HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 205.51), as amended by 2008 PA 438.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. (1) As used in this act:
- 2 (a) "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, joint
- 3 venture, association, social club, fraternal organization,
- 4 municipal or private corporation whether organized for profit or
- 5 not, company, estate, trust, receiver, trustee, syndicate, the
- 6 United States, this state, county, or any other group or
- 7 combination acting as a unit, and includes the plural as well as
- 8 the singular number, unless the intention to give a more limited
- 9 meaning is disclosed by the context.

- 1 (b) "Sale at retail" or "retail sale" means a sale, lease, or
- 2 rental of tangible personal property for any purpose other than for
- 3 resale, sublease, or subrent.
- 4 (c) "Gross proceeds" means sales price.
- 5 (d) "Sales price" means the total amount of consideration,
- 6 including cash, credit, property, and services, for which tangible
- 7 personal property or services are sold, leased, or rented, valued
- 8 in money, whether received in money or otherwise, and applies to
- 9 the measure subject to sales tax. Sales price includes the
- 10 following subparagraphs (i) through (vii) and excludes subparagraphs
- 11 (viii) through $\frac{(x) \cdot (xii)}{(xii)}$:
- (i) Seller's cost of the property sold.
- 13 (ii) Cost of materials used, labor or service cost, interest,
- 14 losses, costs of transportation to the seller, taxes imposed on the
- 15 seller other than taxes imposed by this act, and any other expense
- 16 of the seller.
- 17 (iii) Charges by the seller for any services necessary to
- 18 complete the sale, other than the following:
- 19 (A) An amount received or billed by the taxpayer for
- 20 remittance to the employee as a gratuity or tip, if the gratuity or
- 21 tip is separately identified and itemized on the guest check or
- 22 billed to the customer.
- 23 (B) Labor or service charges involved in maintenance and
- 24 repair work on tangible personal property of others if separately
- 25 itemized.
- 26 (iv) Delivery charges incurred or to be incurred before the
- 27 completion of the transfer of ownership of tangible personal

- 1 property subject to the tax levied under this act from the seller
- 2 to the purchaser. A seller is not liable under this act for
- 3 delivery charges allocated to the delivery of exempt property.
- 4 (v) Installation charges incurred or to be incurred before the
- 5 completion of the transfer of ownership of tangible personal
- 6 property from the seller to the purchaser.
- 7 (vi) Credit—EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (xi)
- 8 AND (xii), CREDIT for any trade-in.
- 9 (vii) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (x),
- 10 consideration received by the seller from third parties if all of
- 11 the following conditions are met:
- 12 (A) The seller actually receives consideration from a party
- 13 other than the purchaser and the consideration is directly related
- 14 to a price reduction or discount on the sale.
- 15 (B) The seller has an obligation to pass the price reduction
- 16 or discount through to the purchaser.
- 17 (C) The amount of the consideration attributable to the sale
- 18 is fixed and determinable by the seller at the time of the sale of
- 19 the item to the purchaser.
- 20 (D) One of the following criteria is met:
- 21 (I) The purchaser presents a coupon, certificate, or other
- 22 documentation to the seller to claim a price reduction or discount
- 23 where the coupon, certificate, or documentation is authorized,
- 24 distributed, or granted by a third party with the understanding
- 25 that the third party will reimburse any seller to whom the coupon,
- 26 certificate, or documentation is presented.
- 27 (II) The purchaser identifies himself or herself to the seller

