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HOUSE BILL NO.

BY

TAX/CORP FRANCHISE: Repeals the corporation franchise tax and limits eligibility of certain credits to be claimed against corporation franchise tax

1 AN ACT 2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:287.750(E)(1), 6005(C)(1), 6006(A), (B)(1)(introductory 3 paragraph), (2), and (4), 6006.1(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (1), (3), and (4), 4 and (C), 6008(A), 6013(A), 6014(A), (B), and (C)(1) and (3) through (5), 6015(B)(1) 5 and (2), (C)(3)(a) and (d)(i), (D)(2)(introductory paragraph), and (K), 6017(A), 6 6018(B), (D)(introductory paragraph), and (E), 6019(A)(1)(a)(i) and (3)(a), 7 (b)(ii)(aa), and (dd)(I), 6020(D)(2)(a), (3)(a) and (d)(i), 6022(E)(1)(a), (b), and 8 (e)(introductory paragraph), 6028(C)(introductory paragraph) and (D)(1) and (2), 9 6032(A) and (D), 6033(C)(introductory paragraph) and (D)(1) and (2), 6036(C)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (I)(2)(a)(i) and (b), 6105(A), 6107(A) and 10 11 (B), and 6108(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (1), (3), and (4), R.S. 12 51:1787(A)(2)(a) and (b) and (G), and 2399.3(A)(1) and (3)(a) and (d)(i) and to 13 repeal Chapter 5 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 14 comprised of R.S. 47:601 through 618, and 3204(H)(1), (I)(1)(a), and (J)(1), and 15 4305(B)(1), relative to income and corporation franchise tax; to repeal the 16 corporation franchise tax; to repeal provisions relative to the application, 17 administration, collection, and payment of the corporation franchise tax; to repeal exemptions to the corporation franchise tax; to provide with respect to tax credits 18 19 applicable against corporation franchise tax; to provide for applicability; to provide 20 for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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1	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
2	Section 1. R.S. 47:287.750(E)(1), 6005(C)(1), 6006(A), (B)(1)(introductory
3	paragraph), (2), and (4), 6006.1(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (1), (3), and (4), and (C)
4	6008(A), 6013(A), 6014(A), (B), and (C)(1) and (3) through (5), 6015(B)(1) and (2),
5	(C)(3)(a) and (d)(i), (D)(2)(introductory paragraph), and (K), 6017(A), 6018(B),
6	(D)(introductory paragraph), and (E), 6019(A)(1)(a)(i) and (3)(a), (b)(ii)(aa), and (dd)(I)
7	6020(D)(2)(a), (3)(a) and (d)(i), 6022(E)(1)(a), (b), and (e)(introductory paragraph),
8	$6028 (C) (introductory paragraph) \ and \ (D) (1) \ and \ (2), 6032 (A) \ and \ (D), 6033 (C) (introductory paragraph) \ and \ (D) (D) \ and \ (D) \$
9	paragraph) and (D)(1) and (2), 6036(C)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (I)(2)(a)(i) and
10	(b), 6105(A), 6107(A) and (B), and 6108(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (1), (3), and (4)
11	are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
12	§287.750. Louisiana work opportunity tax credit
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14	E.(1) The credit shall be allowed against any Louisiana income or franchise
15	tax due from an eligible business for the taxable period in which the credit is earned
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17	§6005. Qualified new recycling manufacturing or process equipment and service
18	contracts
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20	C.(1) A taxpayer who purchases qualified new recycling manufacturing or
21	process equipment or qualified service contracts, or both, as defined in this Section
22	and certified by the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality to be used
23	or performed exclusively in this state shall be entitled to a credit against any income
24	and corporation franchise taxes imposed by the state in an amount equal to fourteen
25	percent of the cost of the new recycling manufacturing or process equipment or
26	qualified service contract, or both, less the amount of any other tax credits received
27	for the purchase of such equipment or contract, or both.
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29	§6006. Tax credits for local inventory taxes paid

