

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 318

BY SENATOR REESE

TAX EXEMPTIONS. Provides relative to tax exemption budget and return on investment reports published by the Department of Revenue. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 47:1517(B)(1), (B)(1)(a), and the  
3 introductory paragraph of (2) and to repeal R.S. 47:1517(B)(1)(c), (3), and (4), and  
4 (C), and 1517.1(B)(4), relative to the tax exemption budget; to provide for the  
5 publication of the tax exemption budget; to provide for the contents of the tax  
6 exemption budget; to provide relative to the categorization of tax exemptions; to  
7 repeal assessment requirements; to repeal certain reporting requirements on tax  
8 incentives; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 47:1517(B)(1), (B)(1)(a), and the  
11 introductory paragraph of (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §1517. Tax exemption budget

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14 B.(1) The annual tax exemption budget shall be published on the ~~LaTrac~~  
15 **department's** website, ~~or any subsequent database that may replace the LaTrac~~  
16 ~~system~~; and shall include the following:

17 (a) Each tax exemption; **and** its statutory citation, ~~and its purpose.~~

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(2) ~~The tax exemptions~~ **Each tax exemption** in the annual tax exemption budget shall also be ~~organized in an additional opening schedule as follows~~ **classified into one of the following categories:**

\* \* \*

Section 2. R.S. 47:1517(B)(1)(c), (3), and (4), and (C), and 1517.1(B)(4) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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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)]

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Present law requires the secretary of the Department of Revenue to prepare and submit a tax exemption budget, hereinafter "TEB", to the governor and the legislature by March 1 of each year.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires publication of the TEB on the LaTrac website or any subsequent database that may replace the LaTrac website.

Proposed law changes the publication location to the Department of Revenue's website.

Present law requires the TEB to include each tax exemption, the statutory citation of the exemption, and the purpose of the exemption.

Proposed law repeals the requirement to include the purpose of the exemption and otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires the TEB to include the estimated cost of administering and implementing the tax exemption for the three preceding fiscal years, the current fiscal year, and the next fiscal year.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires the exemptions be organized in the TEB into a schedule at the beginning by certain classifications.

Proposed law clarifies that each tax exemption must be classified into one of a list of categories but does not have to be in a schedule at the beginning of the TEB and otherwise retains present law.

Present law prohibits any statute, exemption, exclusion, credit, rebate, or deduction from being listed in multiple categories without a specific notation.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law allows the secretary of the Department of Revenue to add categories to the opening schedule as necessary.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires the TEB to include an assessment based on the following criteria:

- (1) Whether or not each tax exemption has been successful in meeting the purpose for which it was enacted, in particular, whether each tax exemption benefits those originally intended to be benefited, and if not, those who do benefit.
- (2) Whether each tax exemption is the most fiscally effective means of achieving its purpose.
- (3) Unintended or inadvertent effects, benefits, or harm caused by each tax exemption, including whether each tax exemption conflicts with other state laws or regulations.
- (4) Whether each tax exemption simplifies or complicates the state tax statutes.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires each state agency that administers a tax incentive to issue a report no later than April 1 of each even-numbered year that includes the number of employees hired with a Louisiana driver's license at the time of hire for any tax incentives that includes a job creation component.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective upon governor's signature or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 47:1517(B)(1)(intro para), (B)(1)(a), and (2)(intro para); repeals R.S. 47:1517(B)(1)(c), (3), and (4), and (C), and 1517.1(B)(4))