

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 28

BY SENATOR TALBOT

TAX/TAXATION. Establishes an income tax credit for taxpayers who pay to have a fortified roof installed on their property. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:6044, relative to income tax credits; to establish an income tax credit  
3 program for expenses related to fortifying a roof; to provide for the purpose of the  
4 program; to provide for definitions; to provide for the amount of the credit; to  
5 provide for an application process, certification, and administration of the credit; to  
6 provide for application of the credits; to provide for the recovery and recapture of  
7 credits; to authorize the promulgation of rules; to provide for applicability; to  
8 provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 47:6044 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 **§6044. Louisiana Fortified Roof Tax Credit Program**

12 **A. Purpose. It is hereby found that the demand for grants through the**  
13 **Louisiana Fortify Homes Program exceeds the current appropriation and**  
14 **funding levels for the program. The purpose of this tax credit program is to**  
15 **incentivize homeowners to retrofit residential property with a fortified roof.**

16 **B. Definitions. For purposes of this Section:**

17 **(1) "Department" means the Louisiana Department of Insurance.**

1           **(2) "Qualified expenses" means the expenses paid by a taxpayer to meet**  
2           **or exceed the fortified roof standard established by the Insurance Institute for**  
3           **Business and Home Safety on qualifying property as certified by the**  
4           **department.**

5           **(3) "Qualifying property" means insurable property, as defined in R.S.**  
6           **22:1483, owned by a resident taxpayer and on which the resident taxpayer has**  
7           **a homestead exemption.**

8           **(4) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Louisiana Department of**  
9           **Revenue.**

10           **C. Administration of the credit. (1) There is hereby allowed a**  
11           **nonrefundable credit against individual income tax for qualified expenses**  
12           **incurred on or after July 1, 2025, for the installation of a fortified roof meeting**  
13           **or exceeding the fortified roof standard established by the Insurance Institute**  
14           **for Business and Home Safety.**

15           **(2) The credit shall be equal to the total amount of qualified expenses**  
16           **paid by the resident taxpayer and certified by the department, not to exceed ten**  
17           **thousand dollars per resident taxpayer.**

18           **(3) The credit shall be earned when certified by the department.**

19           **D. Application of the credit. Taxpayers that earn a tax credit shall claim**  
20           **on their individual income tax return for the taxable period in which the credit**  
21           **is earned. If the total amount of tax credits certified exceeds the amount of such**  
22           **taxes due, any unused credit may be carried forward as a credit against**  
23           **subsequent tax liability for a period not to exceed five years.**

24           **E. Application Process, Certification, and Administration. (1) A resident**  
25           **taxpayer seeking a tax credit pursuant to this Section shall submit an**  
26           **application on a form prescribed by the department.**

27           **(2) The department shall review the application and any other**  
28           **information deemed necessary for determination of the qualified expenses**  
29           **eligibility.**

1           **(3) If the department determines that the resident taxpayer has qualified**  
2           **expenses that are eligible for the credit pursuant to this Section, the department**  
3           **shall issue a credit certification letter to the taxpayer. Upon issuance of the**  
4           **credit certification letter to the taxpayer, a copy of the letter shall be submitted**  
5           **to the secretary.**

6           **F.(1) Recapture of credits. If the department or the secretary find that**  
7           **expenses for which a taxpayer received credits pursuant to this Section were not**  
8           **for qualifying expenditures for a credit, then the taxpayer's state income tax for**  
9           **such taxable period shall be increased by such amount necessary for the**  
10          **recapture of credit provided by this Section.**

11          **(2)(a) Recovery of credits by Department of Revenue. Credits granted**  
12          **to a taxpayer, but later disallowed, may be recovered by the secretary through**  
13          **any collection remedy authorized by R.S. 47:1561 and initiated within three**  
14          **years from December thirty-first of the year in which the credit was taken.**

15          **(b) The only interest that may be assessed and collected on recovered**  
16          **credits is interest at a rate three percentage points above the rate provided in**  
17          **R.S. 9:3500(B)(1), which shall be computed from the original date of the return**  
18          **on which the credit was taken.**

19          **(3) The provisions of this Subsection are in addition to and shall not limit**  
20          **the authority of the secretary to assess or to collect under any other provision**  
21          **of law.**

22          **G. The department shall promulgate rules in accordance with the**  
23          **Administrative Procedure Act to establish the policies for administration of the**  
24          **program and criteria for program eligibility and any other matters necessary**  
25          **to carry out the purpose of this Section.**

26          **H. A taxpayer shall not receive a tax credit pursuant to this Section if a**  
27          **grant amount is received by the taxpayer pursuant to the provisions of R.S.**  
28          **22:1483.1.**

29          **I. No credit shall be earned pursuant to the provisions of this Section**

1           **after December 31, 2031.**

2           Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to qualifying expenses paid on or  
3 after July 1, 2025.

4           Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
8 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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DIGEST

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Proposed law authorizes a nonrefundable credit against income taxes for resident taxpayers who retrofit their residential property with a fortified roof meeting or exceeding the fortified roof standard established by the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety.

Proposed law defines the terms "department", "qualified expenses", "qualifying property", and "secretary" for purposes of the tax credit program.

Proposed law provides that the credit is equal to the amount of qualified expenses paid by the resident taxpayer and certified by the Dept. of Insurance, hereinafter "department", not to exceed \$10,000 per resident taxpayer.

Proposed law provides that the credit is earned when certified by the department.

Proposed law requires that the credit be allowed against the income tax for the taxable period in which the credit is earned. Further provides that if the tax credit allowed exceeds the amount of tax due, that any unused credit may be carried forward against subsequent income tax liability for a period not to exceed five years.

Proposed law requires a resident taxpayer seeking a tax credit to submit an application on a form prescribed by the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue. Further requires the department to review the application and determine eligibility of qualified expenses.

Proposed law requests the department issue a tax credit certification letter if the department determines that a resident taxpayer has qualified expenses eligible for the credit. Further provides that a copy of the tax credit certification letter be sent to the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue.

Proposed law provides for the recovery and recapture of credits by the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue under certain circumstances. Further limits the amount of interest that may be assessed and collected on recovered or recaptured credits.

Proposed law requires the department to promulgate rules for program eligibility and any other matters necessary to carry out the intent of the program.

Proposed law prohibits a taxpayer from receiving a tax credit for any grant amount received under the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program (R.S. 22:1483.1).

Proposed law prohibits any credits from being earned after December 31, 2031.

Applicable to qualifying expenses paid on or after July 1, 2025.

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

(Adds R.S. 47:6044)