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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
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An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1352, as last amended by Section 64, Chapter 5, O.S.L. 2004 (68 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1352), which relates to sales tax; modifying a definition; amending 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1359, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 413, O.S.L. 2005 (68 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1359), which relates to sales tax exemptions; modifying definition; modifying provisions related to manufacturing exemption; specifying intent; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1352, as last amended by Section 64, Chapter 5, O.S.L. 2004 (68 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1352), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1352. As used in the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code:

1. "Business" means any activity engaged in or caused to be engaged in by any person with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect;

2. "Commission" or "Tax Commission" means the Oklahoma Tax Commission;

3. “Computer” means an electronic device that accepts information in digital or similar form and manipulates it for a result based on a sequence of instructions;

4. “Computer software” means a set of coded instructions designed to cause a “computer” or automatic data processing equipment to perform a task;

5. "Consumer" or "user" means a person to whom a taxable sale of tangible personal property is made or to whom a taxable service is furnished. "Consumer" or "user" includes all contractors to whom a taxable sale of materials, supplies, equipment, or other tangible personal property is made or to whom a taxable service is furnished to be used or consumed in the performance of any contract;

6. "Contractor" means any person who performs any improvement upon real property and who, as a necessary and incidental part of performing such improvement, incorporates tangible personal property belonging to or purchased by the person into the real property being improved;

7. “Drug” means a compound, substance or preparation, and any component of a compound, substance or preparation:

a. recognized in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or official National Formulary, and supplement to any of them,

b. intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease, or

c. intended to affect the structure or any function of the body;

8. “Electronic” means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities;

9. "Established place of business" means the location at which any person regularly engages in, conducts, or operates a business in a continuous manner for any length of time, that is open to the public during the hours customary to such business, in which a stock of merchandise for resale is maintained, and which is not exempted by law from attachment, execution, or other species of forced sale barring any satisfaction of any delinquent tax liability accrued under the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code;

10. "Fair authority" means:

a. any county, municipality, school district, public trust or any other political subdivision of this state, or

b. any not-for-profit corporation acting pursuant to an agency, operating or management agreement which has been approved or authorized by the governing body of any of the entities specified in subparagraph a of this paragraph which conduct, operate or produce a fair commonly understood to be a county, district or state fair;

11. a. "Gross receipts", "gross proceeds" or “sales price” means the total amount of consideration, including cash, credit, property and services, for which personal property or services are sold, leased or rented, valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise, without any deduction for the following:

(1) the seller's cost of the property sold,

(2) the cost of materials used, labor or service cost,

(3) interest, losses, all costs of transportation to the seller, all taxes imposed on the seller, and any other expense of the seller,

(4) charges by the seller for any services necessary to complete the sale, other than delivery and installation charges,

(5) delivery charges and installation charges, unless separately stated on the invoice, billing or similar document given to the purchaser, and

(6) the value of exempt personal property given to the purchaser where taxable and exempt personal property have been bundled together and sold by

the seller as a single product or piece of merchandise.

b. Such term shall not include:

(1) discounts, including cash, term, or coupons that are not reimbursed by a third party that are allowed by a seller and taken by a purchaser on a sale,

(2) interest, financing, and carrying charges from credit extended on the sale of personal property or services, if the amount is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale or similar document given to the purchaser, and

(3) any taxes legally imposed directly on the consumer that are separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale or similar document given to the purchaser;

12. "Maintaining a place of business in this state" means and includes having or maintaining in this state, directly or by subsidiary, an office, distribution house, sales house, warehouse, or other physical place of business, or having agents operating in this state, whether the place of business or agent is within this state temporarily or permanently or whether the person or subsidiary is authorized to do business within this state;

13. "Manufacturing" means ~~and includes the activity of~~ the production process as a whole, not each of its individual component parts, and includes all activities necessary for converting or conditioning tangible personal property by changing the form, composition, or quality of character of some existing material or materials, including natural resources, by procedures commonly regarded by the average person as manufacturing, compounding, processing or assembling, into a material or materials with a different form or use. "Manufacturing" does not include ~~extractive~~

~~industrial activities such as mining, quarrying,~~ logging, ~~and~~ drilling for oil, gas and water, nor oil and gas field processes, such as natural pressure reduction, mechanical separation, heating, cooling, dehydration and compression;

14. "Manufacturing operation" means the designing, manufacturing, compounding, processing, assembling, warehousing, or preparing of articles for sale as tangible personal property. A manufacturing operation begins at the point where the materials enter the manufacturing site and ends at the point where a finished product leaves the manufacturing site. "Manufacturing operation" does not include administration, sales, distribution, transportation, site construction, or site maintenance~~. Extractive activities and field processes shall not be deemed to be a part of a manufacturing operation even when performed by a person otherwise engaged in manufacturing~~;

