Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 416

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TAX RETURN: Provides for an individual tax return checkoff for donations for the cost of decorative lighting on the Crescent City Connection Bridge

1	AN ACT
2	To enact Subpart KK of Part I of Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana
3	Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 47:120.181, relative to state
4	individual income tax return checkoffs for certain donations; to provide for a method
5	for individuals to donate all or a portion of any refund due to them to provide support
6	for the cost of maintaining decorative lighting on the Crescent City Connection; to
7	provide for the administration and disbursement of donated monies; to provide for
8	an effective date; and to provide for related matters.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. Subpart KK of Part I of Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the
11	Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:120.181, is hereby enacted to read
12	as follows:
13	SUBPART KK. CRESCENT CITY CONNECTION LIGHTING DONATION
14	§120.181. Income tax checkoff; donation for decorative lighting on the Crescent
15	City Connection
16	A. Every individual who files an individual income tax return for the current
17	tax year and who is entitled to a refund may designate on his current year return that
18	all or any portion of the total amount of the refund to which he is entitled shall be
19	donated to the Department of Transportation and Development, to be used
20	exclusively for the cost of maintaining decorative lighting on the Crescent City

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1	Connection, in lieu of that amount being paid to him as a refund. In this case the
2	refund shall be reduced by the amount so designated. The designation shall be made
3	at the time of filing the current year tax return and shall be made upon the income
4	tax return form as prescribed by the secretary of the Department of Revenue.
5	Donated monies shall be administered by the secretary and distributed to the
6	Department of Transportation and Development in accordance with the provisions
7	of R.S. 47:120.37. No donation made under the provisions of this Subpart shall be
8	invalid for want of an authentic act.
9	Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be effective for taxable years beginning
10	on or after January 1, 2013.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for an individual income tax checkoff for the Department of Transportation and Development exclusively for the cost of maintaining decorative lighting on the Crescent City Connection.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for an income tax checkoff under which an individual can donate all or a portion of his state income tax refund to the Dept. of Transportation and Development exclusively for the cost of maintaining decorative lighting on the Crescent City Connection in lieu of that amount being paid as a refund.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires donated monies to be administered by the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue and to be quarterly disbursed to donees.

Effective for taxable years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 47:120.181)