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<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the secretary of the Department of Revenue to refuse to register or issue or may revoke a state sales tax resale certificate to a reorganized business when the intent of the reorganization is to evade sales and use tax or withholding tax.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines reorganization as a transfer of assets between businesses with significant shared ownership or management, a mere change in ownership form, or significant shared features between the old and new business.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that all tax, interest, and penalty due be paid before the business will be registered or the resale certificate will be issued.

<u>Proposed law</u> imposes a penalty of \$5,000 for a reorganization of a business with the purpose of evading taxes.

Effective on July 1, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 47:1574.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to the original bill

- 1. Adds secretary authority to revoke a state sales tax resale certificate.
- 2. Changes the penalties for a reorganization of a business with the purpose of evading taxes.
- 3. Adds July 1, 2018, effective date.