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HOUSE BILL NO. 1092

BY REPRESENTATIVE FANNIN

REVENUE DEPARTMENT: Authorizes the Dept. of Revenue to make payment of tax refunds by means of a debit card at the option of the taxpayer and prohibits the use of the debit cards in gaming establishments

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1621(D)(1), relative to the payment of tax refunds; to 3 authorize the payment of refunds for overpayments by means of a debit card under 4 certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 47:1621(D)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 7 §1621. Refunds of overpayments authorized 8 9 D. 10 11 (1) Such refunds shall be made out of any current collections of the 12 particular tax which was overpaid. The secretary may make payment of refunds by 13 means of a debit card at the option of the taxpayer. However, the paper form for an 14 individual income tax return shall include provisions whereby the taxpayer may 15 choose to receive a refund of an overpayment by check, debit card, direct deposit, 16 or any other format by which the department may pay a refund. A refund for a 17 taxpayer who filed a paper tax return shall be made in accordance with the manner chosen by the taxpayer on the tax return. If the tax return does not reflect the 18

1 selection of a specific manner of payment by the taxpayer, any refund due shall be

2 <u>paid in the manner chosen by the secretary.</u>

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the paper form for the individual income tax return to include provisions whereby the taxpayer may select the method to be used for payment of his tax refund.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue to pay refunds for overpayments of tax. Refund payments are made from the current collections of taxes imposed by <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and requires the paper form of the individual income tax return to provide the following options for receipt of a refund: check, debit card, direct deposit, or any other format by which the department may pay a refund. A taxpayer who files a paper tax return may select the payment method for his refund. If a tax return does not reflect the selection of a specific method of payment by the taxpayer, the refund shall be paid in a manner determined by the secretary of the department.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the payment of tax refunds by use of a debit card.

(Amends R.S. 47:1621(D)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Ways and Means</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

- 1. Deleted provisions regarding the use of refund monies at gaming establishments.
- 2. Added requirement for the paper tax form to have options for the taxpayer to choose the form of payment of his refund.