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A BILL

То	amend section 5747.98 and to enact sections	1
	1315.131, 5502.80, and 5747.87 of the Revised	2
	Code to levy a remittance transfer fee on money	3
	transmissions to a person outside of the United	4
	States, to authorize an income tax credit based	5
	on the amount of remittance transfer fees paid,	6
	and to name this act Ohio's Withholding Illegal	7
	Revenue Entering Drug Markets (WIRED) Act.	8

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5747.98 be amended and sections	9
1315.131, 5502.80, and 5747.87 of the Revised Code be enacted to	10
read as follows:	11
Sec. 1315.131. (A) To provide revenue for local law	12
enforcement, a remittance transfer fee is imposed on licensees	13
and authorized delegates that transmit money from a customer in	14
this state to a person outside of the United States. The amount	15
of the remittance transfer fee equals seven per cent of the	16
amount of money or its equivalent transmitted by the licensee	17

or authorized delegate in the transaction.	18
(B) A licensee or authorized delegate may bill or invoice	19
the remittance transfer fee imposed by this section to the	20
customer from which the money is transmitted, but shall provide	21
that customer with an itemized receipt that lists the amount of	22
the remittance transfer fee as a separate line item from any	23
other amounts charged by the licensee or authorized delegate in	24
connection with the transaction.	25
(C) A person that transmitted money from a customer in	26
this state to a person outside of the United States shall file a	27
quarterly report and pay the aggregate amount of remittance	28
transfer fees due on all such transactions during the previous	29
quarter to the superintendent of financial institutions in a	30
form and manner prescribed by the superintendent.	31
(D) The withholding illegal revenue entering drug markets	32
fund is created in the state treasury. All remittance transfer	33
fees collected by the superintendent under this section shall be	34
deposited into the fund. All investment earnings of the fund	35
shall be credited to the fund. The superintendent and the	36
director of public safety shall use the moneys in the fund to	37
make transfers as required by section 5747.87 of the Revised	38
Code and for the purposes described in section 5502.80 of the	39
Revised Code.	40
(E) Every licensee and authorized delegate that transfers	41
money from customers in this state to a person outside of the	42
United States shall conspicuously post a notice in the	43
licensee's or authorized delegate's place of business, in a form	4 4
prescribed by the superintendent, that informs customers of the	45
tax credit authorized by section 5747.87 of the Revised Code for	46
remittance transfer fees imposed by this section that are billed	47

or invoiced to the customer.	48
Sec. 5502.80. (A) As used in this section "law enforcement_	49
agency" means an organized police department, sheriff's office,	50
or marshal's office of any county, municipal corporation, or	51
township.	52
(B) The department of public safety shall use moneys	53
deposited to the withholding illegal revenue entering drug	54
markets fund, under section 1315.131 of the Revised Code, to	55
award grants to law enforcement agencies to defray costs	56
incurred by those agencies related to undocumented immigration,	57
human trafficking, and drug trafficking.	58
(C) The director of public safety, in consultation with	59
the superintendent of financial institutions, may adopt rules	60
under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish the	61
guidelines for the grant program and for administering the fund.	62
Sec. 5747.87. (A) As used in this section, "authorized	63
delegate, " "licensee, " and "transmit money" have the same	64
meanings as in section 1315.01 of the Revised Code.	65
(B) A refundable credit is allowed against a taxpayer's	66
aggregate tax liability under section 5747.02 of the Revised	67
Code. The credit shall equal the amount of remittance transfer	68
fees imposed by section 1315.131 of the Revised Code that are	69
billed or invoiced to, and paid by, a taxpayer in the taxable	70
year, but the amount of credit allowed shall not exceed, for any	71
taxable year, two thousand dollars, including any credit amounts	72
apportioned or allocated to the taxpayer by a pass-through	73
entity. The credit applies only to remittance transfer fees paid	74
for transactions in which the taxpayer is the customer of a	75
licensee or authorized delegate. The credit is not available for	76

remittance transfer fees paid by a taxpayer acting as a licensee	77
or authorized delegate by transmitting money on behalf of	78
another customer.	79
The credit shall be claimed in the order required under	80
section 5747.98 of the Revised Code. If the amount of the credit	81
under this section exceeds the aggregate amount of tax otherwise	82
due under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code after deduction of	83
all other credits in that order, the taxpayer is entitled to a	84
refund of the excess.	85
If the taxpayer is a direct or indirect investor in a	86
pass-through entity that paid remittance transfer fees under	87
section 1315.131 of the Revised Code during the taxpayer's	88
taxable year that would have qualified the entity for the credit	89
if the entity was a taxpayer, the taxpayer may claim its	90
proportionate or distributive share of the credit allowed under	91
this section.	92
(C) The tax commissioner may require the taxpayer to	93
furnish proof of payment of remittance transfer fees under	94
section 1315.131 of the Revised Code as a condition of obtaining	95
the credit authorized under this section.	96
(D) On or before the thirtieth day of July of each year,	97
the tax commissioner shall certify to the superintendent of the	98
division of financial institutions and the director of budget	99
and management the amount of tax credits claimed under this	100
section in the preceding fiscal year. Within fifteen days after	101
receipt of this certification, the director of budget and	102
management shall transfer money equal to the certified amount to	103
the general revenue fund from the withholding illegal revenue	104
entering drug markets fund created in section 1315.131 of the	105
Revised Code.	106

