III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule will impact restaurant owners who donate oyster shell material to an oyster shell recycling program (OSRP) to claim the refundable tax credit. The department created an application for OSRPs to apply for certification. However, applicants will also have to file an annual report no later than January 31 of each year with LDR. Additional costs for completion and submission of the required paperwork of this proposed rule are expected to be minor.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

No material impact on competition or employment is anticipated due to this proposal.

Luke Morris Assistant Secretary 2406#019 Alan M. Boxberger Legislative Fiscal Officer Legislative Fiscal Office

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Revenue Tax Policy and Planning Division

Tax Credit Documentation Requirements (LAC 61:I.1902, 1903, and 1905)

Under the authority of R.S. 47:1511 and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, proposes to amend LAC 61:I.1902, 1903, and 1905.

R.S. 47:1624(F) authorizes the suspension of the accrual of interest during any period of time that a delay in the issuance of a refund is attributable to the taxpayer's failure to provide information or documentation required by statute or regulation. The purpose of these amendments is to set forth the information and documentation required to be provided by a taxpayer claiming the Inventory Tax Credit, certain School Readiness Tax Credits, and the Credit for property taxes paid by certain telephone companies.

Title 61 REVENUE AND TAXATION

Part I. Taxes Collected and Administered by the Secretary of Revenue

Chapter 19. Miscellaneous Tax Exemptions. Credits and Deductions

§1902. Inventory Tax Credits

A. - D3. ...

- E. Documentation for Claiming the Credit
- 1. The following documentation shall be submitted with any return claiming the credit at the time of filing:
- a. Form R-10610, Schedule of Ad Valorem Tax Credit Claimed by Manufacturers, Distributors, and Retailers:
- b. a copy of the ad valorem (property) tax assessment prepared by the assessor's office; and
- c. a copy of the cancelled check or receipt of electronic payment for the ad valorem (property) tax assessment.
- 2. A manufacturer that has claimed the property tax exemption under the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) during the taxable year in which the local inventory

taxes were levied and members of a consolidated federal income tax return that includes a manufacturer who has claimed the property tax exemption under ITEP must submit the following documentation with the return at the time of filing:

- a. Form R-10610-ITE, Schedule of Ad Valorem Tax Credit Claimed by ITEP Manufacturers for Ad Valorem Tax Paid on Inventory;
- b. a copy of the ad valorem (property) tax assessments prepared by the assessor's office; and
- c. a copy of the cancelled check or receipt of electronic payment for the ad valorem (property) tax assessments.
- 3. The accrual of interest shall be suspended during any period of time that a delay in the issuance of a refund is attributable to the taxpayer's failure to provide any of the information or documentation required herein, as provided by R.S. 47:1624(F).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511 and 6006.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 27:1705 (October 2001), amended by the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 50:

§1903. Administration of the School Readiness Tax Credits

A. - A.3. ...

4. The accrual of interest shall be suspended during any period of time that a delay in the issuance of a refund is attributable to the taxpayer's failure to provide any of the information or documentation required herein, as provided by R.S. 47:1624(F).

B. - B.1. ...

- 2. The provider shall complete the provider portion of the credit certificate and shall submit the certificate to each taxpayer who had a child at the facility during the calendar year no later than January 31 of the succeeding year. The provider portion of the credit certificate will include, but not be limited to, the following information: the child care facility name, the child care facility star rating, the child care facility Louisiana tax identification number, the child care facility license number, the name of the child attending the facility and the issue date and effective year. The provider shall submit to the Department of Revenue a list of all taxpayers to whom a certificate was issued.
 - 3. ...
- 4. The Department of Education shall provide information necessary for the Secretary of the Department of Revenue to determine the child care provider's quality rating. C. C.1.d. ...
- 2. The Department of Education shall provide documentation to each qualifying provider of the average monthly number of children participating in the Child Care Assistance Program or in the Foster Care Program. If the provider has multiple sites, the Department of Education shall provide this information for each site. The certificate shall be delivered or mailed to all qualifying child care providers by March 1 of the year following the year the credit is earned. The certificate shall include, but not be limited to, the following information: the child care facility name, the child care facility star rating, the child care facility license number and the issue date and effective year.

- 3. Child care providers shall submit the credit certificate issued by the Department of Education with their Louisiana income tax return claiming the credit.
- 4. The Department of Education shall provide information necessary for the secretary of the Department of Revenue to determine and/or verify the provider's quality rating.
 - D. Credit for Child Care Directors and Staff
- 1. The Department of Education shall provide information necessary for the secretary of the Department of Revenue to determine and/or verify the director and staff levels for earning the credit
- 2. In order to claim this credit, the Department of Education, or its representative, must provide child care facility directors and staff members with Form R-10615, Louisiana School Readiness Tax Credit For Child Care Director and Staff Member, no later than January 31 stating which level of qualification the employee meets according to the criteria established by the Department of Education. The taxpayer must submit Form R-10615 with their Louisiana income tax return.
- 3. Each child care facility director and staff member will also have to verify that he/she has worked at the same child care facility for at least six months in the calendar year, unless otherwise approved by the Department of Education.
- 4. Child care director and staff levels will have such meaning as provided by regulation issued by the Department of Education.

