AN ACT to create 71.07 (8m) and 71.10 (4) (cs) of the statutes; relating to:

creating a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for certain amounts paid
for amino acid–based elemental formula.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for 50 percent of the amount spent by a claimant for amino acid–based elemental formula. The formula is a type of hypoallergenic formula that may be recommended by a physician for use by a child who has a milk allergy and is unable to tolerate soy protein.

The credit may be claimed only for amounts spent to purchase formula, in the year to which the claim relates, for use by an individual who is claimed as a dependent on the claimant’s federal income tax return, is under 19 years old, and whose physician certifies in writing that the individual should use such a formula.

The maximum credit amount that a claimant may claim each year for each dependent is $5,000. The credit may not be claimed for any amount paid by the claimant that is reimbursable by any person.

Because the credit is nonrefundable, it may be claimed only up to the amount of a claimant’s income tax liability. For claimants who are nonresidents or part–year residents of Wisconsin, the credit that may be claimed is prorated based on the ratio of the claimant’s Wisconsin adjusted gross income to federal adjusted gross income.
For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 71.07 (8m) of the statutes is created to read:

71.07 (8m) AMINO ACID-BASED ELEMENTAL FORMULA TAX CREDIT. (a) Definitions.

In this subsection:

1. “Claimant” means an individual who files a claim under this subsection.
3. “Physician” means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under ch. 448.
4. “Treated individual” means an individual who is a dependent, under section 151 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code, of a claimant and is under 19 years of age at the close of the taxable year to which the claim relates.

(b) Filing claims. Subject to the limitations provided in this subsection, a claimant may claim as a credit against the tax imposed under s. 71.02, up to the amount of those taxes, an amount equal to 50 percent of any amount paid for elemental formula in the year to which the claim relates if the elemental formula is for the use of a treated individual.

(c) Limitations. 1. The maximum credit that may be claimed each year under this subsection by a claimant is $5,000 for each treated individual.

2. No credit may be allowed under this subsection unless it is claimed within the time period under s. 71.75 (2).

3. No credit may be allowed under this subsection for an amount paid by a claimant if that amount is reimbursable by any person.
4. A claimant may claim a credit under this subsection only if a physician certifies to the claimant, in writing, that the treated individual should use an elemental formula.

5. If a part-year resident or a nonresident of this state files a claim under this subsection, the maximum credit amount in subd. 1. shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the individual's and his or her spouse's Wisconsin adjusted gross income and the denominator of which is the individual's and his or her spouse's federal adjusted gross income. In this subdivision, for married persons filing separately "adjusted gross income" means the separate adjusted gross income of each spouse, and for married persons filing jointly "adjusted gross income" means the total adjusted gross income of both spouses.

(d) Administration. Subsection (9e) (d), to the extent that it applies to the credit under that subsection, applies to the credit under this subsection.

SECTION 2. 71.10 (4) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:

71.10 (4) (cs) Amino acid–based elemental formula tax credit under s. 71.07 (8m).

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year in which this subsection takes effect, except that if this subsection takes effect on or after August 1 this act first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year following the year in which this subsection takes effect.

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