15. "Manufacturing site" means a location where a manufacturing operation is conducted, including a location consisting of one or more buildings or structures in an area owned, leased, or controlled by a manufacturer;

16. “Over-the-counter drug” means a drug that contains a label that identifies the product as a drug as required by 21 C.F.R., Section 201.66. The over-the-counter-drug label includes:

a. a “Drug Facts” panel, or

b. a statement of the “active ingredient(s)” with a list of those ingredients contained in the compound, substance or preparation;

17. "Person" means any individual, company, partnership, joint venture, joint agreement, association, mutual or otherwise, limited liability company, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver or trustee appointed by any state or federal court or otherwise, syndicate, this state, any county, city, municipality, school district, any other political subdivision of the state, or

any group or combination acting as a unit, in the plural or singular number;

18. “Prescription” means an order, formula or recipe issued in any form of oral, written, electronic, or other means of transmission by a duly licensed “practitioner” as defined in Section 1357.6 of this title;

19. “Prewritten computer software” means “computer software”, including prewritten upgrades, which is not designed and developed by the author or other creator to the specifications of a specific purchaser. The combining of two or more prewritten computer software programs or prewritten portions thereof does not cause the combination to be other than prewritten computer software. Prewritten software includes software designed and developed by the author or other creator to the specifications of a specific purchaser when it is sold to a person other than the purchaser. Where a person modifies or enhances computer software of which the person is not the author or creator, the person shall be deemed to be the author or creator only of such person’s modifications or enhancements. Prewritten software or a prewritten portion thereof that is modified or enhanced to any degree, where such modification or enhancement is designed and developed to the specifications of a specific purchaser, remains prewritten software; provided, however, that where there is a reasonable, separately stated charge or an invoice or other statement of the price given to the purchaser for such modification or enhancement, such modification or enhancement shall not constitute prewritten computer software;

20. "Repairman" means any person who performs any repair service upon tangible personal property of the consumer, whether or not the repairman, as a necessary and incidental part of performing the service, incorporates tangible personal property belonging to or purchased by the repairman into the tangible personal property being repaired;

21. "Sale" means the transfer of either title or possession of tangible personal property for a valuable consideration regardless of the manner, method, instrumentality, or device by which the transfer is accomplished in this state, or other transactions as provided by this paragraph, including but not limited to:

a. the exchange, barter, lease, or rental of tangible personal property resulting in the transfer of the title to or possession of the property,

b. the disposition for consumption or use in any business or by any person of all goods, wares, merchandise, or property which has been purchased for resale, manufacturing, or further processing,

c. the sale, gift, exchange, or other disposition of admission, dues, or fees to clubs, places of amusement, or recreational or athletic events or for the privilege of having access to or the use of amusement, recreational, athletic or entertainment facilities,

d. the furnishing or rendering of services taxable under the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code, and

e. any use of motor fuel or diesel fuel by a supplier, as defined in Section 500.3 of this title, upon which sales tax has not previously been paid, for purposes other than to propel motor vehicles over the public highways of this state. Motor fuel or diesel fuel purchased outside the state and used for purposes other than to propel motor vehicles over the public highways of this state shall not constitute a sale within the meaning of this paragraph;

22. "Sale for resale" means:

a. a sale of tangible personal property to any purchaser who is purchasing tangible personal property for the

purpose of reselling it within the geographical limits of the United States of America or its territories or possessions, in the normal course of business either in the form or condition in which it is purchased or as an attachment to or integral part of other tangible personal property,

b. a sale of tangible personal property to a purchaser for the sole purpose of the renting or leasing, within the geographical limits of the United States of America or its territories or possessions, of the tangible personal property to another person by the purchaser, but not if incidental to the renting or leasing of real estate, or

c. a sale of tangible goods and products within this state if, simultaneously with the sale, the vendor issues an export bill of lading, or other documentation that the point of delivery of such goods for use and consumption is in a foreign country and not within the territorial confines of the United States;

23. "Tangible personal property" means personal property that can be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or touched or that is in any other manner perceptible to the senses. "Tangible personal property" includes electricity, water, gas, steam and prewritten computer software. This definition shall be applicable only for purposes of the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code;

24. "Taxpayer" means any person liable to pay a tax imposed by the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code;

25. "Tax period" or "taxable period" means the calendar period or the taxpayer's fiscal period for which a taxpayer has obtained a permit from the Tax Commission to use a fiscal period in lieu of a calendar period;

