

SENATE BILL NO. 159

March 09, 2023, Introduced by Senator SINGH and referred to the Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection.

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled
"Use tax act,"
by amending sections 2 and 21 (MCL 205.92 and 205.111), section 2
as amended by 2018 PA 1 and section 21 as amended by 2021 PA 109.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. **(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 or not organized for
5 profit, company, limited liability company, estate, trust,

1 receiver, trustee, syndicate, the United States, this state,
2 county, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, and the
3 plural as well as the singular number, unless the intention to give
4 a more limited meaning is disclosed by the context.

5 (b) "Use" means the exercise of a right or power over tangible
6 personal property incident to the ownership of that property
7 including transfer of the property in a transaction where
8 possession is given. Converting tangible personal property acquired
9 for a use exempt from the tax levied under this act to a use not
10 exempt from the tax levied under this act is a taxable use.

11 (c) "Storage" means a keeping or retention of property in this
12 state for any purpose after the property loses its interstate
13 character.

14 (d) "Seller" means the person from whom a purchase is made and
15 includes every person selling tangible personal property or
16 services for storage, use, or other consumption in this state. If,
17 in the opinion of the department, it is necessary for the efficient
18 administration of this act to regard a salesperson, representative,
19 peddler, or canvasser as the agent of a dealer, distributor,
20 supervisor, or employer under whom the person operates or from whom
21 ~~he or she~~ **the person** obtains tangible personal property or services
22 sold by ~~him or her~~ **the person** for storage, use, or other
23 consumption in this state, irrespective of whether or not ~~he or she~~
24 **the person** is making the sales on ~~his or her~~ **the person's** own
25 behalf or on behalf of the dealer, distributor, supervisor, or
26 employer, the department may so consider ~~him or her,~~ **the person**,
27 and may consider the dealer, distributor, supervisor, or employer
28 as the seller for the purpose of this act.

29 (e) "Purchase" means to acquire for a consideration, whether

1 the acquisition is effected by a transfer of title, of possession,
 2 or of both, or a license to use or consume; whether the transfer is
 3 absolute or conditional, and by whatever means the transfer is
 4 effected; and whether consideration is a price or rental in money,
 5 or by way of exchange or barter. Purchase includes converting
 6 tangible personal property acquired for a use exempt from the tax
 7 levied under this act to a use not exempt from the tax levied under
 8 this act.

9 (f) "Purchase price" or "price" means the total amount of
 10 consideration paid by the consumer to the seller, including cash,
 11 credit, property, and services, for which tangible personal
 12 property or services are sold, leased, or rented, valued in money,
 13 whether received in money or otherwise, and applies to the measure
 14 subject to use tax. Purchase price includes the following
 15 subparagraphs (i) ~~through~~ to (vii) and excludes subparagraphs (viii)
 16 ~~through (xiv) :~~ to (xv) :

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

18 (ii) Cost of materials used, labor or service cost, interest,
 19 losses, costs of transportation to the seller, taxes imposed on the
 20 seller other than taxes imposed by this act, and any other expense
 21 of the seller.

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

24 (A) An amount received or billed by the taxpayer for
 25 remittance to the employee as a gratuity or tip, if the gratuity or
 26 tip is separately identified and itemized on the guest check or
 27 billed to the customer.

28 (B) Labor or service charges involved in maintenance and
 29 repair work on tangible personal property of others if separately

1 itemized.

2 (iv) ~~Delivery~~ **Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph**
 3 **(xv), delivery** charges. ~~incurred or to be incurred before the~~
 4 ~~completion of the transfer of ownership of tangible personal~~
 5 ~~property subject to the tax levied under this act from the seller~~
 6 ~~to the purchaser.~~ **A seller is not liable under this act for delivery**
 7 **charges allocated to the delivery of exempt property.**

8 (v) ~~Installation~~ **Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph**
 9 **(xv), installation** charges. ~~incurred or to be incurred before the~~
 10 ~~completion of the transfer of ownership of tangible personal~~
 11 ~~property from the seller to the purchaser.~~

12 (vi) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (xi), (xii),
 13 and (xiv), credit for any trade-in.

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

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

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

22 (C) The amount of the consideration attributable to the sale
 23 is fixed and determinable by the seller at the time of the sale of
 24 the item to the purchaser.

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

26 (I) The purchaser presents a coupon, certificate, or other
 27 documentation to the seller to claim a price reduction or discount
 28 where the coupon, certificate, or documentation is authorized,
 29 distributed, or granted by a third party with the understanding

1 that the third party will reimburse any seller to whom the coupon,
2 certificate, or documentation is presented.

