

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4564**

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled
"Use tax act,"
by amending section 4 (MCL 205.94), as amended by 2016 PA 432.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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

3 (a) Property sold in this state on which transaction a tax is
4 paid under the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51 to
5 205.78, if the tax was due and paid on the retail sale to a
6 consumer.

7 (b) Property, the storage, use, or other consumption of which
8 this state is prohibited from taxing under the constitution or laws
9 of the United States, or under the constitution of this state.

10 (c) All of the following:

1 (i) Property purchased for resale. Property purchased for
2 resale includes promotional merchandise transferred pursuant to a
3 redemption offer to a person located outside this state or any
4 packaging material, other than promotional merchandise, acquired
5 for use in fulfilling a redemption offer or rebate to a person
6 located outside this state.

7 (ii) Property purchased for lending or leasing to a public or
8 parochial school offering a course in automobile driving except
9 that a vehicle purchased by the school shall be certified for
10 driving education and shall not be reassigned for personal use by
11 the school's administrative personnel.

12 (iii) Property purchased for demonstration purposes. For a new
13 vehicle dealer selling a new car or truck, exemption for
14 demonstration purposes shall be determined by the number of new
15 cars and trucks sold during the current calendar year or the
16 immediately preceding calendar year, without regard to specific
17 make or style, according to the following schedule but not to
18 exceed 25 cars and trucks in 1 calendar year for demonstration
19 purposes:

20 (A) 0 to 25, 2 units.

21 (B) 26 to 100, 7 units.

22 (C) 101 to 500, 20 units.

23 (D) 501 or more, 25 units.

24 (iv) Motor vehicles purchased for resale purposes by a new
25 vehicle dealer licensed under section 248(8)(a) of the Michigan
26 vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.248.

27 (d) Property that is brought into this state by a nonresident

1 person for storage, use, or consumption while temporarily within
2 this state, except if the property is used in this state in a
3 nontransitory business activity for a period exceeding 15 days.

4 (e) Property the sale or use of which was already subjected to
5 a sales tax or use tax equal to, or in excess of, that imposed by
6 this act under the law of any other state or a local governmental
7 unit within a state if the tax was due and paid on the retail sale
8 to the consumer and the state or local governmental unit within a
9 state in which the tax was imposed accords like or complete
10 exemption on property the sale or use of which was subjected to the
11 sales or use tax of this state. If the sale or use of property was
12 already subjected to a tax under the law of any other state or
13 local governmental unit within a state in an amount less than the
14 tax imposed by this act, this act shall apply, but at a rate
15 measured by the difference between the rate provided in this act
16 and the rate by which the previous tax was computed.

17 (f) Property sold to a person engaged in a business enterprise
18 ~~and using and consuming~~ **THAT USES OR CONSUMES** the property in the
19 ~~tilling, planting, draining, caring for, or harvesting of the~~
20 ~~things of the soil, in the breeding, raising, or caring for~~
21 ~~livestock, poultry, or horticultural products, including transfers~~
22 ~~of livestock, poultry, or horticultural products for further~~
23 ~~growth, or in the direct gathering of fish, by net, by line, or~~
24 ~~otherwise only by an owner-operator of the business enterprise, not~~
25 ~~including a charter fishing business enterprise. This exemption~~
26 ~~includes machinery that is capable of simultaneously harvesting~~
27 ~~grain or other crops and biomass and machinery used for the purpose~~

~~1 of harvesting biomass. This exemption includes agricultural land
2 tile, which means fired clay or perforated plastic tubing used as
3 part of a subsurface drainage system for land, and subsurface
4 irrigation pipe, if the land tile or irrigation pipe is used in the
5 production of agricultural products as a business enterprise. This
6 exemption includes a portable grain bin, which means a structure
7 that is used or is to be used to shelter grain and that is designed
8 to be disassembled without significant damage to its component
9 parts. This exemption includes grain drying equipment and the fuel
10 or energy source that powers that equipment for agricultural
11 purposes. This exemption also includes tangible personal property
12 affixed to or to be affixed to and directly used in the operation
13 of either a portable grain bin or grain drying equipment. This
14 exemption also includes the sale or acquisition of agricultural
15 land tile, portable grain bins, and grain drying equipment
16 purchased or acquired by a person in the business of constructing,
17 altering, repairing, or improving real estate for others to the
18 extent that it is affixed to or made a structural part of real
19 estate used for a purpose exempt under this subsection. This
20 exemption does not include transfers of food, fuel, clothing, or
21 similar tangible personal property for personal living or human
22 consumption. Except for agricultural land tile, subsurface
23 irrigation pipe, portable grain bins, and grain drying equipment,
24 this exemption does not include tangible personal property
25 permanently affixed to and becoming a structural part of real
26 estate. As used in this subdivision, "biomass" means crop residue
27 used to produce energy or agricultural crops grown specifically for~~

