

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 402

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

TAX/INCOME TAX: Authorizes income tax deductions for taxpayers sixty-five years of age and older and veterans with certain disabilities

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii) and (xxviii), 297.26, and 297.27, relative to income tax;
3 to authorize an individual income tax deduction for taxpayers sixty-five years of age
4 or older; to authorize an income tax deduction for veterans with certain service-
5 connected disabilities; to provide for the amount of the deduction; to provide for
6 certain requirements and limitations; to authorize the promulgation of rules and
7 regulations; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to
8 provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii) and (xxviii), 297.26, and 297.27 are hereby
11 enacted to read as follows:

12 §293. Definitions

13 The following definitions shall apply throughout this Part, unless the context
14 requires otherwise:

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16 (9)(a) "Tax table income", for resident individuals, means adjusted gross
17 income plus interest on obligations of a state or political subdivision thereof, other
18 than Louisiana and its municipalities, title to which obligations vested with the
19 resident individual on or subsequent to January 1, 1980, and less:

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1 requested, shall provide the records to the Department of Revenue when filing the
2 taxpayer's tax return.

3 C. The secretary of the Department of Revenue may promulgate rules in
4 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of
5 this Section, including rules related to the submission of documentation when
6 claiming the deduction.

7 Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tax Cut For Our
8 Seniors and Veterans Act".

9 Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to all taxable periods
10 beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

11 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes individual income tax deductions for La. taxpayers 65 years of age or older and La. veterans who have a service-connected disability rating of 50% or more equal to the amount of the standard deduction for single individual filers (\$12,500).

Present law authorizes a standard deduction for resident taxpayers when determining a taxpayer's tax liability, the amount of which is dependent on the filing status of the taxpayer claiming the deduction. Present law provides that the amount of the standard deduction for single filers is \$12,500; however beginning Jan. 1, 2026, the amount of the standard deduction shall be adjusted annually by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index United States city average for all urban consumers (CPI-U), as reported by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that in addition to the standard deduction, each La. resident 65 years of age or older and each La. resident who is a veteran and has a service-connected disability rating of 50% or more by the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs shall be allowed an income tax deduction for an amount equal to the amount of standard deduction applicable for single individuals as provided for in present law.

Proposed law requires a taxpayer claiming the deduction to maintain all records necessary to verify his eligibility and if requested, to provide the records to the Dept. of Revenue (DOR) when filing the taxpayer's tax return.

Proposed law authorizes DOR to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law is applicable to all taxable periods beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii) and (xxviii), 297.26, and 297.27)