A.(1) There shall be allowed a credit against any Louisiana income or

2	corporation franchise tax for ad valorem taxes paid to political subdivisions on
3	inventory held by manufacturers, distributors, and retailers.
4	(2) There shall be allowed a credit against any Louisiana income or
5	corporation franchise tax for ad valorem taxes paid to political subdivisions on
6	natural gas held, used, or consumed in providing natural gas storage services or
7	operating natural gas storage facilities.
8	B.(1) Credit for taxes paid by corporations shall be applied to state corporate
9	corporation income and corporation franchise taxes. Credit for taxes paid by
10	unincorporated persons shall be applied to state personal income taxes. The secretary
11	shall make a refund to the taxpayer in the amount to which he is entitled from the
12	current collections of the taxes collected pursuant to Chapters Chapter 1 and 5 of
13	Subtitle II of this Title. If the amount of the credit authorized pursuant to Subsection
14	A of this Section exceeds the amount of tax liability for the tax year, the following
15	amounts of the excess credit shall either be refundable or may be carried forward as
16	a credit against subsequent Louisiana income or corporation franchise tax liability
17	for a period not to exceed ten years, as follows:
18	* * *
19	(2) Each taxpayer allowed a credit under this Section shall claim the credit
20	on its separately filed income or corporate franchise tax return; however, for
21	purposes of the application of the limitations on refundability of excess credit
22	provided for in Subparagraphs (1)(a) through (c) of this Subsection, all taxpayers
23	included in one consolidated federal income tax return filed under the Internal
24	Revenue Code shall be treated as a single taxpayer.
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26	(4) Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the contrary, for a
27	manufacturer, as defined in Subparagraph (C)(3)(b) of this Section, if the amount of
28	the credit authorized pursuant to Subsection A of this Section exceeds the amount
29	of tax liability for the tax year, the excess credit shall not be refundable and may only

1	be carried forward as a credit against subsequent Louisiana income or corporation
2	franchise tax liability for a period not to exceed ten years and shall not be refundable.
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4	§6006.1. Tax credits for taxes paid with respect to vessels in Outer Continental
5	Shelf Lands Act Waters
6	A. There shall be allowed a credit against any Louisiana income or
7	corporation franchise tax for ad valorem taxes paid to political subdivisions on
8	vessels in Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Waters as certified to the assessor
9	pursuant to R.S. 47:1956(B) within the calendar year immediately preceding the
10	taxable year of assessment of such vessel. For purposes of this Section, ad valorem
11	taxes shall be deemed to be paid to political subdivisions when they are paid either
12	in money or by applying credits established pursuant to R.S. 47:2132.
13	B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in either Chapter 1 or Chapter
14	5 of Subtitle II of this Title, as amended, the following rules shall apply with respect
15	to the application of the credit established in Subsection A of this Section:
16	(1) The credit for taxes paid by or on behalf of a corporation shall be applied
17	against Louisiana corporate income and corporation franchise taxes of such the
18	corporation. However, any such credit allowable to any member of an affiliated
19	group of corporations, as defined in Section 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code of
20	1954, as amended, shall be applied against Louisiana corporate income and
21	corporation franchise taxes of such the member and any other member of such the
22	affiliated group of corporations until the entire amount of the credit has been applied
23	against such Louisiana corporate income taxes or corporation franchise taxes.
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25	(3) The credit for taxes paid by or on behalf of a corporation classified under
26	Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, as an S corporation
27	shall be applied first against any Louisiana corporate corporation income and
28	corporation franchise taxes tax due by such the S corporation, and the remainder of
29	any such credit shall be allocated to the shareholder or shareholders of such the S

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1 corporation in accordance with their respective interests and applied against the 2 Louisiana income tax of such the shareholder or shareholders of the S corporation. (4) The credit for taxes paid by or on behalf of a partnership shall be 3 4 allocated to the partners according to their distributive shares of partnership gross 5 income and applied against any Louisiana income tax and corporation franchise tax 6 liability of such the partners. 7 8 C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary in Title 47 of 9 the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, any excess of allowable credit 10 established by this Section over the aggregate tax liabilities against which such the 11 credit can be applied, as provided in this Section, shall constitute an overpayment, 12 as defined in R.S. 47:1621(A), and the secretary shall make a refund of such the overpayment from the current collections of the taxes imposed by Chapter 1 or 13 14 Chapter 5 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as 15 amended, together with interest as provided in R.S. 47:1624. The right to a credit 16 or refund of any such an overpayment shall not be subject to the requirements of R.S. 17 47:1621(B). All credits and refunds, together with interest thereon, must be paid or 18 disallowed within ninety days of receipt by the secretary, of any such the claim for 19 refund or credit. Failure of the secretary to pay or disallow, in whole or in part, any 20 claim for a credit or a refund shall entitle the aggrieved taxpayer to proceed with the 21 remedies provided in R.S. 47:1625. 22 23 §6008. Tax credits for donations made to assist playgrounds in economically 24

