SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5080

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act,"

by amending sections 1 and 25 (MCL 205.51 and 205.75), section 1 as amended by 2018 PA 2 and section 25 as amended by 2021 PA 38.

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

- 1 meaning is disclosed by the context.
- 2 (b) "Sale at retail" or "retail sale" means a sale, lease, or
- 3 rental of tangible personal property for any purpose other than for
- 4 resale, sublease, or subrent.
- 5 (c) "Gross proceeds" means sales price.
- 6 (d) "Sales price" means the total amount of consideration,
- 7 including cash, credit, property, and services, for which tangible
- 8 personal property or services are sold, leased, or rented, valued
- 9 in money, whether received in money or otherwise, and applies to
- 10 the measure subject to sales tax. Sales price includes the
- 11 following subparagraphs (i) through to (vii) and excludes
- 12 subparagraphs (viii) through (xiv): to (xv):
- (i) Seller's cost of the property sold.
- 14 (ii) Cost of materials used, labor or service cost, interest,
- 15 losses, costs of transportation to the seller, taxes imposed on the
- 16 seller other than taxes imposed by this act, and any other expense
- 17 of the seller.
- 18 (iii) Charges by the seller for any services necessary to
- 19 complete the sale, other than the following:
- 20 (A) An amount received or billed by the taxpayer for
- 21 remittance to the employee as a gratuity or tip, if the gratuity or
- 22 tip is separately identified and itemized on the quest check or
- 23 billed to the customer.
- 24 (B) Labor or service charges involved in maintenance and
- 25 repair work on tangible personal property of others if separately
- 26 itemized.
- 27 (iv) Delivery Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph
- 28 (xv), delivery charges incurred or to be incurred before the
- 29 completion of the transfer of ownership of tangible personal

- 1 property subject to the tax levied under this act from the seller
- 2 to the purchaser. A seller is not liable under this act for
- 3 delivery charges allocated to the delivery of exempt property.
- 4 (v) Installation Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph
- 5 (xv), installation charges incurred or to be incurred before the
- 6 completion of the transfer of ownership of tangible personal
- 7 property from the seller to the purchaser.
- **8** (vi) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (xi), (xii),
- 9 and (xiv), credit for any trade-in.
- 10 (vii) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (x),
- 11 consideration received by the seller from third parties if all of
- 12 the following conditions are met:
- 13 (A) The seller actually receives consideration from a party
- 14 other than the purchaser and the consideration is directly related
- 15 to a price reduction or discount on the sale.
- 16 (B) The seller has an obligation to pass the price reduction
- 17 or discount through to the purchaser.
- 18 (C) The amount of the consideration attributable to the sale
- 19 is fixed and determinable by the seller at the time of the sale of
- 20 the item to the purchaser.
- 21 (D) One of the following criteria is met:
- (I) The purchaser presents a coupon, certificate, or other
- 23 documentation to the seller to claim a price reduction or discount
- 24 where the coupon, certificate, or documentation is authorized,
- 25 distributed, or granted by a third party with the understanding
- 26 that the third party will reimburse any seller to whom the coupon,
- 27 certificate, or documentation is presented.
- 28 (II) The purchaser identifies himself or herself to the seller
- 29 as a member of a group or organization entitled to a price

