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House Bill 5212

Sponsor: Rep. Randy Richardville

Committee: Tax Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5212 AS INTRODUCED 10-16-01

Under the General Sales Tax Act, in cases of sales considered exempt from the tax, if a taxpayer (i.e., a seller) maintains the appropriate records and accepts an exemption certificate from a buyer in good faith, then the seller is not liable for collection of the unpaid tax if it is later determined that the sale did not qualify for an exemption. House Bill 5212 would place the same provision in the Use Tax Act. (The term "good faith" would mean that a taxpayer received a completed and signed certificate from a buyer.)

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