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Exemption on Purchases Made by Qualifying Radiation Therapy Facility

La. R.S. 47:305.64 provides a state sales and use tax exemption on the amount paid by qualifying radiation therapy treatment centers for the purchase, lease, or repair of capital equipment. The statute defines “capital equipment” as tangible personal property eligible for depreciation for federal income tax purposes that is used in the diagnosis or treatment of cancer patients. The following examples are listed: linear accelerators, PET/CT scanners, imaging devices, and software necessary to operate the capital equipment. In the case of the Biomedical Research Foundation in Shreveport, “capital equipment” shall mean a PET/CT scanner and related equipment for medical diagnosis and installation of the same.

As originally enacted, the statute provided the following two definitions of “qualifying radiation therapy center”: (1) a radiation therapy center which is also a non-profit organization which maintains a joint accreditation with a state university by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Educational Programs, Inc. (CAMPEP) for a graduate medical physics program and which provides facilities and personnel for use for a joint CAMPEP-accredited graduate medical physics program for research, teaching, and clinical training for graduate students; and (2) the Biomedical Research Foundation in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Act 296 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature adds a third category to the definition of “qualifying radiation therapy center”: (3) a radiation therapy facility which, no later than August 1, 2011, employs six or more medical physicists to provide radiation therapy treatment services.

Questions about this exemption should be directed to LDR’s Special Programs Division at (225) 219-7462, Option 3, or by email to Sales.Inquiries@LA.GOV .

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