

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 473

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TAX CREDITS: Adds certain investments by businesses issuing life insurance policies to investments eligible for the insurance premium tax credit

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:832(C)(7) relative to the insurance premium tax credit; to authorize certain
3 investments by businesses issuing life insurance policies to be eligible for the
4 insurance premium tax credit; to provide for qualifying Louisiana investments; to
5 provide for certain requirements; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 22:832(C)(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §832. Reduction of tax when certain investments are made in Louisiana

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11 C. For the purposes of this Part, beginning January 1, 2017, "a qualifying
12 Louisiana investment" is hereby defined as:

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14 (7)(a) For purposes of businesses issuing life insurance policies subject to
15 the tax in R.S. 22:842(A), for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020,
16 "a qualifying Louisiana investment" is defined as:

17 (i) Certificates of deposit issued in Louisiana by any bank, savings and loan
18 association, or savings bank, any of which has a main office or branch in Louisiana,
19 or by a trust company with a main office or branch in Louisiana if the trust company
20 holds funds in trust and invests them in certificates of deposit issued by a bank,

1 savings and loan association, or savings bank with a main office or branch in
2 Louisiana.

3 (ii) Cash on deposit in an account in Louisiana in any bank, savings and loan
4 association, or savings bank, or a trust company holding the funds in trust, any of
5 which has a main office or branch in Louisiana.

6 (b) Investments made pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be
7 considered qualifying Louisiana investments only when made by a business issuing
8 life insurance policies.

9 (i) Has total admitted assets under three million dollars.

10 (ii) Is domiciled, licensed, and operating in this state.

11 (iii) Maintains its primary corporate office in this state and at least seventy
12 percent of its employees in this state.

13 (iv) Maintains in this state, its core business functions which may include
14 utilization review services, claim payment processes, customer processes, customer
15 service call centers, enrollment services, information technology services, and
16 provider relations.

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18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2020.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes certain investments by businesses issuing life insurance policies to be eligible for the insurance premium tax credit.

Present law authorizes a credit against the insurance premium tax for insurers who invest a portion of their total admitted assets in La. financial institutions and investment products. The amount of the credit is graduated, with the amount increasing as the percentage of an insurer's assets invested in La. increases, as follows:

- (1) A 66% tax credit for investment of 16% of assets.
- (2) A 75% tax credit for investment of 20% of assets.
- (3) An 85% tax credit for investment of 25% of assets.

- (4) A 95% tax credit for investment of at least 33% of assets.

Present law defines "qualified La. investments" for purposes of claiming the insurance premium tax credit as any of the following:

- (1) State Bonds, bonds of political subdivisions, or bond issuances approved by the State Bond Commission.
- (2) Mortgages on property located in this state.
- (3) Real property located in this state.
- (4) Policy loans to state residents, or other loans to residents of this state, or to corporations domiciled in this state.
- (5) Common or preferred stock in corporations domiciled in this state.

Proposed law adds, for taxable years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2020, the following investments by businesses issuing life insurance policies to the list of "qualified La. investments" eligible for the insurance premium tax credit:

- (1) Certificates of deposits issued by a La. bank or investments in instruments by a trust company with a main office or one or more branches in this state.
- (2) Cash on deposit in a bank or trust company holding funds in trust which operate in the state with a main office or one or more branches.

Proposed law provides that the investments provided for in proposed law shall only qualify when made by a business issuing life insurance policies that has total admitted assets under \$3 million, is domiciled, licensed, and operating in this state, maintains its primary corporate office and at least 70% of its employees in this state, and maintains its core business functions in this state.

Effective Jan. 1, 2020.

(Adds R.S. 22:832(C)(7))