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8 SYNOPSIS: Currently, homeowners are provided
9 insurance premium reductions for retrofitting their
10 homes to strengthen the structures in order to help
11 resist hurricane and other windstorm damages.

12 This bill would provide a state income tax
13 credit to homeowners who retrofit their homes to
14 help resist such wind and storm damages. The credit
15 would be the lesser of 25 percent of the
16 retrofitting costs or \$1,500.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 Relating to homeowners who retrofit their homes to
23 help resist hurricane and windstorm damages pursuant to the
24 specifications in Section 2 of Act 2009-500, 2009 Regular
25 Session, now appearing as Section 27-31D-2, Code of Alabama
26 1975, of Chapter 31D, Title 37; to provide an income tax

1 credit of the lesser of 25 percent of the costs of such
2 retrofitting or \$1,500.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. (a) An individual taxpayer is allowed a
5 credit against personal income tax for costs incurred to
6 retrofit, as specified in Section 2 of Act 2009-500, 2009
7 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 27-31D-2, Code of
8 Alabama 1975, a structure qualifying as the taxpayer's legal
9 residence to make it more resistant to loss due to hurricane,
10 rising floodwater, or other catastrophic windstorm event.

11 (b) In order to qualify for the state income tax
12 credit allowed pursuant to this section, costs must not
13 include ordinary repair or replacement of existing items, and
14 must be associated with those fortification measures defined
15 in Section 2 of Act 2009-500, designed to increase the
16 residence's resistance to hurricane, rising floodwater, or
17 catastrophic windstorm event damage.

18 (c) The tax credit allowed pursuant to this section
19 for any taxable year beginning with the 2009 tax year shall
20 not exceed the lesser of the following:

21 (1) Twenty-five percent of the retrofitting cost
22 incurred.

23 (2) One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

24 (d) The cost of items that otherwise qualify for the
25 credit that are purchased with any available grant funds are
26 not eligible for this credit if the grants are not included in
27 the income of the taxpayer.

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.