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CHAPTER 523

AN ACT to amend 71.05 (2); and to create 71.05 (15) of the statutes, relating to deductions in certain cases under the income tax law.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 71.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.05 (2) The ordinary and necessary expenses actually paid within the year in carrying on the profession, * * * *trade* or business from which the income is derived, including *traveling expenses (including the entire amount expended for meals and lodging) while away from home in the pursuit of a profession, trade or business, and including also a reasonable allowance for depreciation by use, wear and tear of the property from which the income is derived, and in the case of mines and quarries an allowance for depletion of ores and other natural deposits on the basis of their actual original cost in cash or the equivalent of cash. Provided, however, that no deduction shall be allowed for rent paid unless the payor reports the amount so paid together with the names and addresses of the parties to whom rent was paid. The term "profession, trade or business" shall include the performance of the functions of a public office. The term "ordinary and necessary expenses" shall include reasonable expenses for the entertainment of clients, patients or customers and the unreimbursed expenses for food, travel and lodging incurred by any employe of an employer when required to be away from home in the performance of his job.*

SECTION 2. 71.05 (15) of the statutes is created to read:

71.05 (15) A member of congress representing Wisconsin shall be deemed to have his home in Wisconsin for purposes of sub. (2), but amounts expended by any such member in any income year for living expenses shall not be deductible in excess of \$3,000.

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