26. "Tax remitter" means any person required to collect, report, or remit the tax imposed by the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code. A tax remitter who fails, for any reason, to collect, report, or remit the tax shall be considered a taxpayer for purposes of assessment, collection, and enforcement of the tax imposed by the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code; and

27. "Vendor" means:

a. any person making sales of tangible personal property or services in this state, the gross receipts or gross proceeds from which are taxed by the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code,

b. any person maintaining a place of business in this state and making sales of tangible personal property or services, whether at the place of business or elsewhere, to persons within this state, the gross receipts or gross proceeds from which are taxed by the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code,

c. any person who solicits business by employees, independent contractors, agents, or other representatives or by distribution of catalogs or other advertising matter, and thereby makes sales to persons within this state of tangible personal property or services, the gross receipts or gross proceeds from which are taxed by the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code, or

d. any person, pursuant to an agreement with the person with an ownership interest in or title to tangible personal property, who has been entrusted with the possession of any such property and has the power to designate who is to obtain title, to physically transfer possession of, or otherwise make sales of the property.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1359, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 413, O.S.L. 2005 (68 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1359), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1359. Exemptions - Manufacturers.

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

1. Sales of goods, wares, merchandise, tangible personal property, machinery and equipment to a manufacturer for use in a manufacturing operation, including those used or consumed in overburden removal or explosive placement and detonation for the manufacturing of crushed stone and sand. ~~Goods, wares, merchandise, property, machinery and equipment used in a nonmanufacturing activity or process as set forth in paragraph 9 of Section 1352 of this title shall not be eligible for the exemption provided for in this subsection by virtue of the activity or process being performed in conjunction with or integrated into a manufacturing operation~~ It is the intent of this paragraph to provide the foregoing exemptions as incentive to encourage the location of new manufacturing plants and the expansion of existing manufacturing plants as well as the modernization of existing manufacturing plants through the replacement of old, inefficient, or technologically obsolete machinery and equipment;

2. Ethyl alcohol when sold and used for the purpose of blending same with motor fuel on which motor fuel tax is levied by Section 500.4 of this title;

3. Sales of containers when sold to a person regularly engaged in the business of reselling empty or filled containers or when purchased for the purpose of packaging raw products of farm, garden, or orchard for resale to the consumer or processor. This exemption shall not apply to the sale of any containers used more than once and which are ordinarily known as returnable containers, except returnable soft drink bottles and the cartons, crates, pallets, and

containers used to transport returnable soft drink bottles. Each and every transfer of title or possession of such returnable containers in this state to any person who is not regularly engaged in the business of selling, reselling or otherwise transferring empty or filled containers shall be taxable under this Code. Additionally, this exemption shall not apply to the sale of labels or other materials delivered along with items sold but which are not necessary or absolutely essential to the sale of the sold merchandise;

4. Sales of or transfers of title to or possession of any containers, after June 30, 1987, used or to be used more than once and which are ordinarily known as returnable containers and which do or will contain beverages defined by paragraphs 4 and 14 of Section 506 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or water for human consumption and the cartons, crates, pallets, and containers used to transport such returnable containers;

5. Sale of tangible personal property when sold by the manufacturer to a person who transports it to a state other than Oklahoma for immediate and exclusive use in a state other than Oklahoma. Provided, no sales at a retail outlet shall qualify for the exemption under this paragraph;

6. Machinery, equipment, fuels and chemicals or other materials incorporated into and directly used or consumed in the process of treatment to substantially reduce the volume or harmful properties of hazardous waste at treatment facilities specifically permitted pursuant to the Oklahoma Hazardous Waste Management Act and operated at the place of waste generation, or facilities approved by the Department of Environmental Quality for the cleanup of a site of contamination. The term "hazardous" waste may include low-level radioactive waste for the purpose of this paragraph;

7. Except as otherwise provided by subsection I of Section 3658 of this title pursuant to which the exemption authorized by this

paragraph may not be claimed, sales of tangible personal property to a qualified manufacturer or distributor to be consumed or incorporated in a new manufacturing or distribution facility or to expand an existing manufacturing or distribution facility. For purposes of this paragraph, sales made to a contractor or subcontractor that has previously entered into a contractual relationship with a qualified manufacturer or distributor for construction or expansion of a manufacturing or distribution facility shall be considered sales made to a qualified manufacturer or distributor. For the purposes of this paragraph, "qualified manufacturer or distributor" means:

a. any manufacturing enterprise whose total cost of construction of a new or expanded facility exceeds the sum of Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000.00) and in which at least one hundred (100) new full-time-equivalent employees, as certified by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, are added and maintained for a period of at least thirty-six (36) months as a direct result of the new or expanded facility,

