

Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee

SB 78 – The Governor’s Tax Proposal

Written Testimony by the
National Multiple Sclerosis Society

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is offered on behalf of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS) to reinstate the **Disabled Access Tax Credit (DATC)** for individual, non-business modifications in Kansas Statute 79-32,176.

The DATC for individual, non-business modifications was repealed when HB 2117 passed during the 2012 Legislative Session. Beginning in tax year 2013, this credit is available to privilege taxpayers and corporations that are subject to the Kansas corporate income tax.

The DATC has been available to individual and business taxpayers who make their property accessible to the disabled. Qualifying modifications include standard remodels for increased disability access to your home, barrier free home additions, as well as money spent to modify or adjust an existing facility or piece of equipment for the purpose of employing individuals with a disability. The tax credit remained in place for 2012 for all personal home modifications completed prior to December 31, 2012.

The Kansas Department of Revenue provided the following information about the number of DATC claims made by individuals over the past three years:

2008	26 claims	\$36,337
2009	19 claims	\$38,583
2010	14 claims	\$32,129

While the dollar amount and claims appear relatively low each year, this program provides assistance to Kansans in need and allows them to maintain their independence.

On behalf of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, thank you for your consideration. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact either Dodie Wellshear or Cheryl Semmel at Ad Astra Consulting at 785.200.3483.