Because of recent amendments to R.C. 5701.11, income taxpayers and qualifying entities will not be required to make any federal conformity adjustments on their tax year 2021 Ohio tax returns. See H.B. 51 of the 134th General Assembly, effective February 17, 2022. These amendments were made to incorporate changes to the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) since March 31, 2021.

However, the recent legislation does not alter taxpayer responsibilities with respect to any tax item for which there is a specific Ohio law that directly decouples from the IRC. One such example of Ohio’s decoupling from the IRC is the addback and deduction of IRC §168(k) and §179 depreciation expenses. A complete list of situations where Ohio law decouples from the IRC can be found on Ohio Schedule of Adjustments. See also R.C. 5747.01(A).

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