depressed areas

There shall be allowed a credit against any Louisiana income or corporation franchise tax for qualified donations made to qualified playgrounds. The credit shall be an amount equal to the lesser of seven hundred twenty dollars or thirty-six one hundredths of the value of the cash, equipment, goods, or services donated. Any such credit shall be taken as a credit against the applicable income tax

or taxes only in the taxable period in which the donation is made. The total amount
of the credits taken by any taxpayer during any taxable year shall not exceed one
thousand dollars.

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§6013. Tax credits for donations made to public schools

A. There shall be allowed a credit against the <u>corporate corporation</u> income tax and the corporation franchise tax for qualified donations made to a public school. The credit shall be an amount equal to twenty-eight percent of the appraised value of the qualified donation. Any <u>such</u> credit shall be taken as a credit against the <u>corporate corporation</u> income <u>or corporation franchise</u> tax for the taxable year in which the donation is made. The total of all such credits taken in a taxable year shall not exceed the total tax liability for that taxable year.

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§6014. Credit for property taxes paid by certain telephone companies; fund

A. Pursuant to the provisions of this Section, there shall be allowed a credit against Louisiana corporation or individual income taxes and Louisiana corporation franchise tax for, and in an amount equal to, forty percent of the aggregate ad valorem taxes paid to political subdivisions of this state after December 31, 2000, by a telephone company, as defined in R.S. 47:1851(Q), with respect to such telephone company's public service properties, as defined in R.S. 47:1851(M), which are assessed by the Louisiana Tax Commission at twenty-five percent of fair market value pursuant to R.S. 47:1854.

B. The credit allowed under this Section shall be applied against any Louisiana income or corporation franchise tax shown on a return filed by a person as defined in R.S. 47:2, entitled to such the credit as determined under Subsection C of this Section for income or franchise tax years ending on or after December 31, 2001.

C. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the following provisions shall apply with respect to the application of the credit established in Subsection A of this Section:

(1) The credit for ad valorem taxes paid by or on behalf of a corporation shall be applied against Louisiana corporation income and corporation franchise taxes tax of such the corporation. However, any such credit allowable to any member of an affiliated group of corporations, as defined in Section 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be applied against Louisiana corporation income and corporation franchise taxes tax of such the member and any other member of such the affiliated group of corporations until the entire amount of the credit has been applied against such Louisiana corporation income taxes or corporation franchise taxes.

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- (3) The credit for taxes paid by or on behalf of a corporation classified under Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as an S corporation shall be applied first against any Louisiana corporation income and corporation franchise taxes tax due by—such the S corporation, and the remainder of any such credit shall be allocated to the shareholder or shareholders of such the S corporation in accordance with their respective interests and applied against the Louisiana income tax of such the shareholder or shareholders of the S corporation.
- (4) The credit for taxes paid by or on behalf of a partnership shall be allocated to the partners according to their distributive shares of partnership gross income and applied against any Louisiana income tax and corporation franchise tax liability of such the partners.
- (5) The credit for taxes paid by or on behalf of a limited liability company shall be allocated to the members according to their distributive shares of such the limited liability company's gross income and applied against any Louisiana income tax and corporation franchise tax liability of such the members; however, the credit for taxes paid by or on behalf of a limited liability company treated as a corporation