E. - E.1. ...

- a. In order for a business to claim this credit, the business must support the amount of qualifying expenses paid or made by providing the Department of Revenue with copies of cancelled checks, receipts, and other documentation containing the following information: the name and Louisiana revenue tax identification number of the child care facility to or for whom the eligible expenses were paid or made, the amount and nature of qualifying expenses at each child care facility as defined in R.S. 47:6102 and the child care facility's quality rating.
- b. The Department of Education shall provide information necessary for the Secretary of the Department of Revenue to determine and/or verify the facility's quality rating
 - 2. 2.b....
- c. The Department of Education shall provide to the Department of Revenue a list of qualifying child care resource or referral agencies for each calendar year.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:474, R.S. 47:287.785, R.S. 47:295, R.S. 47:1511, and R.S. 47:6103.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue and the Department of Social Services, LR 33:2667 (December 2007), amended by the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 50:

§1905. Telephone Company Property Assessment Relief Fund

A. - D.4. ...

- E. Documentation for Claiming the Credit
- 1. The following documentation shall be attached to and submitted with the return at the time of filling:
- a. a copy of the ad valorem (property) tax assessment prepared by the assessor's office;

- b. a copy of the cancelled check or receipt of electronic payment for the ad valorem (property) tax assessment; and
- c. a schedule stating which entity paid the tax and obtained the credit on the taxpayer's behalf, if applicable.
- 2. The accrual of interest shall be suspended during any period of time that a delay in the issuance of a refund is attributable to the taxpayer's failure to provide information or documentation required herein, as provided by R.S. 47:1624(F).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:1511 and 6014.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 32:866 (May 2006), amended by the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, LR 50:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed amendments should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any family as defined by R.S. 49:972(D) or on family formation, stability and autonomy. Specifically, the implementation of this proposed amendment will have no known or foreseeable effect on:

- 1. The stability of the family.
- 2. The authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.
 - 3. The functioning of the family.
 - 4. Family earnings and family budget.
- 5. The behavior and personal responsibility of children.
- 6. The ability of the family or a local government to perform this function.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed amendments will have no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

It is anticipated that the proposed amendments should not have a significant adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in drafting these proposed amendments to accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing any anticipated adverse impact on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed amendments will have no known or foreseeable effect on:

- 1. The staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service.
- 2. The total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service.
- 3. The overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Any interested persons may submit written data, views, arguments, or comments regarding these proposed amendments to Lauren Domingue, Attorney, Tax Policy and Planning Division by mail to P.O. Box 44098, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4098 or email at Lauren.Domingue@la.gov. All comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 30, 2024.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on July 31, 2024, at 10 a.m. in the LaBelle Room, on the First Floor of the LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Lauren Domingue at the address given above in the Public Comments section, by email at LDRadarequests@la.gov or by phone at (225) 219-2778.

Richard Nelson Secretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Tax Credit Documentation Requirements

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule sets forth the information and documentation required to be provided when claiming the inventory tax credit, certain school readiness tax credits, and the telephone property credit. The proposed rule also allows for the suspension of interest as provided in R.S. 47:1624(F). R.S. 47:1624(F) authorizes the suspension of accrual of interest due to a delay in the issuance of a refund that is attributable to the taxpayer's failure to provide information or documentation required by statute or regulation.

Implementation of this proposal will not result in material additional costs or cost savings to the Department of Revenue (LDR).

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

To the extent the additional information required for the credits and the suspension of interest provisions reduce refund interest paid by the state to taxpayers, the proposed rule will increase state revenue.

According to R.S. 47:1624(A)(1)(a) interest shall be allowed from 90 days after the later of the due date of the return, the filing date of the return or claim for refund on which the overpayment is claimed, or the date the tax was paid. LDR is unable to provide an estimate as to how much interest has accumulated due to missing documentation for these particular credits.

With no local income tax, there is no impact to local governmental revenue as a result of this rule.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

Taxpayers claiming the inventory tax credit, certain school readiness tax credits, or the telephone property tax credit will be affected by the proposed rule. Taxpayers will be required to submit new documentation when filing the return. However, the additional costs for completion and submission of the required information to claim the tax credit on the return from this proposed rule are expected to be minor.

To the extent taxpayers previously received interest in certain circumstances, the proposed rule will decrease taxpayer income from the interest suspension when proper documentation is not provided.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated impact on competition or employment.

Luke Morris Assistant Secretary 2406#027 Alan M. Boxberger Legislative Fiscal Officer Legislative Fiscal Office

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Marking System for Passive Nets and Traps (LAC 76:VII.114)

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission do hereby provide notice of their intent to revise a Rule (LAC 76:VII.114) by adding the requirement of marking crawfish and bream traps, cans, and barrels. Recreational crawfish trap marking requirements were removed from R.S. 56 with the license restructure in 2021, and this rule reinstates that requirement and expands it to commercial traps.

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent, and compiling public comments and submissions for the commission's review and consideration. In the absence of any further action by the commission following an opportunity to consider all public comments regarding the proposed rule, the secretary is authorized and directed to prepare and transmit a summary report to the legislative oversight committees and promulgate the final rule.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§114. Marking System for Passive Nets and Traps

A. Each gill net or trammel net shall be marked with a waterproof tag attached to the corkline at each end of the net, no more than three feet from the edge of the webbing or on an attached buoy. Each hoop net, slat trap, wire net, recreational crawfish trap, can, barrel, and bream trap shall be marked with a waterproof tag attached directly to the device or on an attached buoy. Said tags shall be supplied by the fisher and shall be completely waterproof. Each tag or buoy shall have the fisher's appropriate commercial or recreational fisher's license number (not the net license number) etched, stamped, or printed or written in indelible ink thereon in the English language, so as to be clearly legible.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6, R.S. 56:320(F), and R.S. 56:322.