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HB 247 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides a nonrefundable income tax credit of up to \$500 for individuals who purchase firearm safety devices.

Proposed law authorizes a nonrefundable, individual income tax credit for purchases of firearm safety devices. Defines "firearm safety device" as a safe, gun safe, gun case, lock box, or other device that is designed to be or can be used to store a firearm and that is designed to be unlocked only by means of a key, a combination, or other similar means.

Proposed law provides that the amount of the credit shall be equal to the cost that a taxpayer incurs in the purchase of one or more firearm safety devices or \$500, whichever is less. Allows only one such credit per taxable year.

Proposed law caps the total amount of credits to be issued pursuant to proposed law at \$500,000 per calendar year.

Proposed law requires each taxpayer who claims the credit authorized by proposed law to submit receipts with their income tax return to verify the amount of the purchase price of all firearm safety devices purchased.

Proposed law establishes the tax credit as a nonrefundable credit. Provides that if the tax credit amount earned in a taxable year exceeds the total tax liability of a taxpayer in that year, the amount of the credit not used as an offset against the taxpayer's tax liability in the taxable year may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent income tax liabilities for a period not to exceed five taxable years.

Proposed law applies to taxable periods beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2023.

Proposed law provides that no credits authorized therein may be claimed for any taxable year beginning after Dec. 31, 2027.

(Adds R.S. 47:297.23)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. Reduce the limit on the total amount of credits that may be issued annually pursuant to proposed law from \$5,000,000 to \$500,000.
2. Delete provisions terminating proposed law on Dec. 31, 2027; provide instead that no credits authorized by proposed law may be claimed for any taxable year beginning after Dec. 31, 2027.