- 1 reduction or discount. A preferred customer card that is available
- 2 to any patron does not constitute membership in a group or
- 3 organization.
- 4 (III) The price reduction or discount is identified as a third
- 5 party price reduction or discount on the invoice received by the
- 6 purchaser or on a coupon, certificate, or other documentation
- 7 presented by the purchaser.
- 8 (viii) Interest, financing, or carrying charges from credit
- 9 extended on the sale of personal property or services, if the
- 10 amount is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or
- 11 similar document given to the purchaser.
- 12 (ix) Any taxes legally imposed directly on the consumer that
- 13 are separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar
- 14 document given to the purchaser.
- 15 (x) Beginning January 1, 2000, employee discounts that are
- 16 reimbursed by a third party on sales of motor vehicles.
- 17 (xi) Beginning November 15, 2013, credit for the agreed-upon
- 18 value of a titled watercraft used as part payment of the purchase
- 19 price of a new titled watercraft or used titled watercraft
- 20 purchased from a watercraft dealer if the agreed-upon value is
- 21 separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document
- 22 given to the purchaser. This subparagraph does not apply to leases
- 23 or rentals.
- (xii) Beginning December 15, 2013, credit for the agreed-upon
- 25 value of a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle used as part
- 26 payment of the purchase price of a new motor vehicle or used motor
- 27 vehicle or recreational vehicle purchased from a dealer if the
- 28 agreed-upon value is separately stated on the invoice, bill of
- 29 sale, or similar document given to the purchaser. This subparagraph

- 1 does not apply to leases or rentals. Except as otherwise provided
- 2 under subparagraph (xiv), for purposes of this subparagraph, the
- 3 agreed-upon value of a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle used
- 4 as part payment shall be is limited as follows:
- 5 (A) Beginning December 15, 2013, subject to sub-subparagraphs
- 6 (B) and (C), the lesser of the following:
- 7 (I) \$2,000.00.
- 8 (II) The agreed-upon value of the motor vehicle or
- 9 recreational vehicle used as part payment.
- 10 (B) Beginning January 1, 2015 and each January 1 thereafter
- 11 through December 31, 2018, the amount under sub-subparagraph (A)(I)
- 12 shall be is increased by an additional \$500.00 each year.
- 13 (C) Beginning January 1, 2019, subject to sub-subparagraphs
- 14 (D) and (E), the lesser of the following:
- **15** (I) \$5,000.00.
- 16 (II) The agreed-upon value of the motor vehicle used as part
- 17 payment.
- 18 (D) Beginning January 1, 2020 and each January 1 thereafter,
- 19 the amount under sub-subparagraph (C)(I) shall be is increased by
- 20 an additional \$1,000.00 each year.
- 21 (E) Beginning on January 1 in the year in which the amount
- 22 under sub-subparagraph (C)(I) exceeds \$14,000.00 and each January 1
- 23 thereafter, there shall be is no limitation on the agreed-upon
- 24 value of the motor vehicle used as part payment.
- 25 (xiii) Beginning January 1, 2017, credit for the core charge
- 26 attributable to a recycling fee, deposit, or disposal fee for a
- 27 motor vehicle or recreational vehicle part or battery if the
- 28 recycling fee, deposit, or disposal fee is separately stated on the
- 29 invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser.

- 1 (xiv) Beginning January 1, 2018, credit for the agreed-upon
 2 value of a recreational vehicle used as part payment of the
 3 purchase price of a recreational vehicle purchased from a dealer if
 4 the agreed-upon value is separately stated on the invoice, bill of
 5 sale, or similar document given to the purchaser. This subparagraph
- 7 (xv) Delivery, installation, or similar charges if such charges 8 are separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar 9 document provided to the purchaser, and the seller maintains its 10 books and records to show separately the transactions used to 11 determine the tax levied by this act.
- (e) "Business" includes an activity engaged in by a person or
 caused to be engaged in by that person with the object of gain,
 benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect.
- (f) "Tax year" or "taxable year" means the fiscal year of the state or the taxpayer's fiscal year if permission is obtained by the taxpayer from the department to use the taxpayer's fiscal year as the tax period instead.
- 19 (g) "Department" means the department of treasury.

does not apply to leases or rentals.

- 20 (h) "Taxpayer" means a person subject to a tax under this act.
- 21 (i) "Tax" includes a tax, interest, or penalty levied under 22 this act.
- (j) "Textiles" means goods that are made of or incorporate
 woven or nonwoven fabric, including, but not limited to, clothing,
 shoes, hats, gloves, handkerchiefs, curtains, towels, sheets,
 pillows, pillow cases, tablecloths, napkins, aprons, linens, floor
 mops, floor mats, and thread. Textiles also include materials used
 to repair or construct textiles, or other goods used in the rental,
- 29 sale, or cleaning of textiles.

