

CHAPTER 120
FORMERLY
HOUSE BILL NO. 142

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE PERTAINING TO THE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO FILE A TAX RETURN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend Section 534(a), Title 30 of the Delaware Code as follows:

(a) In case of failure to file any return required under authority of this title or Title 4 on or before the date prescribed therefor (determined with regard to any extension of time for filing), unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to wilful neglect, there shall be added to the amount required to be shown as tax on such return 5% of the amount of such tax if the failure is for not more than 1 month, with an additional 5% for each additional month or fraction thereof during which such failure continues, not exceeding 50% in the aggregate. For purposes of this subsection, the amount of tax required to be shown on the return shall be reduced by the amount of any part of the tax which is paid on or before the date prescribed for payment of the tax and by the amount of any credit against the tax which may be claimed on the return.

Section 2. Amend Section 534(j), Title 30 of the Delaware Code as follows:

(j) If any failure to file any return is fraudulent, subsection (a) of this section shall be applied by substituting "15" for "5%" each place it appears and by substituting "75%" for "50%".

Section 3. This Act shall become effective with respect to taxable periods beginning after December 31, 2012.

Approved July 16, 2013