| 1  | State of Arkansas                                                            | A D:11                                 |                   |      |
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| 2  | 85th General Assembly                                                        | A Bill                                 |                   |      |
| 3  | Regular Session, 2005                                                        |                                        | HOUSE BILL        | 2726 |
| 4  |                                                                              |                                        |                   |      |
| 5  | By: Representative D. Evans                                                  |                                        |                   |      |
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| 7  |                                                                              |                                        |                   |      |
| 8  | For An Act To Be Entitled                                                    |                                        |                   |      |
| 9  | AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS                              |                                        |                   |      |
| 10 | TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION ARE                                   |                                        |                   |      |
| 11 | DEDUCTIBLE FROM ARKANSAS INCOME TAX WITHOUT ANY                              |                                        |                   |      |
| 12 | LIMITATION ON THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION OR                                  |                                        |                   |      |
| 13 | DEDUCT                                                                       | ION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.           |                   |      |
| 14 |                                                                              |                                        |                   |      |
| 15 |                                                                              | Subtitle                               |                   |      |
| 16 | TO I                                                                         | PROVIDE THAT CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS  | 5                 |      |
| 17 | TO T                                                                         | THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION    |                   |      |
| 18 | ARE                                                                          | DEDUCTIBLE FROM ARKANSAS INCOME TAX    |                   |      |
| 19 | WITH                                                                         | HOUT ANY LIMITATION ON THE AMOUNT OF   |                   |      |
| 20 | CONT                                                                         | TRIBUTION OR DEDUCTION.                |                   |      |
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| 23 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE                                                         | GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARK   | ANSAS:            |      |
| 24 |                                                                              |                                        |                   |      |
| 25 | SECTION 1. Ark                                                               | cansas Code § 26-51-419, as amended by | y Act 53 of 2005  | , is |
| 26 | amended to read as fo                                                        | ollows:                                |                   |      |
| 27 | 26-51-419. Ded                                                               | uctions - Charitable contributions.    |                   |      |
| 28 | (a) Section 17                                                               | 0 of the Internal Revenue Code of 19   | 86, as in effect  | on   |
| 29 | January 1, 2001, rega                                                        | arding deductions for charitable cont  | ributions, is her | reby |
| 30 | adopted for the purpo                                                        | ose of computing Arkansas income tax   | liability. This   |      |
| 31 | adoption is for taxab                                                        | ole years beginning on or after Janua  | ry 1, 2001, and v | will |
| 32 | have no effect on yea                                                        | ers prior to its adoption. Provided,   | however, with     |      |
| 33 | respect to contributi                                                        | ons of qualified appreciated stock w   | ithin the meaning | g of |
| 34 | Internal Revenue Code § 170(e)(5) made after May 31, 1997, the provisions of |                                        |                   |      |
| 35 | this section shall ap                                                        | oply after taking into account the ex  | tension of the    |      |
| 36 | provisions of Interna                                                        | 1 Revenue Code  170(e)(5) by  602      | of the Taxnaver   |      |

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Relief Act of 1997 and § 1004(a) of the Tax Extension Act. (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall apply to a corporation that files an Arkansas consolidated corporation income tax return pursuant to § 26-51-805, provided that each member of the affiliated group shall follow the provisions of § 26-51-805(f) and calculate its contribution limits separately. (c) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, a cash contribution made in January 2005 for the relief of victims in areas affected by the December 26, 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, for which a charitable contribution deduction is allowed under § 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, may be treated as if the contribution was made on December 31, 2004, and not in January 2005. (d) For tax years beginning on and after tax January 1, 2005, charitable contributions to the Arkansas Economic Development Foundation shall be deductible from Arkansas income tax without any limitation on the amount of the contribution that may be made to the foundation or the amount of contribution that may be deducted.