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- 1 as a member of a group or organization entitled to a price
- 2 reduction or discount. A preferred customer card that is available
- 3 to any patron does not constitute membership in a group or
- 4 organization.
- 5 (III) The price reduction or discount is identified as a third
- 6 party price reduction or discount on the invoice received by the
- 7 purchaser or on a coupon, certificate, or other documentation
- 8 presented by the purchaser.
- 9 (viii) Interest, financing, or carrying charges from credit
- 10 extended on the sale of personal property or services, if the
- 11 amount is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or
- 12 similar document given to the purchaser.
- 13 (ix) Any taxes legally imposed directly on the consumer that
- 14 are separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar
- 15 document given to the purchaser.
- 16 (x) Beginning January 1, 2000, employee discounts that are
- 17 reimbursed by a third party on sales of motor vehicles.
- 18 (xi) BEGINNING NOVEMBER 15, 2013, CREDIT FOR THE AGREED-UPON
- 19 VALUE OF A TITLED WATERCRAFT USED AS PART PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE
- 20 PRICE OF A NEW TITLED WATERCRAFT OR USED TITLED WATERCRAFT IF THE
- 21 AGREED-UPON VALUE IS SEPARATELY STATED ON THE INVOICE, BILL OF
- 22 SALE, OR SIMILAR DOCUMENT GIVEN TO THE PURCHASER.
- 23 (xii) BEGINNING [DECEMBER] 15, 2013, CREDIT FOR THE AGREED-UPON
- 24 VALUE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE USED AS PART
- 25 PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF A NEW MOTOR VEHICLE OR USED MOTOR
- 26 VEHICLE OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IF THE AGREED-UPON VALUE IS
- 27 SEPARATELY STATED ON THE INVOICE, BILL OF SALE, OR SIMILAR DOCUMENT

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- 1 GIVEN TO THE PURCHASER. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE
- 2 AGREED-UPON VALUE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE USED
- 3 AS PART PAYMENT SHALL BE LIMITED AS FOLLOWS:
- 4 (A) BEGINNING [DECEMBER] 15, 2013, SUBJECT TO SUB-SUBPARAGRAPHS
- 5 (B) AND (C), THE LESSER OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 6 (I) \$2,000.00.
- 7 (II) THE AGREED-UPON VALUE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR
- 8 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE USED AS PART PAYMENT.
- 9 (B) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015 AND EACH JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER,
- 10 THE AMOUNT UNDER SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) (I) SHALL BE INCREASED BY AN
- 11 ADDITIONAL \$500.00 EACH YEAR UNLESS SECTION 105D OF THE SOCIAL
- 12 WELFARE ACT, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.105D, IS REPEALED.
- 13 (C) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1 IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE AMOUNT
- 14 UNDER SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) (I) EXCEEDS \$14,000.00 AND EACH JANUARY 1
- 15 THEREAFTER, THERE SHALL BE NO LIMITATION ON THE AGREED-UPON VALUE
- 16 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE USED AS PART PAYMENT.
- 17 (e) "Business" includes an activity engaged in by a person or
- 18 caused to be engaged in by that person with the object of gain,
- 19 benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect.
- 20 (f) "Tax year" or "taxable year" means the fiscal year of the
- 21 state or the taxpayer's fiscal year if permission is obtained by
- 22 the taxpayer from the department to use the taxpayer's fiscal year
- 23 as the tax period instead.
- 24 (g) "Department" means the department of treasury.
- 25 (h) "Taxpayer" means a person subject to a tax under this act.
- 26 (i) "Tax" includes a tax, interest, or penalty levied under
- 27 this act.

- 1 (j) "Textiles" means goods that are made of or incorporate
- 2 woven or nonwoven fabric, including, but not limited to, clothing,
- 3 shoes, hats, gloves, handkerchiefs, curtains, towels, sheets,
- 4 pillows, pillow cases, tablecloths, napkins, aprons, linens, floor
- 5 mops, floor mats, and thread. Textiles also include materials used
- 6 to repair or construct textiles, or other goods used in the rental,
- 7 sale, or cleaning of textiles.
- 8 (K) "NEW MOTOR VEHICLE" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION
- 9 33A OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.33A.
- 10 (1) "RECREATIONAL VEHICLE" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN
- 11 SECTION 49A OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.49A.
- 12 (2) If the department determines that it is necessary for the
- 13 efficient administration of this act to regard an unlicensed
- 14 person, including a salesperson, representative, peddler, or
- 15 canvasser as the agent of the dealer, distributor, supervisor, or
- 16 employer under whom the unlicensed person operates or from whom the
- 17 unlicensed person obtains the tangible personal property sold by
- 18 the unlicensed person, irrespective of whether the unlicensed
- 19 person is making sales on the unlicensed person's own behalf or on
- 20 behalf of the dealer, distributor, supervisor, or employer, the
- 21 department may so regard the unlicensed person and may regard the
- 22 dealer, distributor, supervisor, or employer as making sales at
- 23 retail at the retail price for the purposes of this act.