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Senate Bill 9 – Business Profits Tax & Business Enterprise Tax Rate Reductions

The New Hampshire Legislature has passed and Governor Hassan has signed into law Senate Bill 9 (Chapter 274, Sections 23-24, Laws of 2015), reducing the rate of the RSA 77-A Business Profits Tax (BPT) and the RSA 77-E Business Enterprise Tax (BET).

For taxable periods ending on or after December 31, 2016, the BPT rate is reduced to 8.2% and the BET rate is reduced to .72%.

For taxable periods ending on or after December 31, 2018, the BPT rate is reduced to 7.9% and the BET rate is reduced to .675%, contingent upon combined unrestricted general and education trust fund revenues of \$4.64 billion being collected during the biennium ending June 30, 2017. On or about December 31, 2017, the Legislative Budget Assistant will report on whether revenue collections have met the threshold. The Department will issue an additional Technical Information Release at that time advising taxpayers of the applicable BPT and BET rate for taxable periods ending on or after December 31, 2018.

For taxable periods ending before December 31, 2016, the BPT rate remains 8.5% and the BET rate remains .75%.

Additional information about the BPT can be obtained by referencing RSA 77-A and N.H. Code of Admin. Rules, Rev 300 and additional information about the BET can be obtained by referencing RSA 77-E and N.H. Code of Admin. Rules, Rev 2400, which can both be accessed through the Department's <u>website</u>.

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