1 ~~the production of energy.~~ FOR EITHER THE TILLING, PLANTING,
2 DRAINING, CARING FOR, OR HARVESTING OF THINGS OF THE SOIL FOR
3 AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES OR THE BREEDING, RAISING, OR CARING FOR
4 LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, OR HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING THE
5 TRANSFERS OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, OR HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS FOR
6 FURTHER GROWTH. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (3),
7 THIS EXEMPTION INCLUDES THE SALE OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TO A
8 PERSON DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBDIVISION:

9 (i) MACHINERY THAT IS CAPABLE OF SIMULTANEOUSLY HARVESTING
10 GRAIN OR OTHER CROPS AND BIOMASS AND MACHINERY USED FOR THE PURPOSE
11 OF HARVESTING BIOMASS.

12 (ii) AGRICULTURAL LAND TILE AND SUBSURFACE IRRIGATION PIPE.

13 (iii) PORTABLE GRAIN BINS, INCLUDING TANGIBLE PERSONAL
14 PROPERTY AFFIXED OR TO BE AFFIXED TO PORTABLE GRAIN BINS AND
15 DIRECTLY USED IN THE OPERATION OF A PORTABLE GRAIN BIN.

16 (iv) GRAIN DRYING EQUIPMENT AND THE FUEL OR ENERGY SOURCE THAT
17 POWERS THAT EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AFFIXED
18 OR TO BE AFFIXED TO THAT EQUIPMENT AND DIRECTLY USED IN THE
19 OPERATION OF GRAIN DRYING EQUIPMENT.

20 (g) Property or services sold to the United States, an
21 unincorporated agency or instrumentality of the United States, an
22 incorporated agency or instrumentality of the United States wholly
23 owned by the United States or by a corporation wholly owned by the
24 United States, the American Red Cross and its chapters or branches,
25 this state, a department or institution of this state, or a
26 political subdivision of this state.

27 (h) Property or services sold to a school, hospital, or home

1 for the care and maintenance of children or aged persons, operated
2 by an entity of government, a regularly organized church,
3 religious, or fraternal organization, a veterans' organization, or
4 a corporation incorporated under the laws of this state, if not
5 operated for profit, and if the income or benefit from the
6 operation does not inure, in whole or in part, to an individual or
7 private shareholder, directly or indirectly, and if the activities
8 of the entity or agency are carried on exclusively for the benefit
9 of the public at large and are not limited to the advantage,
10 interests, and benefits of its members or a restricted group. The
11 tax levied does not apply to property or services sold to a parent
12 cooperative preschool. As used in this subdivision, "parent
13 cooperative preschool" means a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory
14 educational institution, maintained as a community service and
15 administered by parents of children currently enrolled in the
16 preschool that provides an educational and developmental program
17 for children younger than compulsory school age, that provides an
18 educational program for parents, including active participation
19 with children in preschool activities, that is directed by
20 qualified preschool personnel, and that is licensed pursuant to
21 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128.

22 (i) Property or services sold to a regularly organized church
23 or house of religious worship except the following:

24 (i) Sales in which the property is used in activities that are
25 mainly commercial enterprises.

26 (ii) Sales of vehicles licensed for use on the public highways
27 other than a passenger van or bus with a manufacturer's rated

1 seating capacity of 10 or more that is used primarily for the
2 transportation of persons for religious purposes.

3 (j) A vessel designed for commercial use of registered tonnage
4 of 500 tons or more, if produced upon special order of the
5 purchaser, and bunker and galley fuel, provisions, supplies,
6 maintenance, and repairs for the exclusive use of a vessel of 500
7 tons or more engaged in interstate commerce.

8 (k) Property purchased for use in this state where actual
9 personal possession is obtained outside this state, the purchase
10 price or actual value of which does not exceed \$10.00 during 1
11 calendar month.

