

House Bill 196

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to  
3 provide an exemption for royalties paid to musical artists; to provide for related matters; to  
4 provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
8 imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, is revised in subsection  
9 (a) of Code Section 48-7-27, relating to the computation of taxable net income, by replacing  
10 "; and" at the end of paragraph (14) and inserting a semicolon in lieu thereof; by replacing  
11 the period at the end of paragraph (15) with "; and"; and by adding a new paragraph, to read  
12 as follows:

13 "(16) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, an amount equal to the  
14 royalties paid to a musical artist in this state as compensation for the licensing or other  
15 authorized use or reproduction of his or her musical compositions."

16 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

17 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
18 without such approval.

19 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.