal supplies intended for and used by the animal.
 - Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.