1	for Louisiana income tax purposes may be applied against the Louisiana corporation
2	income taxes of such the limited liability company.
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4	§6015. Research and development tax credit
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6	B.(1) Any taxpayer who employs fifty or more persons and claims for the
7	taxable year a federal income tax credit under 26 U.S.C. 41(a) for increasing research
8	activities shall be allowed a tax credit to be applied against income and corporation
9	franchise taxes tax due in the manner provided for in Subsection K of this Section.
10	(2) Any taxpayer who employs less than fifty persons and claims for the
11	taxable year a federal income tax credit under 26 U.S.C. 41(a) for the taxable year,
12	or meets the requirements of Subparagraph (3)(i) of this Subsection, shall be allowed
13	a tax credit to be applied against income and corporation franchise taxes tax due in
14	the manner provided for in Subsection K of this Section.
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16	C.
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18	(3)(a) All entities taxed as corporations for Louisiana income or corporation
19	franchise tax purposes shall claim any credit allowed under this Section on their
20	corporation income and corporation franchise tax return.
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22	(d) Entities not taxed as corporations shall claim any credit allowed under
23	this Section on the returns of the partners or members as follows:
24	(i) Corporate partners or members shall claim their share of the credit on
25	their corporation income or corporation franchise tax returns.
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1	(2) In addition to the credit utilization allowed by Paragraph (C)(3) of this
2	Section, research and development tax credits for tax years 2018 and later that are
3	based on participation in the Small Business Technology Transfer Program or the
4	Small Business Innovation Research Grant program and that were not previously
5	claimed by any taxpayer against his income or corporation franchise tax may be
6	transferred or sold to another Louisiana taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:
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8	K. If the amount of the credit authorized pursuant to Subsection A of this
9	Section exceeds the amount of tax liability for the tax year, the excess credit may be
10	carried forward as a credit against subsequent Louisiana income or corporation
11	franchise tax liability for a period not to exceed five years.
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13	§6017. Tax credits for certain expenses paid by economic development corporations
14	A. There shall be allowed a credit against any Louisiana income or
15	corporation franchise taxes tax for the filing fee paid to the Louisiana State Bond
16	Commission that is incurred by an economic development corporation in the
17	preparation and issuance of bonds, as provided for in Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the
18	Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The credit shall be an amount equal to seventy-
19	two percent of the amount of the filing fee paid to the Louisiana State Bond
20	Commission that is incurred by the corporation in the preparation and issuance of the
21	bonds.
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23	§6018. Tax credits for purchasers from "PIE contractors"
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25	B. There shall be allowed a credit in each tax year beginning on and after
26	January 1, 2007, against the Louisiana income tax and the Louisiana corporate
27	franchise tax for any individual or business which purchases specialty apparel items

including, but not limited to industrial clothes, uniforms, and scrubs, from a

contractor in a certified Private Sector/Prison Industry Enhancement Program which employs inmates of Louisiana correctional institutions to manufacture such apparel.

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D. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in either Chapter 1 or Chapter 5 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, the following rules shall apply with respect to the application of the credit provided for in this Section:

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E. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any excess of allowable credit over aggregate tax liabilities against which such the credit can be applied shall constitute an overpayment, as defined in R.S. 47:1621(A), and the secretary of the Department of Revenue may make a refund of such the overpayment from the current collections of the taxes imposed by Chapter 1 or Chapter 5 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, together with interest as provided in R.S. 47:1624. The right to a credit or refund of any such overpayment shall not be subject to the requirements of R.S. 47:1621(B). All credits and refunds, together with interest thereon, shall be paid or disallowed within ninety days of receipt by the secretary of any such the claim for refund or credit. Failure of the secretary to pay or disallow the credit or refund in whole or in part shall entitle the aggrieved taxpayer to proceed with the remedies provided in R.S. 47:1625.

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§6019. Tax credit; rehabilitation of historic structures

A.(1)(a)(i) There shall be a credit against income and corporation franchise tax for the amount of eligible costs and expenses incurred during the rehabilitation of a historic structure located in a downtown development district, located in a cultural district, or contributing to the National Register of Historic Places. The amount of the credit shall equal twenty-five percent of the eligible costs and expenses of the rehabilitation incurred prior to January 1, 2018, regardless of the year in which the property is placed in service. The amount of the credit shall equal

