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HOUSE BILL NO. 615

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

TAX/CORP INCOME-CREDIT: Adds geothermal energy systems to systems eligible for the wind or solar energy systems tax credit

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6030(A) and (B)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:6030(D)(3), relative  
3 to the wind or solar energy systems tax credit; to provide for eligibility for certain  
4 geothermal energy systems; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:6030(A) and (B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
8 47:6030(D)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §6030. Wind ~~or~~ , solar , and geothermal energy systems tax credit

10 A. There shall be a credit against the income tax for the cost of purchase and  
11 installation of a wind energy system, geothermal energy system, or solar energy  
12 system, or ~~both~~ any of the three, by a taxpayer at his residence located in this state,  
13 by the owner of a residential rental apartment project, or by a taxpayer who  
14 purchases and installs such a system in a residence or a residential rental apartment  
15 project which is located in Louisiana. The credit may be claimed in cases where the  
16 resident individual purchases a newly constructed home with such a system already  
17 installed or where such a system is purchased and installed at an existing home, or  
18 where such systems are installed in new or existing apartment projects. Only one  
19 such tax credit shall be available for any eligible system. Once a tax credit  
20 authorized pursuant to this Section is claimed by a taxpayer for a particular system,

1 that same system shall not be eligible for any other tax credit pursuant to this  
2 Section. If the residential property or system is sold, the taxpayer who claimed the  
3 tax credit shall disclose his use of the tax credit to the purchaser.

4 B.(1) The credit shall be equal to fifty percent of the first twenty-five  
5 thousand dollars of the cost of each wind energy system, geothermal energy system,  
6 or solar energy system, including installation costs, that is purchased and installed  
7 on or after January 1, 2008. For purposes of this Paragraph, for a geothermal energy  
8 system, the eligible costs, including installation costs, shall be limited to the cost of  
9 equipment and installation on the residential property, plus any amounts paid by the  
10 owner of the residence, or by the purchaser of the system if the purchaser is not the  
11 owner of the residential property, for the cost of the equipment and installation for  
12 the communal pipes and devices used to generate and transport the energy to the  
13 residence through the geothermal energy system. The credit may be used in addition  
14 to any federal tax credits earned for the same system. A taxpayer shall not receive  
15 any other state tax credit, exemption, exclusion, deduction, or any other tax benefit  
16 for property for which the taxpayer has received a tax credit under this Section.

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18 D. As used in this Section:

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20 (3) "Geothermal energy system" means a ground loop or waterborne loop  
21 geothermal HVAC energy system with the primary purpose of collecting, absorbing,  
22 and transporting energy from the earth or a body of water for conversion into  
23 electricity. Components of a geothermal energy system shall include equipment  
24 within an individual residence and any pipes and communal collection devices used  
25 in a system which provides energy to more than one residence.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds eligibility for geothermal energy systems to the wind or solar energy systems tax credit.

Present law provides a refundable tax credit for taxpayers who install certain solar or wind energy systems at a residence or residential property located in La. The amount of the credit is 50% of the first \$25,000 of the cost for purchase and installation of a system.

Proposed law retains present law and adds eligibility for geothermal energy systems, which are defined as a ground loop or waterborne loop geothermal HVAC energy system with the primary purpose of collecting, absorbing, and transporting energy from the earth or a body of water for conversion into electricity.

Proposed law specifies that for a geothermal energy system, the eligible costs, including installation costs, shall be limited to the cost of equipment and installation on the residential property, plus any amounts paid by the owner of the residence, or purchaser of the system for the cost of the equipment and installation for the communal pipes and devices used to generate and transport the energy to the residence through the geothermal energy system.

(Amends R.S. 47:6030(A) and (B)(1); Adds R.S. 47:6030(D)(3))