

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 194

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBIDEAUX

TAX/INCOME TAX: Creates an individual income tax checkoff for Louisiana State Troopers Charities, Inc.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart PP of Part 1 of Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised
3 Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 47:120.231, relative to state individual
4 income tax return checkoffs for certain donations; to provide for a method for
5 individuals to donate all or a portion of any refund due to them to Louisiana State
6 Troopers Charities, Inc.; to provide for the administration and disbursement of
7 donated monies; to provide for reporting; 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. Subpart PP of Part 1 of Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana
11 Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:120.231, is hereby enacted to read as
12 follows:

13 SUBPART PP. LOUISIANA STATE TROOPERS CHARITIES, INC., DONATION

14 §120.231. Income tax checkoff; donation for Louisiana State Troopers Charities,
15 Inc.

16 A. Every individual who files an individual income tax return for the current
17 tax year and who is entitled to a refund may designate on his current year return that
18 all or any portion of the total amount of the refund to which he is entitled shall be
19 donated to Louisiana State Troopers Charities, Inc., in lieu of that amount being paid
20 to him as a refund. In this case the refund shall be reduced by the amount so

1 designated. The designation shall be made at the time of filing the current year tax
 2 return and shall be made upon the income tax return form as prescribed by the
 3 secretary of the Department of Revenue. Donated monies shall be administered by
 4 the secretary and distributed to Louisiana State Troopers Charities, Inc., in
 5 accordance with the provisions of R.S. 47:120.37. No donation made under the
 6 provisions of this Subpart shall be invalid for want of an authentic act.

7 B. The House Committee on Ways and Means may, at its discretion, request
 8 a report from Louisiana State Troopers Charities, Inc., relative to its operations. The
 9 form and content of the report shall be prescribed by the chairman of the committee,
 10 but shall at a minimum contain a detailed explanation of the revenues and
 11 expenditures, as well as a description of the organization's activities. The committee
 12 may summon any person employed by or associated with Louisiana State Troopers
 13 Charities, Inc., to provide testimony with respect to the report.

14 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be effective for taxable years beginning
 15 on or after January 1, 2015.

DIGEST

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HB No. 194

Abstract: Provides for an individual income tax checkoff for donations to La. State Troopers Charities, Inc.

Proposed law provides for an income tax checkoff under which an individual can donate all or a portion of his state income tax refund to La. State Troopers Charities, Inc., in lieu of that amount being paid as a refund.

Proposed law requires donated monies to be administered by the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue and to be quarterly disbursed to La. State Troopers Charities, Inc.

Proposed law authorizes the House Committee on Ways and Means, at its discretion, to request reports from La. State Troopers Charities, Inc., relative to its operations. The form and content of the report shall be prescribed by the chairman of the committee, but shall at a minimum contain a detailed explanation of the revenues and expenditures, as well as a description of the organization's activities.

Effective for taxable years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 47:120.231)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Changes the name of the organization from "Louisiana State Troopers Charities" to "Louisiana State Troopers Charities, Inc."