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The Revenue Department proposes tax measures to support domestic tourism.

On 4 June B.E. 2567 (2024), the Cabinet approved the tax measures to support domestic training seminars (for juristic persons), the tax measures to support domestic tourism (for individuals), and approved the principle of the draft Royal Decree issued under the Revenue Code on tax exemptions (No. ...) B.E. ... to support domestic tourism during the low season (May to November B.E. 2567 (2024)), which will help support the continuous and comprehensive recovery of the Thai tourism sector, as well as help stimulate and restore tourism and the domestic economy.

The Revenue Department exempts Personal Income Tax for compensation that employees receive from employers in the case of termination.

On 18 June B.E. 2567 (2024), the Cabinet approved in principle the amendment to the Personal Income Tax exemption for compensation received by employees from employers in the case of termination of employment to help employees who are suffering from termination to receive relief from their Personal Income Tax burden.

Dr. Kullaya Tantitemit, the Director-General of the Revenue Department, revealed that "The Ministry of Finance, by the Revenue Department aware of the Personal Income Tax burden for the compensation that employees receive from their employers in the case of termination. Therefore, there is a proposal of draft Ministerial Regulation No. ... (B.E.) issued under the Revenue Code on Tax exemptions to improve the Personal Income Tax exemption for compensation that employees receive from their employers in the case of termination, to be more consistent with the Labor Protection Law and the current situation. The details are as follows:

- 1. Determine the compensation that employees receive in accordance with the Labor Protection Law or the State Enterprise Labor Relations Act, only the portion that does not exceed the wages for the last 400 days of work but does not exceed 600,000 Baht is exempt from being included in the calculation of Personal Income Tax, from the original compensation that does not exceed the wages for the last 300 days of work and does not exceed 300,000 Baht, which was exempt from being included in the calculation of Personal Income Tax.
- 2. shall applied to assessable income received from 1 January B.E. 2566 (2023) onwards.

The Director-General of the Revenue Department added that "When the Ministerial Regulation comes into force, if the taxpayer has filed a tax return and paid tax for compensation exempted from Personal Income Tax under this Ministerial Regulation, he/she can file an updated tax return to request a tax refund within 3 years from the last day of the deadline for filing such tax return."