3 (II) The purchaser identifies himself or herself to the seller
4 as a member of a group or organization entitled to a price
5 reduction or discount. A preferred customer card that is available
6 to any patron does not constitute membership in a group or
7 organization.

8 (III) The price reduction or discount is identified as a third
9 party price reduction or discount on the invoice received by the
10 purchaser or on a coupon, certificate, or other documentation
11 presented by the purchaser.

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

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

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

21 (xi) Beginning November 15, 2013, credit for the agreed-upon
22 value of a titled watercraft used as part payment of the purchase
23 price of a new titled watercraft or used titled watercraft
24 purchased from a watercraft dealer if the agreed-upon value is
25 separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document
26 given to the purchaser. This subparagraph does not apply to leases
27 or rentals.

28 (xii) Beginning December 15, 2013, credit for the agreed-upon
29 value of a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle used as part

1 payment of the purchase price of a new motor vehicle or used motor
2 vehicle or recreational vehicle purchased from a dealer if the
3 agreed-upon value is separately stated on the invoice, bill of
4 sale, or similar document given to the purchaser. This subparagraph
5 does not apply to leases or rentals. Except as otherwise provided
6 under subparagraph (xiv), for purposes of this subparagraph, the
7 agreed-upon value of a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle used
8 as part payment ~~shall be~~ **is** limited as follows:

9 (A) Beginning December 15, 2013, subject to sub-subparagraphs
10 (B) and (C), the lesser of the following:

11 (I) \$2,000.00.

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

14 (B) Beginning January 1, 2015 and each January 1 thereafter
15 through December 31, 2018, the amount under sub-subparagraph (A) (I)
16 ~~shall be~~ **is** increased by an additional \$500.00 each year.

17 (C) Beginning January 1, 2019, subject to sub-subparagraphs
18 (D) and (E), the lesser of the following:

19 (I) \$5,000.00.

20 (II) The agreed-upon value of the motor vehicle used as part
21 payment.

22 (D) Beginning January 1, 2020 and each January 1 thereafter,
23 the amount under sub-subparagraph (C) (I) ~~shall be~~ **is** increased by
24 an additional \$1,000.00 each year.

25 (E) Beginning on January 1, in the year in which the amount
26 under sub-subparagraph (C) (I) exceeds \$14,000.00 and each January 1
27 thereafter, there ~~shall be~~ **is** no limitation on the agreed-upon
28 value of the motor vehicle used as part payment.

29 (xiii) Beginning January 1, 2017, credit for the core charge

1 attributable to a recycling fee, deposit, or disposal fee for a
2 motor vehicle or recreational vehicle part or battery if the
3 recycling fee, deposit, or disposal fee is separately stated on the
4 invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser.

5 (xiv) Beginning January 1, 2018, credit for the agreed-upon
6 value of a recreational vehicle used as part payment of the
7 purchase price of a recreational vehicle purchased from a dealer if
8 the agreed-upon value is separately stated on the invoice, bill of
9 sale, or similar document given to the purchaser. This subparagraph
10 does not apply to leases or rentals.

11 (xv) **Delivery or installation charges if such charges are**
12 **separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document**
13 **provided to the purchaser, and the taxpayer maintains its books and**
14 **records to show separately the transactions used to determine the**
15 **tax levied by this act.**

16 (g) "Consumer" means the person who has purchased tangible
17 personal property or services for storage, use, or other
18 consumption in this state and includes, but is not limited to, 1 or
19 more of the following:

20 (i) A person acquiring tangible personal property if engaged in
21 the business of constructing, altering, repairing, or improving the
22 real estate of others.

23 (ii) A person who has converted tangible personal property or
24 services acquired for storage, use, or consumption in this state
25 that is exempt from the tax levied under this act to storage, use,
26 or consumption in this state that is not exempt from the tax levied
27 under this act.

28 (h) "Business" means all activities engaged in by a person or
29 caused to be engaged in by a person with the object of gain,

1 benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect.

2 (i) "Department" means the department of treasury.

3 (j) "Tax" includes all taxes, interest, or penalties levied
4 under this act.

5 (k) "Tangible personal property" means personal property that
6 can be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or touched or that is in any
7 other manner perceptible to the senses and includes electricity,
8 water, gas, steam, and prewritten computer software.