1	twenty percent of the eligible costs and expenses of the rehabilitation incurred on or
2	after January 1, 2018, and before January 1, 2023, regardless of the year in which the
3	property is placed in service. The amount of the credit shall equal twenty-five
4	percent of the eligible costs and expenses of the rehabilitation incurred on or after
5	January 1, 2023, and before January 1, 2029, regardless of the year in which the
6	property is placed in service. No credit is authorized pursuant to this Section for
7	expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2029.
8	* * *
9	(3)(a) The credit shall be allowed against the income tax for the taxable
10	period in which the credit is earned and against the franchise tax for the taxable
11	period following the taxable period in which the credit is earned. If the tax credit
12	allowed pursuant to this Section exceeds the amount of such taxes due, any unused
13	credit may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent tax liability for a period
14	not to exceed five years. This credit may be used in addition to the twenty percent
15	federal tax credit for such purposes.
16	(b)
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18	(ii)(aa) All entities taxed as corporations for Louisiana income or corporation
19	franchise tax purposes shall claim any credit allowed under this Section on their
20	corporation income and corporation franchise tax return.
21	* * *
22	(dd) Entities not taxed as corporations shall claim any credit allowed under
23	this Section on the returns of the partners or members as follows:
24	(I) Corporate partners or members shall claim their share of the credit on
25	their corporation income or corporation franchise tax returns.
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27	§6020. Angel Investor Tax Credit Program
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29	D. Tax credits.

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2	(2)(a) An investor may apply for and, if qualified, be granted a credit on any
3	income or corporation franchise tax liability owed to the state by the taxpayer
4	seeking to claim the credit in the amount approved by the secretary of the
5	department. The amount of the tax credit shall be based upon the amount of money
6	invested by the investor in the Louisiana Entrepreneurial Business, which investment
7	shall not exceed seven hundred twenty thousand dollars per year per business and
8	one million four hundred forty thousand dollars total per business. Except as
9	otherwise provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the credit shall be allowed
10	against the income tax for the taxable period in which the credit is earned and the
11	franchise tax for the taxable period following the period in which the credit is earned
12	The credits approved by the department shall be granted at the rate of twenty-five
13	percent of the amount of the investment with the credit divided in equal portions for
14	two years.
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16	(3)(a) All entities taxed as corporations for Louisiana income or corporation
17	franchise tax purposes shall claim any credit allowed under this Section on their
18	corporation income and corporation franchise tax return.
19	* * *
20	(d) Entities not taxed as corporations shall claim any credit allowed under
21	this Section on the returns of the partners or members as follows:
22	(i) Corporate partners or members shall claim their share of the credit or
23	their corporation income or corporation franchise tax returns.
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25	§6022. Digital interactive media and software tax credit

or before December 31, 2011:

E. Use of tax credits. (1) For tax credits earned for expenditures made on

1	(a) The credit shall be allowed against the income or franchise tax due from
2	a taxpayer for the taxable period in which the credit is earned as well as the
3	immediately preceding period. If the tax credit allowed pursuant to this Section
4	exceeds the amount of such taxes due from a taxpayer, then any unused credit may
5	be carried forward by the taxpayer as a credit against subsequent tax liability for a
6	period not to exceed ten years. However, in no event shall the amount of the tax
7	credit applied by a taxpayer in a taxable period exceed the amount of such taxes due
8	from the taxpayer for that taxable period.
9	(b) All entities taxed as corporations for Louisiana income tax purposes shall
10	claim any credit on their corporation income and franchise tax return.
11	* * *
12	(e) Any tax credits allocated to a person and not previously claimed by any
13	taxpayer against his Louisiana state income or franchise tax may be transferred or
14	sold by such the person to another person, subject to the following conditions:
15	* * *
16	§6028. Louisiana Youth Jobs Tax Credit Program
17	* * *
18	C. Administration of the credit. There shall be allowed a nonrefundable tax
19	credit against income and corporation franchise taxes tax for a business that hires one
20	or more eligible youth on or after July 1, 2021. Notwithstanding any provision of
21	this Section to the contrary, no credit shall be granted unless the eligible youth works
22	at least three consecutive months in a full-time or part-time position at the business.
23	* * *
24	D. Application of the credit. (1) The credit shall be allowed against the
25	income or corporation franchise tax due from a taxpayer for the taxable period in
26	which the credit is earned. If the tax credit allowed pursuant to this Section exceeds
27	the amount of such taxes due from a taxpayer, then the taxpayer may carry forward
28	any unused portion as a credit against subsequent tax liability for a period not to

exceed five years. However, in no event shall the amount of the tax credit applied by

