

2020 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE BILL NO. 26

BY SENATOR HEWITT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Provides for an extension of the application deadline for the Quality Jobs Program. (Item #18) (7/1/20)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 51:2455(D)(3)(c), relative to the Quality Jobs Program; to provide for an  
3 extension of the application deadline date; to provide for effectiveness; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 51:2455(D)(3)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §2455. Quality jobs incentive rebates

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9 (D)

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11 (3) Applications shall be filed no later than twenty-four months after the  
12 filing of the advance notification, except as follows:

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14 **(c) Upon request, the business shall receive a thirty day extension of time**  
15 **in which to file its application, provided the request for extension is received by**  
16 **the Department of Economic Development no later than the filing deadline.**

17 \* \* \*

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2020; if vetoed by the governor  
2 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
3 2020, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

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DIGEST

SB 26 Engrossed

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Present law establishes the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program (program) which authorizes eligible businesses to enter into contracts with the Board of Commerce and Industry to receive payroll, sales and use tax, or project facility expense tax rebates in exchange for the creation of certain jobs or promotion of other economic development.

Present law allows certain employers such as businesses involved in biotechnology, manufacturing, the oil and gas industry, and the maintenance and repair of commercial transport aircraft to participate in the program.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the Dept. of Economic Development to grant a 30-day extension of the application deadline, provided the request for extension is received no later than the filing deadline.

Effective July 1, 2020.

(Adds R.S. 51:2455(D)(3)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Removes provisions expanding eligibility for participation in the program to retailers, hotels, and restaurants and requiring advance notification.
2. Removes provision prohibiting businesses from participating in the program after June 30, 2025.
3. Requires the Dept. of Economic Development to grant a 30-day extension of the application deadline.