

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

HOUSE BILL NO. 79

BY REPRESENTATIVE LABRUZZO

TAX/INCOME-CREDIT: Provides an income tax credit for hotel expenses incurred by resident taxpayers displaced by Hurricane Katrina or Rita

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:297.5, relative to individual income tax credits; to provide tax credits for
3 hotel expenses incurred by taxpayers displaced after Hurricane Katrina or Rita; to
4 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 47:297.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §297.5. Reduction to tax due; hurricane displacement expense

8 A. There shall be a credit from the tax imposed by this Part for expenses
9 incurred by a resident taxpayer, who, as a direct result of Hurricane Katrina or Rita,
10 was displaced from his or her residence, paid rent for the occupancy of a room or
11 rooms in a hotel and was not reimbursed in full for such payment. The credit shall
12 be equal to such unreimbursed payment.

13 B. If the amount of the credit allowed under this Section for any taxable year
14 exceeds the taxpayer's liability for such year, the excess shall be treated as an
15 overpayment of tax to be credited or refunded; however, no interest shall be paid
16 thereon.

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
21 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides an income tax credit for hotel expenses incurred by resident taxpayers displaced by Hurricane Katrina or Rita.

Proposed law provides that a resident taxpayer, who, as a direct result of Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita, was displaced from his or her residence, paid rent for the occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel and was not reimbursed in full for such payment, shall be allowed a credit equal to such unreimbursed payment against any income tax imposed.

Proposed law provides that if the amount of the credit allowed under this Section for any taxable year shall exceed the taxpayer's liability for such year, the excess shall be treated as an overpayment of tax to be credited or refunded; however, no interest shall be paid thereon.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 47:297.5)