

SENATE BILL No. 656

June 29, 2005, Introduced by Senators SCHAUER, THOMAS, OLSHOVE and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled
"General sales tax act,"
by amending section 4a (MCL 205.54a), as amended by 2004 PA 173.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4a. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the following are
2 exempt from the tax under this act:

3 (a) A sale of tangible personal property not for resale to a
4 nonprofit school, nonprofit hospital, or nonprofit home for the
5 care and maintenance of children or aged persons operated by an
6 entity of government, a regularly organized church, religious —
7 or fraternal organization, a veterans' organization, or a
8 corporation incorporated under the laws of this state, if the
9 income or benefit from the operation does not inure, in whole or in
10 part, to an individual or private shareholder, directly or
11 indirectly, and if the activities of the entity or agency are

1 carried on exclusively for the benefit of the public at large and
2 are not limited to the advantage, interests, and benefits of its
3 members or any restricted group. A sale of tangible personal
4 property to a parent cooperative preschool is exempt from taxation
5 under this act. As used in this subdivision, "parent cooperative
6 preschool" means a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory educational
7 institution, maintained as a community service and administered by
8 parents of children currently enrolled in the preschool, that
9 provides an educational and developmental program for children
10 younger than compulsory school age, that provides an educational
11 program for parents, including active participation with children
12 in preschool activities, that is directed by qualified preschool
13 personnel, and that is licensed ~~by the department of consumer and~~
14 ~~industry services~~ pursuant to 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128.

15 (b) A sale of tangible personal property not for resale to a
16 regularly organized church or house of religious worship, except
17 the following:

18 (i) Sales in activities that are mainly commercial enterprises.

19 (ii) Sales of vehicles licensed for use on public highways
20 other than a passenger van or bus with a manufacturer's rated
21 seating capacity of 10 or more that is used primarily for the
22 transportation of persons for religious purposes.

23 (c) The sale of food to bona fide enrolled students by a
24 school or other educational institution not operated for profit.

25 (d) The sale of a vessel designated for commercial use of
26 registered tonnage of 500 tons or more, if produced upon special
27 order of the purchaser, and bunker and galley fuel, provisions,

1 supplies, maintenance, and repairs for the exclusive use of the
2 vessel engaged in interstate commerce.

3 (e) A sale of tangible personal property to persons engaged in
4 a business enterprise and using or consuming the tangible personal
5 property in the tilling, planting, caring for, or harvesting of the
6 things of the soil; in the breeding, raising, or caring for
7 livestock, poultry, or horticultural products, including transfers
8 of livestock, poultry, or horticultural products for further
9 growth; or in the direct gathering of fish, by net, line, or
10 otherwise only by an owner-operator of the business enterprise, not
11 including a charter fishing business enterprise. This exemption
12 includes agricultural land tile, which means fired clay or
13 perforated plastic tubing used as part of a subsurface drainage
14 system for land, and subsurface irrigation pipe, if the land tile
15 or irrigation pipe is used in the production of agricultural
16 products as a business enterprise. This exemption includes a
17 portable grain bin, which means a structure that is used or is to
18 be used to shelter grain and that is designed to be disassembled
19 without significant damage to its component parts. This exemption
20 also includes grain drying equipment and natural or propane gas
21 used to fuel that equipment for agricultural purposes. This
22 exemption does not include transfers of food, fuel, clothing, or
23 any similar tangible personal property for personal living or human
24 consumption. This exemption does not include tangible personal
25 property permanently affixed and becoming a structural part of real
26 estate.

