SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5198

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

by amending the title and sections 3a and 5 (MCL 205.93a and 205.95), sections 3a and 5 as amended by 2004 PA 172, and by adding section 4z.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 TITLE
- 2 An act to provide for the levy, assessment, and collection of
- 3 a specific excise tax on the storage, use, or consumption in this
- 4 state of tangible personal property and certain services; to
- 5 appropriate the proceeds thereof; and OF THAT TAX; to prescribe
- 6 penalties; for violations of the provisions of this act AND TO MAKE
- 7 APPROPRIATIONS.
- 8 Sec. 3a. (1) The use or consumption of the following **SERVICES**

- 1 is taxed under this act in the same manner as tangible personal
- property is taxed under this act:
- 3 (a) Except as provided in section 3b, intrastate telephone,
- 4 telegraph, leased wire, and other similar communications, including
- 5 local telephone exchange and long distance telephone service that
- 6 both originates and terminates in Michigan THIS STATE, and
- 7 telegraph, private line, and teletypewriter service between places
- 8 in Michigan THIS STATE, but excluding telephone service by coin-
- 9 operated installations, switchboards, concentrator-identifiers,
- 10 interoffice circuitry and their accessories for telephone answering
- 11 service, and directory advertising proceeds.
- 12 (b) Rooms or lodging furnished by hotelkeepers, motel
- 13 operators, and other persons furnishing accommodations that are
- 14 available to the public on the basis of a commercial and business
- 15 enterprise, irrespective of whether or not membership is required
- 16 for use of the accommodations, except rooms and lodging rented for
- 17 a continuous period of more than 1 month. As used in this act,
- 18 "hotel" or "motel" means a building or group of buildings in which
- 19 the public may obtain accommodations for a consideration,
- 20 including, without limitation, such establishments as inns, motels,
- 21 tourist homes, tourist houses or courts, lodging houses, rooming
- 22 houses, nudist camps, apartment hotels, resort lodges and cabins,
- 23 camps operated by other than nonprofit organizations but not
- 24 including those licensed under 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128,
- 25 and any other building or group of buildings in which
- 26 accommodations are available to the public, except accommodations
- 27 rented for a continuous period of more than 1 month and

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- 1 accommodations furnished by hospitals or nursing homes.
- 2 (c) Except as provided in section 3b, interstate telephone
- 3 communications that either originate or terminate in this state and
- 4 for which the charge for the service is billed to a Michigan
- 5 service address IN THIS STATE or phone number by the provider
- 6 either within or outside this state including calls between this
- 7 state and any place within or without the United States of America
- 8 outside of this state. However, if the tax under this act is levied
- 9 at a rate of 6%, this THIS subdivision does not apply to a wide
- 10 area telecommunication service or a similar type service, an 800
- 11 prefix service or similar type service, an interstate private
- 12 network and related usage charges, or an international call either
- inbound or outbound.
- 14 (d) The laundering or cleaning of textiles under a sale,
- 15 rental, or service agreement with a term of at least 5 days. This
- 16 subdivision does not apply to the laundering or cleaning of
- 17 textiles used by a restaurant or retail sales business. As used in
- 18 this subdivision, "restaurant" means a food service establishment
- 19 defined and licensed under the food law of 2000, 2000 PA 92, MCL
- 20 289.1101 to 289.8111.
- 21 (e) The transmission and distribution of electricity, whether
- 22 the electricity is purchased from the delivering utility or from
- 23 another provider, if the sale is made to the consumer or user of
- 24 the electricity for consumption or use rather than for resale.
- 25 (f) For a manufacturer who affixes its product to real estate
- 26 and maintains an inventory of its product that is available for
- 27 sale to others by publication or price list, the direct production

- 1 costs and indirect production costs of the product affixed to the
- 2 real estate that are incident to and necessary for production or
- 3 manufacturing operations or processes, as defined by the
- 4 department.
- 5 (g) For a manufacturer who affixes its product to real estate
- 6 but does not maintain an inventory of its product available for
- 7 sale to others or make its product available for sale to others by
- 8 publication or price list, the sum of the materials cost of the
- 9 property and the cost of labor to manufacture, fabricate, or
- 10 assemble the property, but does not include the cost of labor to
- 11 cut, bend, assemble, or attach the property at the site for
- 12 affixation to real estate.
- 13 (2) If charges for intrastate telecommunications services or
- 14 telecommunications services between this state and another state
- 15 and other billed services not subject to the tax under this act are
- 16 aggregated with and not separately stated from charges for
- 17 telecommunications services that are subject to the tax under this
- 18 act, the nontaxable telecommunications services and other
- 19 nontaxable billed services are subject to the tax under this act
- 20 unless the service provider can reasonably identify charges for
- 21 telecommunications services not subject to the tax under this act
- 22 from its books and records that are kept in the regular course of
- 23 business.
- 24 (3) If charges for intrastate telecommunications services or
- 25 telecommunications services between this state and another state
- 26 and other billed services not subject to the tax under this act are
- 27 aggregated with and not separately stated from telecommunications