12 (l) A newspaper or periodical classified under federal postal
13 laws and regulations effective September 1, 1985 as second-class
14 mail matter or as a controlled circulation publication or qualified
15 to accept legal notices for publication in this state, as defined
16 by law, or any other newspaper or periodical of general
17 circulation, established at least 2 years, and published at least
18 once a week, and a copyrighted motion picture film. Tangible
19 personal property used or consumed in producing a copyrighted
20 motion picture film, a newspaper published more than 14 times per
21 year, or a periodical published more than 14 times per year, and
22 not becoming a component part of that film, newspaper, or
23 periodical is subject to the tax. After December 31, 1993, tangible
24 personal property used or consumed in producing a newspaper
25 published 14 times or less per year or a periodical published 14
26 times or less per year and that portion or percentage of tangible
27 personal property used or consumed in producing an advertising

1 supplement that becomes a component part of a newspaper or
2 periodical is exempt from the tax under this subdivision. A claim
3 for a refund for taxes paid before January 1, 1999 under this
4 subdivision shall be made before June 30, 1999. For purposes of
5 this subdivision, tangible personal property that becomes a
6 component part of a newspaper or periodical and consequently not
7 subject to tax, includes an advertising supplement inserted into
8 and circulated with a newspaper or periodical that is otherwise
9 exempt from tax under this subdivision, if the advertising
10 supplement is delivered directly to the newspaper or periodical by
11 a person other than the advertiser, or the advertising supplement
12 is printed by the newspaper or periodical.

13 (m) Property purchased by persons licensed to operate a
14 commercial radio or television station if the property is used in
15 the origination or integration of the various sources of program
16 material for commercial radio or television transmission. This
17 subdivision does not include a vehicle licensed and titled for use
18 on public highways or property used in the transmitting to or
19 receiving from an artificial satellite.

20 (n) A person who is a resident of this state who purchases an
21 automobile in another state while in the military service of the
22 United States and who pays a sales tax in the state where the
23 automobile is purchased.

24 (o) A vehicle for which a special registration is secured in
25 accordance with section 226(9) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949
26 PA 300, MCL 257.226.

27 (p) The sale of a prosthetic device, durable medical

1 equipment, or mobility enhancing equipment.

2 (q) Water when delivered through water mains, water sold in
3 bulk tanks in quantities of not less than 500 gallons, or the sale
4 of bottled water.

5 (r) A vehicle not for resale used by a nonprofit corporation
6 organized exclusively to provide a community with ambulance or fire
7 department services.

8 (s) Tangible personal property purchased and installed as a
9 component part of a water pollution control facility for which a
10 tax exemption certificate is issued pursuant to part 37 of the
11 natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451,
12 MCL 324.3701 to 324.3708, or an air pollution control facility for
13 which a tax exemption certificate is issued pursuant to part 59 of
14 the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA
15 451, MCL 324.5901 to 324.5908.

16 (t) Tangible real or personal property donated by a
17 manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer to an organization or entity
18 exempt pursuant to subdivision (h) or (i) or section 4a(1)(a) or
19 (b) of the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.54a.

20 (u) The storage, use, or consumption of an aircraft by a
21 domestic air carrier for use solely in the transport of air cargo,
22 passengers, or a combination of air cargo and passengers, that has
23 a maximum certificated takeoff weight of at least 6,000 pounds. For
24 purposes of this subdivision, the term "domestic air carrier" is
25 limited to a person engaged primarily in the commercial transport
26 for hire of air cargo, passengers, or a combination of air cargo
27 and passengers as a business activity. The state treasurer shall

1 estimate on January 1 each year the revenue lost by this act from
2 the school aid fund and deposit that amount into the school aid
3 fund from the general fund.

4 (v) The storage, use, or consumption of an aircraft by a
5 person who purchases the aircraft for subsequent lease to a
6 domestic air carrier operating under a certificate issued by the
7 federal aviation administration under 14 CFR part 121, for use
8 solely in the regularly scheduled transport of passengers.