Sec. 5747.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for	107
calculating a taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section	108
5747.02 of the Revised Code, a taxpayer shall claim any credits	109
to which the taxpayer is entitled in the following order:	110
Either the retirement income credit under division (B) of	111
section 5747.055 of the Revised Code or the lump sum retirement	112
income credits under divisions (C), (D), and (E) of that	113
section;	114
Either the senior citizen credit under division (F) of	115
section 5747.055 of the Revised Code or the lump sum	116
distribution credit under division (G) of that section;	117
The dependent care credit under section 5747.054 of the	118
Revised Code;	119
The credit for displaced workers who pay for job training	120
under section 5747.27 of the Revised Code;	121
The campaign contribution credit under section 5747.29 of	122
the Revised Code;	123
The twenty-dollar personal exemption credit under section	124
5747.022 of the Revised Code;	125
The joint filing credit under division $\frac{(G)}{(E)}$ of section	126
5747.05 of the Revised Code;	127
The earned income credit under section 5747.71 of the	128
Revised Code;	129
The nonrefundable credit for education expenses under	130
section 5747.72 of the Revised Code;	131
The nonrefundable credit for donations to scholarship	132
granting organizations under section 5747.73 of the Revised	133

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Code;	1.34
The nonrefundable credit for tuition paid to a	135
nonchartered nonpublic school under section 5747.75 of the	136
Revised Code;	137
The nonrefundable vocational job credit under section	138
5747.057 of the Revised Code;	139
The nonrefundable job retention credit under division (B)	140
of section 5747.058 of the Revised Code;	141
The enterprise zone credit under section 5709.66 of the	142
Revised Code;	143
The credit for beginning farmers who participate in a	144
financial management program under division (B) of section	145
5747.77 of the Revised Code;	146
The credit for commercial vehicle operator training	147
expenses under section 5747.82 of the Revised Code;	148
The nonrefundable welcome home Ohio (WHO) program credit	149
under section 122.633 of the Revised Code;	150
The credit for selling or renting agricultural assets to	151
beginning farmers under division (A) of section 5747.77 of the	152
Revised Code;	153
The credit for purchases of qualifying grape production	154
property under section 5747.28 of the Revised Code;	155
The small business investment credit under section 5747.81	156
of the Revised Code;	157
The nonrefundable lead abatement credit under section	158
5747.26 of the Revised Code;	159
The opportunity zone investment credit under section	160

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122.84 of the Revised Code;	161
The enterprise zone credits under section 5709.65 of the	162
Revised Code;	163
The research and development credit under section 5747.331	164
of the Revised Code;	165
The credit for rehabilitating a historic building under	166
section 5747.76 of the Revised Code;	167
The nonrefundable Ohio low-income housing tax credit under	168
section 5747.83 of the Revised Code;	169
The nonrefundable affordable single-family home credit	170
under section 5747.84 of the Revised Code;	171
The nonresident credit under division (A) of section	172
5747.05 of the Revised Code;	173
The credit for a resident's out-of-state income under	174
division (B) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;	175
The refundable motion picture and broadway theatrical	176
production credit under section 5747.66 of the Revised Code;	177
The refundable credit for film and theater capital	178
improvement projects under section 5747.67 of the Revised Code;	179
The refundable jobs creation credit or job retention	180
credit under division (A) of section 5747.058 of the Revised	181
Code;	182
The refundable credit for taxes paid by a qualifying	183
entity granted under section 5747.059 of the Revised Code;	184
The refundable credits for taxes paid by a qualifying	185
pass-through entity granted under division (I) of section	186
5747.08 of the Revised Code;	187

The refundable credit under section 5747.80 of the Revised	188
Code for losses on loans made to the Ohio venture capital	189
program under sections 150.01 to 150.10 of the Revised Code;	190
The refundable credit for rehabilitating a historic	191
building under section 5747.76 of the Revised Code;	192
The refundable credit under section 5747.39 of the Revised	193
Code for taxes levied under section 5747.38 of the Revised Code	194
paid by an electing pass-through entity—;	195
The refundable credit under section 5747.87 of the Revised	196
Code for remittance transfer fees paid under section 1315.131 of	197
the Revised Code.	198
(B) For any credit, except the refundable credits	199
enumerated in this section and the credit granted under division	200
(H) of section 5747.08 of the Revised Code, the amount of the	201
credit for a taxable year shall not exceed the taxpayer's	202
aggregate amount of tax due under section 5747.02 of the Revised	203
Code, after allowing for any other credit that precedes it in	204
the order required under this section. Any excess amount of a	205
particular credit may be carried forward if authorized under the	206
section creating that credit. Nothing in this chapter shall be	207
construed to allow a taxpayer to claim, directly or indirectly,	208
a credit more than once for a taxable year.	209
Section 2. That existing section 5747.98 of the Revised	210
Code is hereby repealed.	211
Section 3. The enactment by this act of section 5747.87 of	212
the Revised Code applies to taxable years ending on or after the	213
effective date of this section.	214
Section 4. The remittance transfer fee imposed by section	215
1315 131 of the Revised Code. as enacted by this act. applies to	216

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transactions on and after the first day of the first month that	217	
begins after the effective date of this section.	218	
Section 5. This act shall be known as Ohio's Withholding	219	
Illegal Revenue Entering Drug Markets (WIRED) Act.	220	