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Proposed law authorizes individual income tax credits for purchases of certain water saving equipment installed at the individual's residence located in this state beginning January 1, 2020:

- (1) High efficiency toilet – \$50 per toilet up to three per residence.
- (2) High efficiency washing machine – \$100 per washing machine limited to one per household.
- (3) Weather based irrigation controller – \$100 per controller limited to one per residence.
- (4) Storm water runoff collection systems – \$25 for rain barrels or cisterns less than 200 gallons, \$100 for systems with capacities between 200 and 1,000 gallons, and \$200 for capacities over 1,000 gallons limited to one per residence.

Proposed law provides that the credit amounts for the purchase of water saving equipment will be doubled if the individual resides in an area of groundwater concern.

Proposed law provides definitions for the water saving equipment eligible for the credit:

- (1) "High efficiency toilet" means a new toilet not exceeding 1.28 gallons of water per flush that is included on the EPA's WaterSense products list.
- (2) "High efficiency washing machine" means a new high efficiency washing machine listed on the EPA's Energy Star qualified high efficiency washing machines product list.
- (3) "Storm water runoff system" means a new rain barrel or cistern used to collect, store, and reuse rainwater for landscaping and other residential water purposes.
- (4) "Weather based irrigation controller" means new signal based or sensor based smart irrigation controller listed on the EPA's approved WaterSense controller list.

Proposed law authorizes the credit to be used against individual income tax in the tax year in which the equipment is purchased and installed.

Proposed law authorizes a one-year carryover of the credit if the credit exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability in the year earned.

Proposed law requires taxpayers to retain documentation related to the purchase of water saving equipment for which a credit is claimed and shall provide if requested by the Department of

Revenue.

Proposed law places a \$2 million annual cap on the total credits the Department of Revenue can issue during any year and provides that any credits in excess of the cap shall be deemed applied for on the first day of the following year.

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

(Adds R.S. 47:297.14)