

§ 105-120.2. Franchise or privilege tax on holding companies.

(a) Every corporation, domestic and foreign, incorporated or, by an act, domesticated under the laws of this State or doing business in this State that, at the close of its taxable year, is a holding company as defined in subsection (c) of this section, shall, pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 105-122, do all of the following:

- (1) File a return.
- (2) Determine the total amount of its net worth.
- (3) Apportion its net worth to this State.

(b) **(Effective for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2023)** Tax Rate. – Every corporation taxed under this section shall annually pay to the Secretary of Revenue, at the time the return is due, the greater of the following:

- (1) A franchise or privilege tax at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the amount determined under subsection (a) of this section, but in no case shall the tax be more than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) nor less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- (2) If the tax calculated under this subdivision exceeds the tax calculated under subdivision (1) of this subsection, then the tax is levied at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) on the greater of the following:
 - a. Fifty-five percent (55%) of the appraised value as determined for ad valorem taxation of all the real and tangible personal property in this State of each such corporation plus the total appraised value of intangible property returned for taxation of intangible personal property as computed under G.S. 105-122(d).
 - b. The total actual investment in tangible property in this State of such corporation as computed under G.S. 105-122(d).

(b) **(Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and before January 1, 2025)** Tax Rate. – Every corporation taxed under this section shall annually pay to the Secretary of Revenue, at the time the return is due, a franchise or privilege tax at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the amount determined under subsection (a) of this section, but in no case shall the tax be more than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) nor less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(b) **(Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025)** Tax Rate. – Every corporation taxed under this section shall annually pay to the Secretary of Revenue, at the time the return is due, a franchise or privilege tax at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of its tax base with a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the first one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of the corporation's tax base as determined under subsection (a) of this section, but in no case shall the tax be more than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) nor less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(c) For purposes of this section, a "holding company" is a corporation that satisfies at least one of the following conditions:

- (1) It has no assets other than ownership interests in corporations in which it owns, directly or indirectly, more than fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding voting stock or voting capital interests.
- (2) It receives during its taxable year more than eighty percent (80%) of its gross income from corporations in which it owns directly or indirectly more than fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding voting stock, voting capital interests, or ownership interests.
- (3) It owns copyrights, patents, or trademarks that represent more than eighty percent (80%) of its total assets, or receives royalties and license fees that

represent more than eighty percent (80%) of its gross income, and it is one hundred percent (100%) directly owned by a corporation that meets all of the following conditions:

- a. Is a manufacturer, as defined by NAICS codes 31 through 33.
 - b. Generates revenues in excess of five billion dollars (\$5,000,000,000) for income tax purposes from goods that it manufactures.
 - c. Includes in its net worth, as determined under G.S. 105-122(b), an investment in a subsidiary that owns copyrights, patents, or trademarks.
- (d) Repealed by Session Laws 1985, c. 656, s. 39.
- (e) Counties, cities and towns shall not levy a franchise tax on corporations taxed under this section. The tax imposed under the provisions of G.S. 105-122 shall not apply to businesses taxed under the provisions of this section.
- (f) Repealed by Session Laws 2011-330, s. 3, effective June 27, 2011. (1975, c. 130, s. 1; 1985, c. 656, s. 39; 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 854, s. 1; 1987 (Reg. Sess., 1988), c. 882, s. 4.2; 1991, c. 30, s. 4; 1998-98, s. 72; 2006-196, s. 9; 2011-330, s. 3; 2012-79, s. 2.3; 2013-414, s. 1(b); 2015-241, s. 32.15(b); 2016-5, s. 1.7(a); 2017-204, s. 1.2; 2019-246, s. 2(a); 2021-180, s. 42.3(c); 2023-134, s. 42.6A(b); 2024-1, s. 11.2(b).)