SENATE BILL NO. 734

September 23, 1999, Introduced by Senators SCHUETTE, HAMMERSTROM, A. SMITH, MC COTTER, MC MANUS, SHUGARS and JAYE and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act,"

by amending section 4d (MCL 205.94d), as amended by 1992 PA 267.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 4d. (1) The tax levied under this act does not apply
- 2 to a purchase of a prescription drug for human use or food for
- 3 human consumption; to the deposit on a returnable container for a
- 4 beverage or the deposit on a carton or case that is used for
- 5 returnable containers; TO MEALS PROVIDED TO EMPLOYEES DURING
- 6 WORKING HOURS; to food or tangible personal property purchased
- 7 with federal food stamps; or to fruit or vegetable seeds and
- 8 fruit or vegetable plants if purchased at a place of business
- 9 authorized to accept food stamps by the food and nutrition
- 10 service of the United States department of agriculture or a place
- 11 of business that has made a complete and proper application for

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- 1 authorization to accept food stamps but has been denied
- 2 authorization and provides proof of denial to the department of
- 3 treasury.
- (2) "Prescription drug for human use" means insulin or a
- 5 drug dispensed by a licensed pharmacist pursuant to a written
- 6 prescription prescribed by a licensed physician or other health
- 7 professional as defined in section 21005 of the public health
- 8 code, Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section
- 9 333.21005 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1978 PA 368, MCL
- 10 333.21005, for the use of a designated person, or oxygen dis-
- 11 pensed pursuant to a written prescription or order issued by a
- 12 licensed physician or other health professional as defined in
- 13 section 21005 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978 THE
- 14 PUBLIC HEALTH CODE, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.21005.
- (3) "Food for human consumption" means all food or drink 15
- 16 items, including bottled water, primarily intended for human con-
- 17 sumption except a beverage with an alcoholic content of 1/2 of 1%
- 18 or more by volume, tobacco, or tobacco products.