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Abstract: Requires the annual occupational license tax of computer programming businesses that derive 80% of gross revenues from providing computer services to be set at a flat rate of one-tenth of 1% of the annual gross receipts for professional fees for services rendered by the business.

Present law provides for the levy and collection of an occupational license tax which is assessed on persons conducting business. The tax can be either a percentage of gross sales, receipts, loans, or commissions or a flat fee depending upon the classification of the business.

Proposed law requires the annual occupational license tax for a computer programming business which derives 80% of its gross revenues from providing software, infrastructure, or platform as a service, software programming, website hosting, website design, and networking services to be set at a flat rate. Provides that the rate is one-tenth of 1% of the annual gross receipts for professional fees for services rendered by the business, with a minimum tax of $50 and a maximum tax of $2,000.

Proposed law requires the annual tax to be levied on the business and not separately on any individual employee or member of the taxpayer which conducts its business as a firm, partnership, or corporation.

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