1	a taxpayer in a taxable period exceed the amount of such taxes due from the taxpayer
2	for that taxable period.
3	(2) All entities taxed as corporations for Louisiana income tax purposes shall
4	claim any credit on their corporation income and franchise tax return.
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6	§6032. Tax credit for certain milk producers
7	A. A resident taxpayer engaged in the business of producing milk for sale
8	shall be allowed a refundable tax credit based on the amount of milk produced and
9	sold. The credit may be claimed against any Louisiana income tax and the
10	corporation franchise tax. The credit shall be allowed when the USDA Uniform
11	Price in Federal Order Number 7 drops below the announced production price any
12	time during the calendar year.
13	* * *
14	D. The credit provided by this Section shall be earned on the last day of each
15	calendar year and may be claimed against the income tax for the taxable year that
16	includes the day on which the credit is earned or for the succeeding franchise tax
17	year. The credit shall be prorated on a quarterly basis.
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19	§6033. Apprenticeship tax credits
20	* * *
21	C. Administration of the credit. For taxable periods beginning after
22	December 31, 2021, there shall be allowed a nonrefundable tax credit against
23	Louisiana income tax or corporation franchise tax for the employment of eligible
24	apprentices as provided for in this Section.
25	* * *
26	D. Application of the credit.
27	(1) The credit shall be allowed against the income or franchise tax due from
28	a taxpayer for the taxable period in which the credit is earned. If the tax credit
29	allowed pursuant to this Section exceeds the amount of such taxes due from a

taxpayer, then the taxpayer as a credit may carry any unused credit forward to be
applied against subsequent tax liability for a period not to exceed five years.
However, in no event shall the amount of the tax credit applied by a taxpayer in a
taxable period exceed the amount of such taxes due from the taxpayer for that
taxable period.

(2) All entities taxed as corporations for Louisiana income tax purposes shall claim any credit on their corporation income and franchise tax return.

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§6036. Ports of Louisiana tax credits

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C. Investor tax credit.

(1)(a) There are hereby authorized the following credits against state income and corporate franchise tax:

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I. Import-export cargo tax credit.

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(2)(a)(i) For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2014, there shall be allowed a credit against the individual income; corporation income, and corporation franchise tax liability of a taxpayer who has received certification pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, provided that the credit shall be allowed only against the tax liability of the international business entity which receives the certification. The amount of the credit shall be equal to the product of multiplying three dollars and sixty cents by the taxpayer's number of tons of qualified cargo for the taxable year which exceeds the pre-certification tonnage or the product of multiplying the number of dollars by the taxpayer's number of tons of qualified cargo for the taxable year or portion of a taxable year which exceeds the pre-certification tonnage which is warranted by the significant positive economic benefit determined by the commissioner pursuant to Item (ii) of this Subparagraph, whichever is less. For purposes of this Item, "pre-certification tonnage" means the

number of tons of cargo which meets the definition of qualified cargo for purposes of this credit, and which was owned by the international business entity receiving the credit, were imported or exported to or from a manufacturing, fabrication, assembly, distribution, processing, or warehouse facility located in Louisiana, and which were so moved by way of an oceangoing vessel berthed at public port facilities in Louisiana during the calendar year prior to the year in which the application is submitted. However, each tax credit granted to a taxpayer shall be subject to the same limit as is provided for a qualifying project pursuant to Subparagraph (C)(1)(b) of this Section. In addition, the import-export cargo tax credits granted by the department to any recipient pursuant to this Section shall be limited to an amount which shall not result in a reduction of tax liability by all recipients of such credits to exceed four million five hundred thousand dollars in any fiscal year.

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(b) In the event that the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Subsection exceed the total tax liability of the taxpayer in the taxable year, the amount of the credit not used as an offset against such tax liability may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent individual and corporation income, or corporation franchise tax liabilities for a period not to exceed five taxable years.