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- 1 (k) "New motor vehicle" means that term as defined in section 2 33a of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.33a.
- 3 (1) "Recreational vehicle" means that term as defined in4 section 49a of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.49a.
- 5 (m) "Dealer" means that term as defined in section 11 of the6 Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.11.
- 7 (n) "Watercraft dealer" means a dealer as that term is defined
 8 in section 80102 of the natural resources and environmental
 9 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.80102.
- 10 (2) If the department determines that it is necessary for the efficient administration of this act to regard an unlicensed 11 12 person, including a salesperson, representative, peddler, or 13 canvasser as the agent of the dealer, distributor, supervisor, or 14 employer under whom the unlicensed person operates or from whom the 15 unlicensed person obtains the tangible personal property sold by the unlicensed person, irrespective of whether the unlicensed 16 17 person is making sales on the unlicensed person's own behalf or on behalf of the dealer, distributor, supervisor, or employer, the 18 19 department may so regard the unlicensed person and may regard the 20 dealer, distributor, supervisor, or employer as making sales at 21 retail at the retail price for the purposes of this act.
- Sec. 25. (1) All money received and collected under this act must be deposited by the department in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund, except as otherwise provided in this section.
- 26 (2) Fifteen percent of the collections of the tax imposed at a 27 rate of 4% must be distributed to cities, villages, and townships 28 pursuant to the Glenn Steil state revenue sharing act of 1971, 1971 29 PA 140, MCL 141.901 to 141.921.

- 5 collections of the tax imposed at the additional rate of 2%
- $oldsymbol{6}$ approved by the electors on March 15, 1994 must be deposited in the
- 7 state school aid fund.
- **8** (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, not less
- 9 than 27.9% of 25% of the collections of the general sales tax
- 10 imposed at a rate of 4% directly or indirectly on fuels sold to
- 11 propel motor vehicles upon highways, on the sale of motor vehicles,
- 12 and on the sale of the parts and accessories of motor vehicles by
- 13 new and used car businesses, used car businesses, accessory dealer
- 14 businesses, and gasoline station businesses as classified by the
- 15 department must be deposited each year into the comprehensive
- 16 transportation fund. For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021
- 17 only, the amount deposited into the comprehensive transportation
- 18 fund under this subsection must be reduced by \$18,000,000.00 and
- 19 that \$18,000,000.00 must be deposited into the transportation
- 20 administration collection fund.
- 21 (5) Beginning October 1, 2016 and the first day of each
- 22 calendar quarter thereafter, an amount equal to the collections for
- 23 the calendar quarter that is 2 calendar quarters immediately
- 24 preceding the current calendar quarter of the tax imposed under
- 25 this act at the additional rate of 2% approved by the electors on
- 26 March 15, 1994 from the sale at retail of aviation fuel must be
- 27 distributed as follows:
- 28 (a) An amount equal to 35% of the collections of the tax
- 29 imposed at a rate of 2% on the sale at retail of aviation fuel must

- 1 be deposited in the state aeronautics fund and must be expended, on
- 2 appropriation, only for those purposes authorized in the
- 3 aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.1
- 4 to 259.208.
- 5 (b) An amount equal to 65% of the collections of the tax
- 6 imposed at a rate of 2% on the sale at retail of aviation fuel must
- 7 be deposited in the qualified airport fund and must be expended, on
- 8 appropriation, only for those purposes authorized under section 35
- 9 of the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL
- **10** 259.35.
- 11 (6) The department shall, on an annual basis, reconcile the
- 12 amounts distributed under subsection (5) during each fiscal year
- 13 with the amounts actually collected for a particular fiscal year
- 14 and shall make any necessary adjustments, positive or negative, to
- 15 the amounts to be distributed for the next successive calendar
- 16 quarter that begins January 1. The state treasurer or his or her
- 17 designee shall annually provide to the operator of each qualified
- 18 airport a report of the reconciliation performed under this
- 19 subsection. The reconciliation report is subject to the
- 20 confidentiality restrictions and penalties provided in section
- 21 28(1)(f) of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.28.
- 22 (7) An amount equal to the collections of the tax imposed at a
- 23 rate of 4% under this act from the sale at retail of computer
- 24 software must be deposited in the Michigan health initiative fund
- 25 created in section 5911 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
- 26 333.5911, and must be considered in addition to, and is not
- 27 intended as a replacement for any other money appropriated to the
- 28 department of health and human services. The funds deposited in the
- 29 Michigan health initiative fund on an annual basis must not be less

