

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 145

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER

TAX/INCOME TAX: Increases the maximum amount of the construction code retrofitting deduction and expands the deduction to cover costs associated with "fortified home" standards compliance

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:293(2)(a)(i), (b), and (c), relative to individual income tax;  
3 to provide for the construction code retrofitting income tax deduction; to provide for  
4 the amount of the deduction; to provide for costs eligible for the deduction; to  
5 provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:293(2)(a)(i), (b), and (c) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
9 read as follows:

10 §293. Definitions

11 The following definitions shall apply throughout this Part, unless the context  
12 requires otherwise:

13 \* \* \*

14 (2)(a)(i) "Construction code retrofitting deduction" ~~for the purposes of this~~  
15 ~~Part~~, means an amount equal to fifty percent of the cost paid or incurred ~~on or after~~  
16 ~~January 1, 2007~~, by a taxpayer to voluntarily retrofit an existing residential structure;  
17 for which the taxpayer claims the homestead exemption for ad valorem tax purposes,  
18 excluding rental property, ~~as provided for in Subparagraph (e) of this Paragraph to~~  
19 bring it into compliance with the State Uniform Construction Code or the fortified

1        home standards of the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety, less the  
 2        value of any ~~other state-, municipal-, or federal-sponsored~~ municipally sponsored,  
 3        state-sponsored, or federally sponsored financial incentives for ~~such~~ the retrofitting  
 4        cost paid.

5    \*           \*           \*

6                    (b) The total ~~amount of~~ deduction amount granted to a taxpayer ~~under~~  
 7        pursuant to this Paragraph shall not exceed ~~five~~ ten thousand dollars per retrofitted  
 8        residential structure. The deduction earned ~~under~~ pursuant to this Paragraph shall  
 9        be claimed on the return for the taxable year in which the work is completed.

10                    (c) In order to qualify for the construction code retrofitting deduction, the  
 11        taxpayer shall submit with his return proof that the work completed complies with  
 12        the State Uniform Construction Code and any information verifying the total cost of  
 13        the project and that the project was a voluntary project as provided for in this  
 14        Paragraph as may be required by the Department of Revenue by rule or regulation.

15    \*           \*           \*

16                    Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to taxable periods beginning on or  
 17        after January 1, 2026.

18                    Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases the maximum amount of the construction code retrofitting income tax deduction and expands the deduction to cover costs associated with bringing a qualifying residence into compliance with the "fortified home" standards of the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety.

Present law provides for a construction code retrofitting income tax deduction for costs paid by a taxpayer to voluntarily retrofit an existing residential structure to bring the structure into compliance with the State Uniform Construction Code. Present law requires a taxpayer to submit proof that the completed work complies with the State Uniform Construction Code, information verifying the total cost of the project, and that the project was voluntary when claiming the deduction on a tax return.

Present law prohibits rental property and the value of costs paid from state, municipal, or federal financial incentives from qualifying for the deduction.

Proposed law retains present law but expands the class of costs qualifying for the deduction to include costs associated with bringing qualifying residential structures into compliance with the fortified home standards of the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety.

Present law limits the amount of the deduction to 50% of the costs paid or incurred to retrofit a residential structure or \$5,000, whichever is less.

Proposed law retains the 50% limit on the costs paid or incurred but increases the maximum amount of the deduction from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per retrofitted residential structure.

Proposed law applies to taxable periods beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2026.

Effective Jan. 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 47:293(2)(a)(i), (b), and (c))