

Overview of 2025 Legislative Session changes to the Motion Picture Production Tax Credit Program

Act 44 (SB 32) made changes to the oversight and administration of the Motion Picture Production Tax Credit.

This overview summarizes the changes, for informational purposes and general guidance, but is subject to the actual language of this enactment, and to further requirements as may be provided by the Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR) as well as rules promulgated by Louisiana Economic Development (LED) under the Administrative Procedures Act.

I. Per Project Cap Elimination

The new law eliminates the per project cap of \$20M and the \$25M cap million for scripted episodic series which apply **after** July 1, 2025.

Applications received **prior to** July 1, 2025 will be subject to these caps.

II. Individual Salary Cap Elimination

Productions applying after July 1, 2025 **may** earn credits on payments to individuals (loan outs and natural persons) for payments in excess of \$3 million. However, such Above The Line (ATL) payments are still subject to the aggregate ATL cap of 40% of Louisiana spend.

III. Claims Cap

Beginning July 1, 2025, tax credit claims and transfers to the Department of Revenue (“state buyback”) shall be limited to an aggregate total of \$125,000,000 each fiscal year.

IV. Program Administration

Act 44 eliminates the statutory film incentive and delegates administration of the program to administrative rules to be promulgated by LED and subject to additional approval of House and Senate oversight committees.

V. Permanent Rules

LED has promulgated an emergency rule to mirror the statutory incentive that existed prior to the effective date of Act 44. These emergency rules will remain in effect for 180 days and may be renewed once more, for another 180 days.

LED will engage with industry stakeholders and promulgate permanent rules for future activity while the emergency rule is in effect.

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