- 1 than \$9,000,000.00 or more than \$12,000,000.00.
- 2 (8) An—In addition to the money deposited in the state school
- 3 aid fund under subsection (3), an amount equal to all revenue lost
- 4 to the state school aid fund as a result of the exemption under
- 5 section 4ce, the sum of the following, as determined by the
- 6 department, must be deposited into the state school aid fund:
- 7 established in section 11 of article IX of the state constitution
- 8 of 1963. Money deposited into the state school aid fund under this
- 9 subsection must not include and must be considered in addition to
- 10 money deposited in the state school aid fund under subsection (3).
- 11 (a) All revenue lost to the state school aid fund as a result
- 12 of the exemption under section 4ee. A person that claims an
- 13 exemption under section 4ee shall report the sales price of the
- 14 data center equipment as defined in section 4ee and any other
- 15 information necessary to determine the amount of revenue lost to
- 16 the state school aid fund as a result of the exemption under
- 17 section 4ee annually on a form at the time and in a manner
- 18 prescribed by the department. The report required under this
- 19 subsection subdivision must not include any remittance for tax, and
- 20 does not constitute a return or otherwise alleviate any obligations
- 21 under section 6.
- 22 (b) All revenue lost to the state school aid fund as a result
- of the exclusion under section 1(1)(d)(xv). A person that excludes
- 24 delivery, installation, or similar charges from the sales price of
- 25 tangible personal property under section 1(1)(d)(xv) for purposes of
- 26 calculating the tax due under this act shall report the amount of
- 27 the delivery, installation, or similar charges and any other
- 28 information necessary to determine the amount of revenue lost to
- 29 the state school aid fund as a result of the exclusion under

- section 1(1)(d)(xv) on an existing or amended form at the time and in a manner prescribed by the department.
- 3 (9) The balance in the state general fund shall be disbursed4 only on an appropriation or appropriations by the legislature.
- 5 (10) As used in this section:
- 6 (a) "Aviation fuel" means fuel as that term is defined in
- 7 section 4 of the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945 PA
- 8 327, MCL 259.4.
- 9 (b) "Comprehensive transportation fund" means the
- 10 comprehensive transportation fund created in section 10b of 1951 PA
- 11 51, MCL 247.660b.
- 12 (c) "Qualified airport" means that term as defined in section
- 13 109 of the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945 PA 327,
- **14** MCL 259.109.
- 15 (d) "Qualified airport fund" means the qualified airport fund
- 16 created in section 34(2) of the aeronautics code of the state of
- 17 Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.34.
- 18 (e) "State aeronautics fund" means the state aeronautics fund
- 19 created in section 34(1) of the aeronautics code of the state of
- 20 Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.34.
- 21 (f) "State school aid fund" means the state school aid fund
- 22 established in section 11 of article IX of the state constitution
- 23 of 1963.
- 24 (g) (f)—"Transportation administration collection fund" means
- 25 the transportation administration collection fund created in
- 26 section 810b of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL
- 27 257.810b.
- Enacting section 1. Section 1(1)(d)(xv) of the general sales
- 29 tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51, is intended only to clarify the

- 1 current status of the law in this state, is remedial in nature,
- 2 and, therefore, applies to a civil action pending on the effective
- 3 date of this amendatory act.