

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 159

BY SENATOR CATHEY

TAX EXEMPTIONS. Extends the sunset date of the digital nomad income tax exemption.
(8/1/25)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:297.18(B)(2) and (I), relative to the individual income tax
3 exemption for digital nomads; to expand the taxable periods to which the exemption
4 applies; to extend the sunset date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 47:297.18(B)(2) and (I) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §297.18. Tax exemption; digital nomads; requirements; limitations

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10 B.

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12 (2) The exemption shall apply for a period of up to two taxable years during
13 taxable years 2022, 2023, 2024, ~~and 2025~~, **2026, and 2027**.

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15 I. There shall be no exemption pursuant to this Section for any wages earned
16 by a digital nomad after December 31, ~~2025~~ **2027**.

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)]

DIGEST

SB 159 Engrossed

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Present law authorizes an individual income tax exemption on 50% of the gross wages of each taxpayer who qualifies as a digital nomad not to exceed \$150,000.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes the exemption to apply to taxable years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Proposed law expands the years to which the exemption may apply to include 2026 and 2027.

Present law prohibits the exemption for wages of digital nomads earned after December 31, 2025.

Proposed law extends the sunset of the exemption from wages earned after December 31, 2025, to wages earned after December 31, 2027.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 47:297.18(B)(2) and (I))