9 (w) Property or services sold to an organization not operated
10 for profit and exempt from federal income tax under section
11 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501; or
12 to a health, welfare, educational, cultural arts, charitable, or
13 benevolent organization not operated for profit that has been
14 issued before June 13, 1994 an exemption ruling letter to purchase
15 items exempt from tax signed by the administrator of the sales,
16 use, and withholding taxes division of the department. The
17 department shall reissue an exemption letter after June 13, 1994 to
18 each of those organizations that had an exemption letter that shall
19 remain in effect unless the organization fails to meet the
20 requirements that originally entitled it to this exemption. The
21 exemption does not apply to sales of tangible personal property and
22 sales of vehicles licensed for use on public highways, that are not
23 used primarily to carry out the purposes of the organization as
24 stated in the bylaws or articles of incorporation of the exempt
25 organization.

26 (x) The use or consumption of services described in section
27 3a(1)(a) or (b) or 3b by means of a prepaid telephone calling card,

1 a prepaid authorization number for telephone use, or a charge for
2 internet access.

3 (y) The purchase, lease, use, or consumption of the following
4 by an industrial laundry after December 31, 1997:

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

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

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

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

17 (v) Production washroom equipment and mending and packaging
18 supplies and equipment.

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

21 (vii) Wastewater pretreatment equipment and supplies and
22 related maintenance and repair services.

23 (z) Property purchased or manufactured by a person engaged in
24 the business of constructing, altering, repairing, or improving
25 real estate for others, to the extent that the property is affixed
26 to and made a structural part of real estate located in another
27 state, regardless of whether sales or use tax was due and paid in

1 the state in which the property is affixed to real estate.

2 (AA) THE SALE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND TILE, SUBSURFACE IRRIGATION
3 PIPE, PORTABLE GRAIN BINS, AND GRAIN DRYING EQUIPMENT TO A PERSON
4 IN THE BUSINESS OF CONSTRUCTING, ALTERING, REPAIRING, OR IMPROVING
5 REAL ESTATE FOR OTHERS TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS AFFIXED TO AND MADE
6 A STRUCTURAL PART OF REAL ESTATE FOR OTHERS AND IS USED FOR AN
7 EXEMPT PURPOSE DESCRIBED UNDER SUBDIVISION (F).

8 (BB) THE SALE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY USED IN THE DIRECT
9 GATHERING OF FISH, BY NET, LINE, OR OTHERWISE, BY AN OWNER-OPERATOR
10 OF A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, NOT INCLUDING A CHARTER FISHING BUSINESS
11 ENTERPRISE.

12 (2) The property or services under subsection (1) are exempt
13 only to the extent that the property or services are used for the
14 exempt purposes if one is stated in subsection (1). The exemption
15 is limited to the percentage of exempt use to total use determined
16 by a reasonable formula or method approved by the department.

17 (3) THE EXEMPTIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (1) (F), (AA), AND (BB) DO
18 NOT INCLUDE EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 (A) THE TRANSFERS OF FOOD, FUEL, CLOTHING, OR ANY SIMILAR
20 TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR PERSONAL LIVING OR HUMAN
21 CONSUMPTION.

22 (B) EXCEPT FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND TILE, SUBSURFACE IRRIGATION
23 PIPE, PORTABLE GRAIN BINS, AND GRAIN DRYING EQUIPMENT, TANGIBLE
24 PERSONAL PROPERTY PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO AND BECOMING A STRUCTURAL
25 PART OF REAL ESTATE.

26 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

27 (A) "AGRICULTURAL LAND TILE" MEANS FIRED CLAY OR PERFORATED

1 PLASTIC TUBING USED AS PART OF A SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE SYSTEM FOR
2 LAND.

3 (B) "BIOMASS" MEANS CROP RESIDUE USED TO PRODUCE ENERGY OR
4 AGRICULTURAL CROPS GROWN SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ENERGY.

5 (C) "PORTABLE GRAIN BIN" MEANS A STRUCTURE THAT IS USED OR IS
6 TO BE USED TO SHELTER GRAIN AND THAT IS DESIGNED TO BE DISASSEMBLED
7 WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO ITS COMPONENT PARTS.

8 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act clarifies the original
9 intent of the legislature that the exemption provided for by
10 section 4(1)(f) of the use tax act, 1937 PA 94, MCL 205.94, in
11 regard to the tilling, planting, draining, caring for, or
12 harvesting of things of the soil is only applicable when these
13 activities are performed in a business enterprise that constitutes
14 an agricultural purpose.