9 (l) "Textiles" means goods that are made of or incorporate
10 woven or nonwoven fabric, including, but not limited to, clothing,
11 shoes, hats, gloves, handkerchiefs, curtains, towels, sheets,
12 pillows, pillowcases, tablecloths, napkins, aprons, linens, floor
13 mops, floor mats, and thread. Textiles also include materials used
14 to repair or construct textiles, or other goods used in the rental,
15 sale, or cleaning of textiles.

16 (m) "Interstate motor carrier" means a person who operates or
17 causes to be operated a qualified commercial motor vehicle on a
18 public road or highway in this state and at least 1 other state or
19 Canadian province.

20 (n) "Qualified commercial motor vehicle" means that term as
21 defined in section 1(l), (m), and (n) of the motor carrier fuel tax
22 act, 1980 PA 119, MCL 207.211.

23 (o) "Diesel fuel" means that term as defined in section 2(q)
24 of the motor fuel tax act, 2000 PA 403, MCL 207.1002.

25 (p) "Sale" means a transaction by which tangible personal
26 property or services are purchased or rented for storage, use, or
27 other consumption in this state.

28 (q) "Convert" means putting a service or tangible personal
29 property acquired for a use exempt from the tax levied under this

1 act at the time of acquisition to a use that is not exempt from the
2 tax levied under this act, whether the use is in whole or in part,
3 or permanent or not permanent. A motor vehicle purchased for resale
4 by a new vehicle dealer licensed under section 248(8)(a) of the
5 Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.248, and not titled in
6 the name of the dealer ~~shall-is~~ not be considered to be converted
7 ~~prior to~~ **before** sale or lease by that dealer.

8 (r) "New motor vehicle" means that term as defined in section
9 33a of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.33a.

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

12 (t) "Dealer" means that term as defined in section 11 of the
13 Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.11.

14 (u) "Watercraft dealer" means a dealer as that term is defined
15 in section 80102 of the natural resources and environmental
16 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.80102.

17 **(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this act, the**
18 **following applies only to delivery and installation charges**
19 **described in subsection (1) (f) (iv) or (v):**

20 (a) **The department shall cancel all outstanding balances**
21 **related to such delivery and installation charges on notices of**
22 **intent to assess that were issued under section 21 of 1941 PA 122,**
23 **MCL 205.21, for the tax levied under this act and that were issued**
24 **before the effective date of the amendatory act that added this**
25 **subsection.**

26 (b) **The department shall cancel all outstanding balances**
27 **related to such delivery and installation charges on final**
28 **assessments that were issued under section 22 of 1941 PA 122, MCL**
29 **205.22, for the tax levied under this act, and that were issued**

1 before the effective date of the amendatory act that added this
2 subsection.

3 (c) After the effective date of the amendatory act that added
4 this subsection, the department shall not issue any new assessments
5 for the tax levied under this act on such delivery and installation
6 charges for any tax period before the effective date of the
7 amendatory act that added this subsection that is open under the
8 statute of limitations provided in section 27a of 1941 PA 122, MCL
9 205.27a.

10 Sec. 21. (1) Except as **otherwise** provided in ~~subsections (2),~~
11 ~~(3), (4), and (5),~~ **this section**, all money received and collected
12 under this act must be deposited by the department of treasury in
13 the state treasury to the credit of the general fund, to be
14 disbursed only by appropriations by the legislature.

15 (2) The collections from the use tax imposed at the additional
16 rate of 2% approved by the electors on March 15, 1994 must be
17 deposited in the state school aid fund. ~~established in section 11~~
18 ~~of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.~~

19 (3) ~~From~~ **In addition to the money deposited in the state**
20 **school aid fund under subsection (2), from** the money received and
21 collected under this act for the state share, an amount equal to
22 ~~all the sum of the following, as determined by the department, must~~
23 **be deposited in the state school aid fund:**

24 (a) **All** revenue lost under the state education tax act, 1993
25 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906, ~~and all~~ **as a result of the**
26 **exemption of personal property under sections 9m, 9n, and 9o of the**
27 **general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9m, 211.9n, and**
28 **211.9o.**

29 (b) **All** revenue lost from basic school operating mills ~~as a~~

1 result of the exemption of personal property under sections 9m, 9n,
2 and 9o of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9m,
3 211.9n, and 211.9o. ~~and all~~

4 **(c) All revenue lost to the state school aid fund as a result**
5 **of the ~~exemptions~~ exemption under ~~sections~~ section 4(1)(gg). and**

