208.38f Contribution to shelter for homeless persons, food kitchen, food bank, or other entity; allowable tax credit.

Sec. 38f. (1) For the 1992 tax year and each tax year after the 1992 tax year, a taxpayer who does not claim a credit for a contribution to a shelter for homeless persons, food kitchen, food bank, or other entity, the primary purpose of which is to provide overnight accommodation, food, or meals to persons who are indigent under section 261 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.261, may credit against the tax imposed by this act 50% of the cash amount the taxpayer contributes during the tax year to a shelter for homeless persons, food kitchen, food bank, or other entity, the primary purpose of which is to provide overnight accommodation, food, or meals to persons who are indigent if a contribution to that entity is tax deductible for the donor under the internal revenue code.

(2) The credit allowed by this section shall not exceed 5% of the taxpayer's tax liability for the tax year before claiming any credits allowed by this act or $5,000.00, whichever is less.

(3) The credit allowed by this section is nonrefundable so that a taxpayer shall not claim a credit amount under this section that reduces the taxpayer's tax liability for the tax year to less than zero.

(4) An entity described in subsection (1) may request that the department determine if a contribution to that entity qualifies for the credit under this section. The department shall make a determination and respond to a request no later than 30 days after the department receives the request.

(5) On or before July 1 of each year, the department shall report to the house of representatives committee on tax policy and the senate committee on finance the total amount of tax credits claimed under this section, section 38c, and section 261 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.261, for the immediately preceding tax year.