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§6105. Child care provider tax credit

A. There shall be a credit against any Louisiana individual or corporation income tax or corporation franchise tax for a child care provider refundable as provided for in R.S. 47:6108. The tax credit shall be an amount based upon the average monthly number of children who either participate in the Child Care Assistance Program administered by the office of children and family services in the Department of Children and Family Services or who are foster children in the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services, and who are attending a child care facility or facilities operated by the child care provider, multiplied by an

1	amount which shall be based upon the quality rating of each child care facility
2	operated by the child care provider as follows:
3	Quality Rating of Child Care Facility Tax Credit Per Eligible Child Attending
4	Five star \$1,500
5	Four star \$1,250
6	Three star \$1,000
7	Two star \$ 750
8	One star or nonparticipating facility 0
9	* * *
10	§6107. Business-supported child care
11	A.(1) There shall be a refundable credit against any Louisiana individual or
12	corporation income tax or corporation franchise tax for the eligible business child
13	care expenses supported by a business. The credit shall be the following percentages
14	of such eligible business child care expenses depending upon the quality rating of the
15	child care facility to which the expenses are related or the quality rating of the child
16	care facility the child attends:
17	Quality Rating of Child Care Facility Percentage of eligible business
18	child care expenses
19	Five star 20%
20	Four star 15%
21	Three star 10%
22	Two star 5%
23	One star or nonparticipating facility 0
24	(2) There shall be an additional refundable credit against any Louisiana
25	individual or corporation income tax or corporation franchise tax for the payment by
26	a business of fees and grants to child care resource and referral agencies not to
27	exceed five thousand dollars per tax year.
28	B. The credits provided for in this Section shall be allowed against income
29	tax or corporate franchise tax for the taxable period in which the credit is earned. If

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1	the tax credit exceeds the amount of such taxes due, then the unused credit shall be
2	refunded as provided for in R.S. 47:6108.
3	* * *
4	§6108. Refundable tax credits
5	A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any excess
6	of allowable credit provided in R.S. 47:6105, 6106, and 6107 and the refundable
7	portion of the credit as provided for in R.S. 47:6104 over the aggregate tax liabilities
8	against which such the credit may be applied, as provided in this Section, shall
9	constitute an overpayment, as defined in R.S. 47:1621(A), and the secretary shall
10	make a refund of such the overpayment from the current collections of the taxes
11	imposed by Chapter 1 or Chapter 5 of Subtitle II of this Title, together with interest
12	as provided in R.S. 47:1624. The right to a credit or refund of any such overpayment
13	shall not be subject to the requirements of R.S. 47:1621(B). All credits and refunds,
14	together with interest thereof, must be paid or disallowed within one year of receipt
15	by the secretary of any such the claim for refund or credit. Failure of the secretary
16	to pay or disallow, in whole or in part, any claim for a credit or a refund shall entitle
17	the aggrieved taxpayer to proceed with the remedies provided in R.S. 47:1625.
18	B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in either Chapter 1 or Chapter
19	5 of Subtitle II of this Title, as amended, the following rules shall apply with respect
20	to the application of the credit established in Subsection A of this Section:
21	(1) The credit for taxes paid by or on behalf of a corporation shall be applied
22	against Louisiana corporate income and corporation franchise taxes tax of such the
23	corporation.
24	* * *
25	(3) The credit for taxes paid by or on behalf of a corporation classified under
26	Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, as an S corporation
27	shall be applied first against any Louisiana corporate income and corporation

 $\underline{\text{franchise taxes}}\ \underline{\text{tax}}\ \text{due}\ \text{by}\ \underline{\text{such}}\ \underline{\text{the}}\ S$ corporation, and the remainder of any $\underline{\text{such}}$

credit shall be allocated to the shareholder or shareholders of such the S corporation

in accordance with their respective interests and applied against the Louisiana income tax of such the shareholder or shareholders of the S corporation.

(4) The credit for taxes paid by or on behalf of a partnership shall be allocated to the partners according to their distributive shares of partnership gross income and applied against any Louisiana income tax and corporation franchise tax liability of such the partners.

