

SENATE BILL No. 233

March 24, 2015, Introduced by Senator ROBERTSON and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled
"General sales tax act,"
by amending section 1 (MCL 205.51), as amended by 2013 PA 160.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) As used in this act:

2 (a) "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, joint
3 venture, association, social club, fraternal organization,
4 municipal or private corporation whether organized for profit or
5 not, company, estate, trust, receiver, trustee, syndicate, the
6 United States, this state, county, or any other group or
7 combination acting as a unit, and includes the plural as well as
8 the singular number, unless the intention to give a more limited
9 meaning is disclosed by the context.

10 (b) "Sale at retail" or "retail sale" means a sale, lease, or
11 rental of tangible personal property for any purpose other than for

1 resale, sublease, or subrent.

2 (c) "Gross proceeds" means sales price.

3 (d) "Sales price" means the total amount of consideration,
4 including cash, credit, property, and services, for which tangible
5 personal property or services are sold, leased, or rented, valued
6 in money, whether received in money or otherwise, and applies to
7 the measure subject to sales tax. Sales price includes the
8 following subparagraphs (i) through (vii) and excludes subparagraphs
9 (viii) through (xii):

10 (i) Seller's cost of the property sold.

11 (ii) Cost of materials used, labor or service cost, interest,
12 losses, costs of transportation to the seller, taxes imposed on the
13 seller other than taxes imposed by this act, and any other expense
14 of the seller.

15 (iii) Charges by the seller for any services necessary to
16 complete the sale, other than the following:

17 (A) An amount received or billed by the taxpayer for
18 remittance to the employee as a gratuity or tip, if the gratuity or
19 tip is separately identified and itemized on the guest check or
20 billed to the customer.

21 (B) Labor or service charges involved in maintenance and
22 repair work on tangible personal property of others if separately
23 itemized.

24 (iv) Delivery charges incurred or to be incurred before the
25 completion of the transfer of ownership of tangible personal
26 property subject to the tax levied under this act from the seller
27 to the purchaser. A seller is not liable under this act for

1 delivery charges allocated to the delivery of exempt property.

2 (v) Installation charges incurred or to be incurred before the
3 completion of the transfer of ownership of tangible personal
4 property from the seller to the purchaser.

5 (vi) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (xi) and
6 (xii), credit for any trade-in.

7 (vii) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (x),
8 consideration received by the seller from third parties if all of
9 the following conditions are met:

10 (A) The seller actually receives consideration from a party
11 other than the purchaser and the consideration is directly related
12 to a price reduction or discount on the sale.

13 (B) The seller has an obligation to pass the price reduction
14 or discount through to the purchaser.

15 (C) The amount of the consideration attributable to the sale
16 is fixed and determinable by the seller at the time of the sale of
17 the item to the purchaser.

18 (D) One of the following criteria is met:

19 (I) The purchaser presents a coupon, certificate, or other
20 documentation to the seller to claim a price reduction or discount
21 where the coupon, certificate, or documentation is authorized,
22 distributed, or granted by a third party with the understanding
23 that the third party will reimburse any seller to whom the coupon,
24 certificate, or documentation is presented.

25 (II) The purchaser identifies himself or herself to the seller
26 as a member of a group or organization entitled to a price
27 reduction or discount. A preferred customer card that is available

1 to any patron does not constitute membership in a group or
2 organization.

3 (III) The price reduction or discount is identified as a third
4 party price reduction or discount on the invoice received by the
5 purchaser or on a coupon, certificate, or other documentation
6 presented by the purchaser.

7 (viii) Interest, financing, or carrying charges from credit
8 extended on the sale of personal property or services, if the
9 amount is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or
10 similar document given to the purchaser.

11 (ix) Any taxes legally imposed directly on the consumer that
12 are separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar
13 document given to the purchaser.

14 (x) Beginning January 1, 2000, employee discounts that are
15 reimbursed by a third party on sales of motor vehicles.

