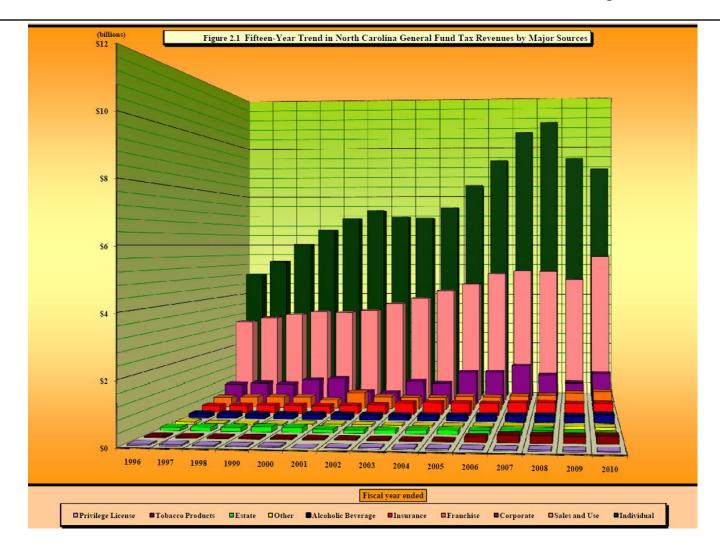
NC Estate Tax Overview

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NC Estate Tax: 0.39% General Fund Tax Revenue in 2009-2010

Source and Chart: NC Department of Revenue



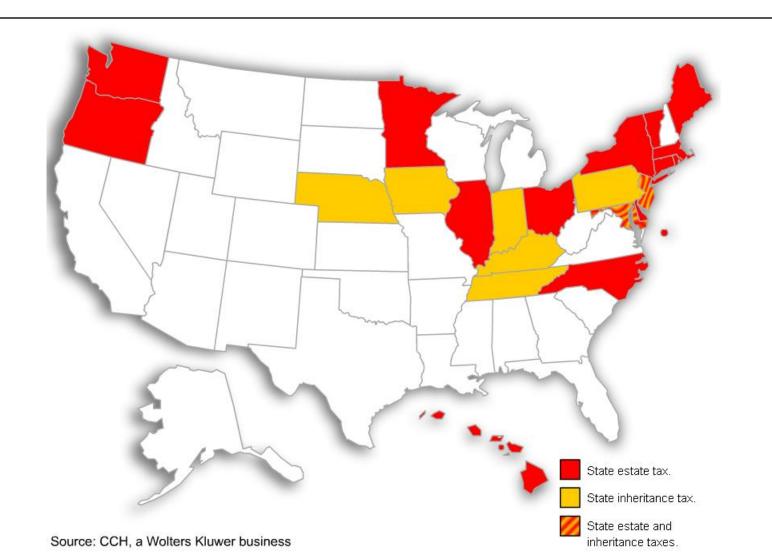
Estate Tax Applies at Death

- □ Tax on Past Activity (Accumulated Savings)
 - Wealth Transfer Tax Estate Tax
- □ Tax on Ongoing Economic Activity
 - Income Taxes
 - Individual Income Tax
 - □ Corporate Income Tax
 - Consumption Taxes
 - □ Sales and Use Tax
 - □ Alcohol, Tobacco

NC Estate Tax Collections and Projections

| Year | Collections (*=Projected) in millions |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 2001-2002 | \$104.7 |
| 2002-2003 | \$112.5 |
| 2003-2004 | \$128.4 |
| 2004-2005 | \$135.2 |
| 2005-2006 | \$133.3 |
| 2006-2007 | \$161.5 |
| 2007-2008 | \$158.7 |
| 2008-2009 | \$104.2 |
| 2009-2010 | \$71.9 |
| 2010-2011 | \$23.8 |
| 2011-2012 | \$64* |
| 2012-2013 | \$92.2* |

Other States: 22 States and DC Impose Estate Tax or Inheritance Tax



Federal Estate Tax - History

- □ Federal wealth transfer taxes date to 1797
 - Historically imposed to fund wars
- □ NC estate tax law has followed federal law changes
- □ Federal estate tax laws have changed yearly since 2001

2001 - Federal Estate Tax

- □ Exemption: \$675,000
- □ Top Rate: 55%
- Property received basis stepped-up to FMV
- □ Federal estate tax shared revenue with States with 100% credit for State estate tax
 - Estates paid state estate tax then received fully offsetting federal credit
 - All 50 States and DC imposed State estate tax

The Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA)

- □ EGTRRA Phased Out Estate Tax
 - During 2001-2009, federal estate tax phased out
 - For 2010, federal estate tax repealed
 - For 2011, federal estate tax returns to 2001 rates
- □ EGTRRA Phased Out Revenue Sharing
 - For 2002-2004, credit phased out
 - For 2005-2009, 100% deduction for State estate tax where estate receives federal deduction that partially offsets State estate tax

2010 – No Federal Estate Tax

- □ No compromise reached before 1/1/10
- □ Federal estate tax allowed to lapse for 1 year
 - EGTRRA applied estate tax in 2011
- □ Estate tax would later be retroactively applied on an elective basis

Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010

- □ 2010 Tax Relief Act
 - Imposes federal estate tax in 2011 and 2012
 - □ 100% deduction for State estate tax applies
 - □ Exemption: \$5 million with portability between spouses
 - □ Top Rate: 35%
 - Property received basis stepped-up to FMV
 - □ Estates could elect to apply the estate tax under EGTRRA or the estate tax under 2010 Tax Relief Act
 - For 2013, federal estate tax returns to 2001 rates

NC Estate Tax – Base and Rate

- □ When is a NC Estate Tax imposed?
 - For deaths in 2010, no estate tax
 - For deaths in 2011-2012, estates over \$5 million (NC only State with full \$5 million exemption)
 - For deaths in 2013, estates over \$1 million
- □ What is the tax rate?
 - Graduated rates from 0.8% to 16%
 - 16% applies to estates over \$10 million

Summary and Uncertain Future of Federal Estate Tax

| | 2010 | 2011-2012 | 2013 and later (same as 2001) |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------|--|
| Federal Exemption | N/A – No Tax | \$5 million | \$1 million (\$675,000 in 2001 increased by Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997) |
| Top Federal Rate | N/A – No Tax | 35% | 55% |
| Portability of Exemption between Spouses | N/A – No Tax | Yes | No |
| Basis of Property Received | Modified Carryover Basis | Stepped-Up Basis | Stepped-Up Basis |
| State Estate Tax Credit or Deduction | N/A – No Tax | 100% Deduction | 100% Credit |
| NC Estate Tax | N/A – No Tax | Yes | Yes |