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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 1121 (as enacted)  
Sponsor: Senator Patricia L. Birkholz  
Senate Committee: Agriculture  
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**PUBLIC ACT 332 of 2008**

Date Completed: 3-25-09

**CONTENT**

The bill amended the General Sales Tax Act to extend a sales tax exemption to machinery that is capable of simultaneously harvesting grain or other crops and biomass residue from grain and other crops, and machinery manufactured after the bill's effective date for the purpose of harvesting agricultural biomass grown solely as an energy crop.

The Act provides a tax exemption for tangible personal property sold to people engaged in a business enterprise and using or consuming the property in the tilling, planting, caring for, or harvesting of things of the soil. Under the bill, this exemption includes the machinery described above.

The bill defines "biomass" as crop residue used to produce energy or agricultural crops grown specifically for the production of alternative energy.

The bill took effect on December 23, 2008.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill will have no fiscal impact because the machinery described in the bill already was exempt from the sales tax under the law.

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