

FIREFIGHTER/RESCUE SQUAD TAX DEDUCTION

SECTION 31.24.(a) G.S. 105?134.6(d) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(d) Other Adjustments. – The following adjustments to taxable income shall be made in calculating North Carolina taxable income:

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(6) A taxpayer who is an eligible firefighter or an eligible rescue squad worker may deduct from taxable income the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, each spouse may qualify separately for the deduction allowed under this subdivision. In order to claim the deduction allowed under this subdivision, the taxpayer must submit with the tax return any documentation required by the Secretary. An individual may not claim a deduction as both an eligible firefighter and as an eligible rescue squad worker in a single taxable year. The following definitions apply in this subdivision:

- a. Eligible firefighter. – An unpaid member of a volunteer fire department who attended at least 36 hours of fire department drills and meetings during the taxable year.
- b. Eligible rescue squad worker. – An unpaid member of a volunteer rescue or emergency medical services squad who attended at least 36 hours of rescue squad training and meetings during the taxable year."

SECTION 31.24.(b) This section is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007.