6 **(d) All revenue lost to the state school aid fund as a result**
7 **of the exemption under section 4cc. ~~as determined by the~~**
8 **~~department, must be deposited into the state school aid fund~~**
9 **~~established by section 11 of article IX of the state constitution~~**
10 **~~of 1963. Funds deposited into the state school aid fund under this~~**
11 **~~subsection must not include the portion of the state share of the~~**
12 **~~use tax imposed at the additional rate of 2% approved by the~~**
13 **~~electors of this state on March 15, 1994 and dedicated for aid to~~**
14 **~~schools under subsection (2). A person that claims an exemption~~**
15 **under section 4cc shall report the purchase price of the data**
16 **center equipment as defined in section 4cc and any other**
17 **information necessary to determine the amount of revenue lost to**
18 **the state school aid fund as a result of the exemption under**
19 **section 4cc annually on a form at the time and in a manner**
20 **prescribed by the department. The report required under this**
21 **~~subsection~~ subdivision must not include any remittance for tax and**
22 **does not constitute a return or otherwise alleviate the person's**
23 **obligations under section 6.**

24 **(e) All revenue lost to the state school aid fund as a result**
25 **of the exclusion under section 2(1)(f)(xv). A person that excludes**
26 **delivery or installation charges from the purchase price of**
27 **tangible personal property under section 2(1)(f)(xv) for purposes of**
28 **calculating the tax due under this act shall report the amount of**
29 **the delivery or installation charges and any other information**

1 necessary to determine the amount of revenue lost to the state
2 school aid fund as a result of the exclusion under section
3 2(1)(f)(xv) on an existing or amended form at the time and in a
4 manner prescribed by the department.

5 (4) Money received and collected under this act for the local
6 community stabilization share is not state funds, must not be
7 credited to the state treasury, and must be transmitted to the
8 authority for deposit in the treasury of the authority, to be
9 disbursed by the authority only as authorized under the local
10 community stabilization authority act, 2014 PA 86, MCL 123.1341 to
11 123.1362. The local community stabilization share is a local tax,
12 not a state tax, and money received and collected for the local
13 community stabilization share is money of the authority and not
14 money of this state.

15 (5) Beginning October 1, 2016 and the first day of each
16 calendar quarter thereafter, from the money received and collected
17 under this act for the state share, an amount equal to the
18 collections for the calendar quarter that is 2 calendar quarters
19 immediately preceding the current calendar quarter of the tax
20 imposed under this act at the additional rate of 2% approved by the
21 electors on March 15, 1994 from the use, storage, or consumption of
22 aviation fuel must be distributed as follows:

23 (a) An amount equal to 35% of the collections of the tax
24 imposed at a rate of 2% on the use, storage, or consumption of
25 aviation fuel must be deposited in the state aeronautics fund and
26 must be expended, on appropriation, only for those purposes
27 authorized in the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945
28 PA 327, MCL 259.1 to 259.208.

29 (b) An amount equal to 65% of the collections of the tax

1 imposed at a rate of 2% on the use, storage, or consumption of
2 aviation fuel must be deposited in the qualified airport fund and
3 must be expended, on appropriation, only for those purposes
4 authorized under section 35 of the aeronautics code of the state of
5 Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.35.

6 (6) The department shall, on an annual basis, reconcile the
7 amounts distributed under subsection (5) during each fiscal year
8 with the amounts actually collected for a particular fiscal year
9 and shall make any necessary adjustments, positive or negative, to
10 the amounts to be distributed for the next successive calendar
11 quarter that begins January 1. The state treasurer or ~~his or her~~
12 **the state treasurer's** designee shall annually provide to the
13 operator of each qualified airport a report of the reconciliation
14 performed under this subsection. The reconciliation report is
15 subject to the confidentiality restrictions and penalties provided
16 in section 28(1)(f) of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.28.

17 (7) As used in this section:

18 (a) "Aviation fuel" means fuel as that term is defined in
19 section 4 of the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945 PA
20 327, MCL 259.4.

21 (b) "Qualified airport" means that term as defined in section
22 109 of the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945 PA 327,
23 MCL 259.109.

24 (c) "Qualified airport fund" means the qualified airport fund
25 created in section 34(2) of the aeronautics code of the state of
26 Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.34.

27 (d) "State aeronautics fund" means the state aeronautics fund
28 created in section 34(1) of the aeronautics code of the state of
29 Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.34.

1 (e) "State school aid fund" means the state school aid fund
2 established in section 11 of article IX of the state constitution
3 of 1963.