27 (f) The sale of a copyrighted motion picture film or a

1 newspaper or periodical admitted under federal postal laws and
2 regulations effective September 1, 1985 as second-class mail matter
3 or as a controlled circulation publication or qualified to accept
4 legal notices for publication in this state, as defined by law, or
5 any other newspaper or periodical of general circulation,
6 established not less than 2 years, and published not less than once
7 a week. Tangible personal property used or consumed in producing a
8 copyrighted motion picture film, a newspaper published more than 14
9 times per year, or a periodical published more than 14 times per
10 year, and not becoming a component part of that film, newspaper, or
11 periodical is subject to the tax. Tangible personal property used
12 or consumed in producing a newspaper published 14 times or less per
13 year or a periodical published 14 times or less per year and that
14 portion or percentage of tangible personal property used or
15 consumed in producing an advertising supplement that becomes a
16 component part of a newspaper or periodical is exempt from the tax
17 under this subdivision. A claim for a refund for taxes paid before
18 January 1, 1999, under this subdivision shall be made before June
19 30, 1999. For purposes of this subdivision, tangible personal
20 property that becomes a component part of a newspaper or periodical
21 and consequently not subject to tax includes an advertising
22 supplement inserted into and circulated with a newspaper or
23 periodical that is otherwise exempt from tax under this
24 subdivision, if the advertising supplement is delivered directly to
25 the newspaper or periodical by a person other than the advertiser,
26 or the advertising supplement is printed by the newspaper or
27 periodical.

1 (g) A sale of tangible personal property to persons licensed
2 to operate commercial radio or television stations if the property
3 is used in the origination or integration of the various sources of
4 program material for commercial radio or television transmission.
5 This subdivision does not include a vehicle licensed and titled for
6 use on public highways or property used in the transmission to or
7 receiving from an artificial satellite.

8 (h) The sale of a prosthetic device, durable medical
9 equipment, or mobility enhancing equipment.

10 (i) The sale of a vehicle not for resale to a Michigan
11 nonprofit corporation organized exclusively to provide a community
12 with ambulance or fire department services.

13 (j) ~~—A~~ **BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2005, A** sale of tangible personal
14 property to inmates in a penal or correctional institution
15 purchased with scrip or its equivalent issued and redeemed by the
16 institution.

17 (k) A sale of textbooks sold by a public or nonpublic school
18 to or for the use of students enrolled in any part of a
19 kindergarten through twelfth grade program.

20 (l) A sale of tangible personal property installed as a
21 component part of a water pollution control facility for which a
22 tax exemption certificate is issued pursuant to part 37 of the
23 natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451,
24 MCL 324.3701 to 324.3708, or an air pollution control facility for
25 which a tax exemption certificate is issued pursuant to part 59 of
26 the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA
27 451, MCL 324.5901 to 324.5908.

1 (m) The sale or lease of the following to an industrial
2 laundry after December 31, 1997:

3 (i) Textiles and disposable products including, but not limited
4 to, soap, paper, chemicals, tissues, deodorizers and dispensers,
5 and all related items such as packaging, supplies, hangers, name
6 tags, and identification tags.

7 (ii) Equipment, whether owned or leased, used to repair and
8 dispense textiles including, but not limited to, roll towel
9 cabinets, slings, hardware, lockers, mop handles and frames, and
10 carts.

11 (iii) Machinery, equipment, parts, lubricants, and repair
12 services used to clean, process, and package textiles and related
13 items, whether owned or leased.

14 (iv) Utilities such as electric, gas, water, or oil.

15 (v) Production washroom equipment and mending and packaging
16 supplies and equipment.

17 (vi) Material handling equipment including, but not limited to,
18 conveyors, racks, and elevators and related control equipment.

19 (vii) Wastewater pretreatment equipment and supplies and
20 related maintenance and repair services.

21 (n) A sale of tangible personal property to a person holding a
22 direct payment permit under section 8 of the use tax act, 1937 PA
23 94, MCL 205.98.

24 (2) The tangible personal property under subsection (1) is
25 exempt only to the extent that that property is used for the exempt
26 purpose if one is stated in subsection (1). The exemption is
27 limited to the percentage of exempt use to total use determined by

1 a reasonable formula or method approved by the department.