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Abstract: Changes the tax credit for conversion of vehicles to alternative fuel from a refundable credit to a credit in which 50% of the amount of the credit above the liability is refundable and 50% may be carried forward and applied against subsequent tax liability for 3 years.

Present law authorizes an income tax credit for the following:

- (1) The retail cost paid to purchase and install qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property to modify a vehicle propelled by gasoline or diesel so that the vehicle may be propelled by an alternative fuel.
- (2) The cost of that portion of a new motor originally equipped to be propelled by an alternative fuel which is attributable to the storage of the alternative fuel, the delivery of the alternative fuel to the engine of the motor vehicle, and the exhaust of gases from combustion of the alternative fuel.
- (3) The cost of property directly related to the delivery of an alternative fuel into the fuel tank of motor vehicles propelled by alternative fuel.

Present law provides that the amount of the credit shall be equal to 50% of the cost of the qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. However, in cases where a new motor vehicle is purchased with qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property installed by the manufacturer and the taxpayer is unable to, or elects not to determine the exact cost attributable to such property, the amount of the credit shall equal 10% of the cost of the motor vehicle or \$3,000, whichever is less.

Present law provides that the taxpayer is entitled to a refund for any allowable credit which exceeds the aggregate tax liability of the taxpayer. Further requires the Dept. of Revenue to refund the excess tax credit amount to the taxpayer from current tax collections.

Proposed law changes the tax credit for conversion of vehicles to alternative fuel from a refundable credit to a credit in which 50% of the amount of the credit above the liability is refundable and 50% may be carried forward and applied against subsequent tax liability for 3 years.

Applicable to tax years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 47:6035(E))