

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H3/17/25 H3/31/25

2 95th General Assembly

A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1698

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5 By: Representative Torres

6 By: Senator J. Petty

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE INCOME TAX
10 TREATMENT OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS *FOR AN EMPLOYEE'S*
11 *MEMBERSHIP IN A HEALTHCARE SHARING MINISTRY OR OTHER*
12 *MEDICAL COST-SHARING PROGRAM; TO EXCLUDE EMPLOYER*
13 *CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AN EMPLOYEE'S MEMBERSHIP IN A*
14 *HEALTHCARE SHARING MINISTRY OR OTHER MEDICAL COST-*
15 *SHARING PROGRAM FROM INCOME TAX; TO ALLOW AN INCOME*
16 *TAX DEDUCTION FOR AN EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION FOR AN*
17 *EMPLOYEE'S MEMBERSHIP IN A HEALTHCARE SHARING*
18 *MINISTRY OR OTHER MEDICAL COST-SHARING PROGRAM; AND*
19 *FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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Subtitle

23 *TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE INCOME*
24 *TAX TREATMENT OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS*
25 *FOR AN EMPLOYEE'S MEMBERSHIP IN A*
26 *HEALTHCARE SHARING MINISTRY OR OTHER*
27 *MEDICAL COST-SHARING PROGRAM.*

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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-51-404(b), concerning exclusions from
32 "gross income" under the Income Tax Act of 1929, is amended to add an
33 additional subdivision to read as follows:

34 (36)(A) Contributions by an employer for an employee's
35 membership in a healthcare sharing ministry as defined in § 23-60-104 or
36 other medical cost-sharing program.



