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## DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> imposes state and local sales and use taxes upon the sale or use of any motor vehicle, automobile, motorcycle, truck, truck-tractor, trailer, semitrailer, motor bus, house trailer, or any other vehicle subject to the vehicle registration license tax.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes a state and local sales and use tax exemption for any motor vehicle purchased by an honorably discharged veteran, a retired veteran, or their spouse.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that the purchase of the motor vehicle by an honorably discharged veteran, a retired veteran, or their spouse shall occur within two years after the date of the veteran's retirement or separation from service. <u>Proposed law</u> further provides that proof of eligibility for the exemption shall be determined through the promulgation of rules by the Dept. of Revenue.

<u>Present law</u> requires every owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, or other vehicle intended to be operated upon the public highways in the state to obtain registration and pay the vehicle registration and license tax.

<u>Proposed law</u> exempts a motor vehicle owned and operated by an honorably discharged veteran, a retired veteran, or their spouse from the payment of vehicle registration and license taxes when registering a motor vehicle within two years after the date of the veteran's date of retirement or separation from service.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides proof of eligibility for the exemption shall be determined through the promulgation of rules by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles.

Effective July 1, 2025, and applicable to taxable periods beginning on and after July 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 47:305.37 and 479.2)