16 (xi) Beginning November 15, 2013, credit for the agreed-upon
17 value of a titled watercraft used as part payment of the purchase
18 price of a new titled watercraft or used titled watercraft
19 **PURCHASED FROM A WATERCRAFT DEALER** if the agreed-upon value is
20 separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document
21 given to the purchaser. **THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO LEASES**
22 **OR RENTALS.**

23 (xii) Beginning December 15, 2013, credit for the agreed-upon
24 value of a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle used as part
25 payment of the purchase price of a new motor vehicle or used motor
26 vehicle or recreational vehicle **PURCHASED FROM A DEALER** if the
27 agreed-upon value is separately stated on the invoice, bill of

1 sale, or similar document given to the purchaser. **THIS SUBPARAGRAPH**
2 **DOES NOT APPLY TO LEASES OR RENTALS.** For purposes of this
3 subparagraph, the agreed-upon value of a motor vehicle or
4 recreational vehicle used as part payment shall be limited as
5 follows:

6 (A) Beginning December 15, 2013, subject to sub-subparagraphs

7 (B) and (C), the lesser of the following:

8 (I) \$2,000.00.

9 (II) The agreed-upon value of the motor vehicle or
10 recreational vehicle used as part payment.

11 (B) Beginning January 1, 2015 and each January 1 thereafter,
12 the amount under sub-subparagraph (A) (I) shall be increased by an
13 additional \$500.00 each year unless section 105d of the social
14 welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.105d, is repealed.

15 (C) Beginning on January 1 in the year in which the amount
16 under sub-subparagraph (A) (I) exceeds \$14,000.00 and each January 1
17 thereafter, there shall be no limitation on the agreed-upon value
18 of the motor vehicle or recreational vehicle used as part payment.

19 (e) "Business" includes an activity engaged in by a person or
20 caused to be engaged in by that person with the object of gain,
21 benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect.

22 (f) "Tax year" or "taxable year" means the fiscal year of the
23 state or the taxpayer's fiscal year if permission is obtained by
24 the taxpayer from the department to use the taxpayer's fiscal year
25 as the tax period instead.

26 (g) "Department" means the department of treasury.

27 (h) "Taxpayer" means a person subject to a tax under this act.

1 (i) "Tax" includes a tax, interest, or penalty levied under
2 this act.

3 (j) "Textiles" means goods that are made of or incorporate
4 woven or nonwoven fabric, including, but not limited to, clothing,
5 shoes, hats, gloves, handkerchiefs, curtains, towels, sheets,
6 pillows, pillow cases, tablecloths, napkins, aprons, linens, floor
7 mops, floor mats, and thread. Textiles also include materials used
8 to repair or construct textiles, or other goods used in the rental,
9 sale, or cleaning of textiles.

10 (k) "New motor vehicle" means that term as defined in section
11 33a of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.33a.

12 (l) "Recreational vehicle" means that term as defined in
13 section 49a of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.49a.

14 **(M) "DEALER" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 11 OF THE**
15 **MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.11.**

16 **(N) "WATERCRAFT DEALER" MEANS A DEALER AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED**
17 **IN SECTION 80102 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL**
18 **PROTECTION ACT, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.80102.**

19 (2) If the department determines that it is necessary for the
20 efficient administration of this act to regard an unlicensed
21 person, including a salesperson, representative, peddler, or
22 canvasser as the agent of the dealer, distributor, supervisor, or
23 employer under whom the unlicensed person operates or from whom the
24 unlicensed person obtains the tangible personal property sold by
25 the unlicensed person, irrespective of whether the unlicensed
26 person is making sales on the unlicensed person's own behalf or on
27 behalf of the dealer, distributor, supervisor, or employer, the

1 department may so regard the unlicensed person and may regard the
2 dealer, distributor, supervisor, or employer as making sales at
3 retail at the retail price for the purposes of this act.

4 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
5 after the date it is enacted into law.