RULE
Department of Revenue
Policy Services Division

Donations to the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund
(LAC 61:III.1101)

Under the authority of R.S. 47:120.31, 297.5, 306.2, and 1511 and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, has adopted LAC 61:III.1101 to provide for the administration of Acts 2005, No. 151, which authorizes donations to the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund by designation on state income and sales tax returns.

Title 61
REVENUE AND TAXATION
Part III. Department of Revenue Administrative Provisions and Miscellaneous
Chapter 11. Donations
§1101. Donations to the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund

A. Taxpayers filing individual or corporate income or sales and use tax returns may designate all or any portion of a refund, credit, or vendor's compensation as a donation, or may donate an amount greater than the tax or refund due to the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund (Fund) at the time that the tax returns are submitted to the Department of Revenue.

1. For corporate and individual income tax, returns for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2005, may include a designated donation.

2. For sales and use tax, returns for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2006, may include a designated donation.

B. To make a donation to the Fund, the taxpayer must comply with all of the requirements for proper payment of the tax due including filing a correct return and paying all taxes, interest, and penalties due.

1. The taxpayer must properly designate the amount of the donation intended on the tax return form.

2. The taxpayer may donate all or a portion of any refund, credit, or vendor's compensation to the Fund by designating the amount to be donated on the appropriate line of the return.

3. The taxpayer may contribute additional amounts to the Fund by increasing the amount of the payment made for taxes, interest, and penalties due and designating the amount to be donated on the appropriate line of the return. Any additional donation must accompany the return. Donations not accompanying the filing of a return will be returned.

4. Once a taxpayer has made the election to donate, the taxpayer may not change the donation amount after the tax return has been filed.

C. Adjustments to Donation Amounts

1. Donation of Vendor's Compensation or Overpayments

   a. If a taxpayer elects to donate all or any portion of an expected overpayment and the taxpayer has other outstanding liabilities for other taxes or tax periods, the overpayment will first be applied to the outstanding tax liabilities and the donation amount will be reduced accordingly.

   b. If a taxpayer elects to donate all or any portion of their vendor's compensation or an expected overpayment and the taxpayer is subject to other offsets, garnishments, liens, or seizures, the overpayment will first be applied to those legal responsibilities and the donation amount will be reduced accordingly.

   c. If a taxpayer elects to donate all or any portion of their vendor's compensation or an expected overpayment and the taxpayer fails to pay in full the amount shown due on the return, the taxes due will not be considered properly paid as required by §1101.B and the donation amount will be reduced accordingly.

2. Additional Donations. If a taxpayer elects to contribute additional amounts by increasing the amount of the tax return payment and the amount due on the return is increased because of return errors or disallowance of vendor's compensation or the taxpayer does not pay in full the amount shown due on the return, the taxes due will not be considered properly paid as required by §1101.B and the donation amount will be reduced accordingly.

3. Taxpayers will be notified of any donation adjustments.

4. The department will not seek to collect amounts designated as a donation by the taxpayer if the donation amount is adjusted as provided by §1101.C.1-2.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Adopted in accordance with R.S. 47:120.31, 297.5, 306.2 and 1511.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgate d by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 31:0000 (December 2005).

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