

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 1

BY: FISHER and BROWN of the
SENATE

and

JOHNSON (Glen) of the
HOUSE

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO REVENUE AND TAXATION; AMENDING 68

O.S. 1981, SECTION 1357, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION
2, CHAPTER 280, O.S.L. 1990 (68 O.S. SUPP. 1990,
SECTION 1357), WHICH RELATES TO THE OKLAHOMA SALES
TAX CODE; CLARIFYING LANGUAGE; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1981, Section 1357, as
last amended by Section 2, Chapter 280, O.S.L. 1990 (68 O.S. Supp.
1990, Section 1357), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1357. Exemption - General.

There are hereby specifically exempted from the tax levied by
this article, Section 1350 et seq. of this title:

(A) Transportation of school pupils to and from elementary
schools or high schools in motor or other vehicles;

(B) Transportation of persons where the fare of each person
does not exceed One Dollar (\$1.00), or local transportation of

persons within the corporate limits of a municipality except by taxicabs;

(C) Sales for resale to persons engaged in the business of reselling the articles purchased, whether within or without the state, provided that such sales to residents of this state are made to persons to whom sales tax permits have been issued as provided in this article. This exemption shall not apply to the sales of articles made to persons holding permits when such persons purchase items for their use and which they are not regularly engaged in the business of reselling; neither shall this exemption apply to sales of tangible personal property to peddlers, solicitors and other salesmen who do not have an established place of business and a sales tax permit. The exemption provided by this subsection shall apply to sales of motor fuel or diesel fuel to a Group Five vendor, but the use of such motor fuel or diesel fuel by the Group Five vendor shall not be exempt from the tax levied by this article. The purchase of motor fuel or diesel fuel is exempt from sales tax when the motor fuel is for shipment outside this state and consumed by a common carrier by rail in the conduct of its business. The sales tax shall apply to the purchase of motor fuel or diesel fuel in Oklahoma by a common carrier by rail when such motor fuel is purchased for fueling, within this state, of any locomotive or other motorized flanged wheel equipment;

(D) Sales of advertising space in newspapers and periodicals and billboard advertising service, and any advertising through the electronic media, including radio, television and cable television;

(E) Eggs, feed, supplies, machinery and equipment purchased by persons regularly engaged in the business of raising worms, fish, any insect or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic animal life and used for the purpose of raising same for marketing. This exemption shall only be granted and extended to the purchaser when the items are to be used and in fact are used in the raising of

animal life as set out above. Each purchaser shall certify, in writing, on the invoice or sales ticket retained by the vendor that he is regularly engaged in the business of raising such animal life and that the items purchased will be used only in such business. The vendor shall certify to the Oklahoma Tax Commission that the price of the items has been reduced to grant the full benefit of the exemption. Violation hereof by the purchaser or vendor shall be a misdemeanor;

(F) Sale of natural or artificial gas and electricity when sold exclusively for residential use after December 31, 1980. Provided, nothing herein shall be construed as limiting or prohibiting cities and towns from levying and collecting taxes on the sale of natural or artificial gas and electricity. Provided further, any sales tax levied by a city or town on natural or artificial gas and electricity shall be in effect regardless of ordinance or contractual provisions referring to previously imposed state sales tax on such items;

(G) Sales of medicines or drugs prescribed for the treatment of human beings by a person licensed to prescribe the medicines or drugs. Provided, this exemption shall not apply to proprietary or patent medicines as defined by Section 353.1 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

(H) Transfers of title or possession of empty, partially filled, or filled returnable oil and chemical drums to any person who is not regularly engaged in the business of selling, reselling or otherwise transferring empty, partially filled, or filled returnable oil drums;

(I) Sales of one-way utensils, paper napkins, paper cups, disposable hot containers and other one-way carry out materials to a vendor of meals or beverages;

(J) Sales of food or food products for home consumption which are purchased in whole or in part with coupons issued pursuant to

the federal food stamp program as authorized by Sections 2011 through 2029 of Title 7 of the United States Code, as to that portion purchased with such coupons. The exemption provided for such sales shall be inapplicable to such sales upon the effective date of any federal law that removes the requirement of the exemption as a condition for participation by the State of Oklahoma in the federal food stamp program; and

(K) Sales of computers, data processing equipment, related peripherals and telephone, telegraph or telecommunications service and equipment to a new or expanding business. In order to qualify for the exemption provided for by this subsection, the sale of said items shall equal or exceed the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). For purposes of this subsection, qualified purchaser means any new or expanding business which adds at least one hundred (100) new full-time-equivalent employees, as certified by the Employment Security Commission. Only sales of computers, data processing equipment, related peripherals and telephone, telegraph or telecommunications service and equipment made within thirty-six (36) months of the effective date of this act shall be eligible for the exemption provided by this subsection.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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