- 1 services that are subject to the tax under this act, a customer may
- 2 not rely upon the nontaxability of those telecommunications
- 3 services and other billed services unless the customer's service
- 4 provider separately states the charges for nontaxable
- 5 telecommunications services and other nontaxable billed services
- 6 from taxable telecommunications services or the service provider
- 7 elects, after receiving a written request from the customer in the
- 8 form required by the provider, to provide verifiable data based
- 9 upon the service provider's books and records that are kept in the
- 10 regular course of business that reasonably identify the nontaxable
- 11 services.
- 12 (4) THERE IS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FOR
- 13 THE 2006-2007 STATE FISCAL YEAR THE SUM OF \$1.00 TO IMPLEMENT THE
- 14 REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION.
- 15 (5) $\frac{(4)}{}$ As used in this section:
- 16 (a) "Fabricate" means to modify or prepare tangible personal
- 17 property for affixation or assembly.
- 18 (b) "Manufacture" means to convert or condition tangible
- 19 personal property by changing the form, composition, quality,
- 20 combination, or character of the property.
- 21 (c) "Manufacturer" means a person who manufactures,
- 22 fabricates, or assembles tangible personal property.
- 23 SEC. 4Z. THE TAX UNDER THIS ACT DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OF
- 24 TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OR SERVICES TO A QUALIFIED DISABLED
- 25 VETERAN. AS USED IN THIS SECTION:
- 26 (A) "QUALIFIED DISABLED VETERAN" MEANS A VETERAN WITH A
- 27 SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY.

- 1 (B) "SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY" MEANS A DISABILITY INCURRED
- 2 OR AGGRAVATED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY, NAVAL, OR
- 3 AIR SERVICE AS DESCRIBED IN 38 USC 101(16).
- 4 (C) "VETERAN" MEANS A PERSON WHO SERVED IN THE ACTIVE
- 5 MILITARY, NAVAL, OR AIR SERVICE AND WHO WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED
- 6 FROM HIS OR HER SERVICE UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE.
- 7 Sec. 5. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or
- 8 subsection (5), a person engaged in the business of selling
- 9 tangible personal property for storage, use, or other consumption
- 10 in this state SUBJECT TO THE TAX UNDER THIS ACT shall register with
- 11 the department and give the name and address of each agent
- 12 operating in this state, the location of all distribution or sales
- 13 houses or offices or other places of business in this state, and
- 14 any other information that the department requires relevant to the
- 15 enforcement of this act. However, a seller holding a sales tax
- 16 license obtained under the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL
- 17 205.51 to 205.78, is not required to separately register with the
- 18 department under this act. Every seller PERSON SUBJECT TO THE TAX
- 19 UNDER THIS ACT shall source sales in accordance with section 20 and
- 20 collect the tax imposed by this act from the consumer.
- 21 (2) The corporation, securities, and land development bureau
- 22 of the department of consumer and industry services LABOR AND
- 23 ECONOMIC GROWTH shall not issue to any foreign corporation engaged
- 24 in the business of selling tangible personal property SUBJECT TO
- 25 THE TAX UNDER THIS ACT a certificate of authority to do business in
- 26 this state or approve and file the proposed articles of
- 27 incorporation submitted to it by any domestic corporation

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- 1 authorizing or permitting that corporation to conduct any business
- 2 of selling tangible personal property SUBJECT TO THE TAX UNDER THIS
- 3 ACT unless the corporation submits with the application for the
- 4 certificate of authority or proposed articles of incorporation an
- 5 application for registration of the corporation under this act or
- 6 an application for a sales tax license under the general sales tax
- 7 act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51 to 205.78. The application shall be
- 8 transmitted to the department by the corporation, securities, and
- 9 land development bureau.
- 10 (3) A domestic corporation or a foreign corporation authorized
- 11 to transact business in this state that submits a certificate of
- 12 dissolution or requests a certificate of withdrawal from this state
- 13 shall request a certificate from the department stating that taxes
- 14 are not due under section 27a of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.27a, not more
- 15 than 60 days after submitting the certificate of dissolution or
- 16 requesting the certificate of withdrawal. A corporation that does
- 17 not request a certificate stating that taxes are not due is subject
- 18 to the same penalties under section 24 of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.24,
- 19 that a taxpayer would be subject to for failure to file a return.
- 20 (4) A lessor may elect to pay use tax on receipts from the
- 21 rental or lease of the tangible personal property in lieu of
- 22 payment of sales or use tax on the full cost of the property at the
- 23 time it is acquired. For tax years that begin after December 31,
- 24 2001, in order to make a valid election under this subsection, a
- 25 lessor of tangible personal property that is an aircraft shall
- 26 obtain a use tax registration by the earlier of the date set for
- 27 the first payment of use tax under the lease or rental agreement or

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- 1 90 days after the lessor first brings the aircraft into this state.
- 2 (5) A seller registered under the streamlined sales and use
- 3 tax agreement who is not otherwise subject to the tax under this
- 4 act is not required to register under this section because of the
- 5 registration under the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.
- 6 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect October
- **7** 1, 2007.

<<Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
unless all of the following bills of the 94th Legislature are enacted
into law:</pre>

- (a) Senate Bill No. 1.
- (b) Senate Bill No. 395.
- (c) Senate Bill No. 396.
- (d) Senate Bill No. 397.
- (e) Senate Bill No. 398.
- (f) Senate Bill No. 418.
- (q) Senate Bill No. 419.
- (h) Senate Bill No. 420.
- (i) Senate Bill No. 421.
- (j) Senate Bill No. 546.
- (k) Senate Bill No. 547.
- (1) Senate Bill No. 549.
- (m) Senate Bill No. 622.
- (n) Senate Bill No. 632.
- (o) House Bill No. 4246.
- (p) House Bill No. 4266.
- (q) House Bill No. 4800.>>