

1 AN ACT concerning taxation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 213 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 5/213 new)

7 Sec. 213. Natural gas consumer tax credit. Beginning  
8 with taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2001 and  
9 ending with taxable years ending on or before December 30,  
10 2006, a taxpayer is entitled to a credit against the tax  
11 imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 in an  
12 amount equal to the amount expended in the taxable year by  
13 the taxpayer for local, State, and federal taxes paid with  
14 respect to natural gas, propane, and home heating oil  
15 consumed in Illinois.

16 If the amount of the credit exceeds the tax liability for  
17 the year, the excess may be carried forward and applied to  
18 the tax liability of the 2 taxable years following the excess  
19 credit year. The credit shall be applied to the earliest  
20 year for which there is a tax liability. If there are  
21 credits from more than one tax year that are available to  
22 offset a liability, the earlier credit shall be applied  
23 first.