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Section 2. R.S. 51:1787(A)(2)(a) and (b) and (G), and 2399.3(A)(1) and (3)(a) and (d)(i) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1787. Enterprise zone incentives

A. The board, after consultation with the secretaries of the Department of Economic Development and Department of Revenue, and with the approval of the governor, may enter into contracts not to exceed five years to provide:

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(2)(a) Except as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, for a two thousand five hundred dollar tax credit per net new employee as determined by the company's average annual employment reported under the Louisiana Employment Security Law during the taxable year for which credit is claimed. For projects for which the advance notification form is filed on or after April 1, 2016, the amount of the credit provided for in this Subparagraph shall be one thousand dollars per net new employee, unless either the net new employee for which the credit is claimed was receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Medicaid, unemployment benefits, or any other benefits from a similar public assistance program, as provided for in rule by the Department of Economic Development, during the six-month period prior to employment or the net new employee is hired by a participating business located in an enterprise zone. The amount of the credit for each net new employee meeting these qualifications shall be three thousand five hundred dollars. This tax credit may be applied to any state income tax liability or any state corporate franchise tax liability, but not liabilities

for penalty or interest, due or outstanding at the time the credit is generated. However, credits may be applied to a due or outstanding tax liability attributable to tax years prior to the year in which the credit is generated only if the tax liability is the result of an assessment, administrative, or judicial proceeding by the Department of Revenue after an audit, provided that no further interest or penalty shall be accrued on such tax liability after the credit is generated. If the entire credit cannot be used in the year claimed, the remainder may be applied against the income tax or corporate franchise tax for the succeeding ten taxable years or until the entire credit is used, whichever occurs first. These credits shall also apply to those tax liabilities, but not liabilities for penalty or interest, identified in tax years where existing contracts generate the credit.

(b) In lieu of the tax credit provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, for aviation or aerospace industries as defined in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 336411, 336412, 336413, and 332912, for a five thousand dollar tax credit for each new job created. This tax credit may be applied to any state income tax liability or any state franchise tax liability within a ten-year period from the date that the contract becomes effective or until the entire credit is used, whichever occurs first.

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G. The board, after consultation with the secretaries of the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Revenue, and with the approval of the governor, may enter into agreements with employers located in either urban or rural enterprise zones or in economic development zones under which employers may receive a two-year tax credit for a total of two thousand five hundred dollars for each FITAP participant who is employed full time for a period of not less than two years for compensation which will disqualify such person from continued participation in the FITAP program. This tax credit may be applied to any state income tax liability or any state franchise tax liability and shall be used for the taxable year in which the increase in average annual employment occurred.

1	However, an employee shall be limited to two years participation under the program.
2	No employer shall obtain a credit for more than ten employees in the first year of
3	participation in the program authorized by this Section. Employers shall be eligible
4	for tax credits under the program for ten years.
5	* * *
6	§2399.3. Modernization tax credit
7	A.(1) Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, an employer may
8	earn and apply for and, if qualified, be granted a refundable credit on any income or
9	corporation franchise tax liability owed to the state by the employer seeking to claim
10	the credit, in the amount approved by the secretary of the department for the amount
11	of qualified expenditures incurred by the employer for a modernization. Except as
12	otherwise provided in this Paragraph, the refundable credit shall be allowed against
13	the income tax for the taxable period in which the credit is earned and the franchise
14	tax for the taxable period following the period in which the credit is earned.
15	* * *
16	(3)(a) All entities taxed as corporations for Louisiana income or corporation
17	franchise tax purposes shall claim any credit allowed under this Section on their
18	corporation income and corporation franchise tax return.
19	* * *
20	(d) Entities not taxed as corporations shall claim any credit allowed under
21	this Section on the returns of the partners or members as follows:
22	(i) Corporate partners or members shall claim their share of the credit on
23	their corporation income or corporation franchise tax returns.
24	* * *
25	Section 3. Chapter 5 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
26	1950, comprised of R.S. 47:601 through 618, and 3204(H)(1), (I)(1)(a), and (J)(1), and
27	4305(B)(1) are hereby repealed in their entirety.
28	Section 4. The provisions of this Act shall apply to corporate franchise tax
29	periods beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

Section 5. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

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