b. any manufacturing enterprise whose total cost of construction of a new or expanded facility exceeds the sum of Ten Million Dollars ($10,000,000.00) and the combined cost of construction material, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property exempt from sales tax under the provisions of this paragraph exceeds the sum of Fifty Million Dollars ($50,000,000.00) and in which at least seventy-five (75) new full-time-equivalent employees, as certified by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, are added and maintained for a period of at least thirty-

six (36) months as a direct result of the new or expanded facility,

c. any manufacturing enterprise whose total cost of construction of an expanded facility exceeds the sum of Three Hundred Million Dollars ($300,000,000.00) and in which the manufacturer has and maintains an average employment level of at least one thousand seven hundred fifty (1,750) full-time-equivalent employees, as certified by the Employment Security Commission, or

d. any enterprise primarily engaged in the general wholesale distribution of groceries defined or classified in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Manual under Industry Groups No. 4244 and 4245 and which has at least seventy-five percent (75%) of its total sales to in-state customers or buyers and whose total cost of construction of a new or expanded facility exceeds the sum of Forty Million Dollars ($40,000,000.00) with such construction commencing on or after July 1, 2005, and before December 31, 2005, and which at least fifty new full-time-equivalent employees, as certified by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, are added and maintained for a period of at least thirty-six (36) months as a direct result of the new or expanded facility.

For purposes of this paragraph, the total cost of construction shall include building and construction material and engineering and architectural fees or charges directly associated with the construction of a new or expanded facility. The total cost of construction shall not include attorney fees. For purposes of subparagraph c of this paragraph, the total cost of construction shall also include the cost of qualified depreciable property as

defined in Section 2357.4 of this title and labor services performed in the construction of an expanded facility. The employment requirement of this paragraph can be satisfied by the employment of a portion of the required number of new full-time-equivalent employees at a manufacturing or distribution facility that is related to or supported by the new or expanded manufacturing or distribution facility as long as both facilities are owned by one person or business entity. For purposes of this section, "manufacturing facility" shall mean building and land improvements used in manufacturing as defined by the Standard Industrial Classification Code and shall also mean building and land improvements used for the purpose of packing, repackaging, labeling or assembling for distribution to market, products at least seventy percent (70%) of which are made in Oklahoma by the same company but at an off-site, in-state manufacturing or distribution facility or facilities. It shall not include a retail outlet unless the retail outlet is operated in conjunction with and on the same site or premises as the manufacturing facility. Up to ten percent (10%) of the square feet of a manufacturing or distribution facility building may be devoted to office space used to provide clerical support for the manufacturing operation. Such ten percent (10%) may be in a separate building as long as it is part of the same contiguous tract of property on which the manufacturing or distribution facility is located. Only sales of tangible personal property made after June 1, 1988, shall be eligible for the exemption provided by this paragraph. The exemption authorized pursuant to subparagraph d of this paragraph shall only become effective when the governing body of the municipality in which the enterprise is located approves a resolution expressing the municipality’s support for the construction for such new or expanded facility. Upon approval by the municipality, the municipality shall forward a copy of such resolution to the Oklahoma Tax Commission;

8. Sales of tangible personal property purchased and used by a licensed radio or television station in broadcasting. This exemption shall not apply unless such machinery and equipment is used directly in the manufacturing process, is necessary for the proper production of a broadcast signal or is such that the failure of the machinery or equipment to operate would cause broadcasting to cease. This exemption begins with the equipment used in producing live programming or the electronic equipment directly behind the satellite receiving dish or antenna, and ends with the transmission of the broadcast signal from the broadcast antenna system. For purposes of this paragraph, "proper production" shall include, but not be limited to, machinery or equipment required by Federal Communications Commission rules and regulations;

9. Sales of tangible personal property purchased or used by a licensed cable television operator in cablecasting. This exemption shall not apply unless such machinery and equipment is used directly in the manufacturing process, is necessary for the proper production of a cablecast signal or is such that the failure of the machinery or equipment to operate would cause cablecasting to cease. This exemption begins with the equipment used in producing local programming or the electronic equipment behind the satellite receiving dish, microwave tower or antenna, and ends with the transmission of the signal from the cablecast head-end system. For purposes of this paragraph, "proper production" shall include, but not be limited to, machinery or equipment required by Federal Communications Commission rules and regulations;

10. Sales of packaging materials for use in packing, shipping or delivering tangible personal property for sale when sold to a producer of agricultural products. This exemption shall not apply to the sale of any packaging material which is ordinarily known as a returnable container;

11. Sales of any pattern used in the process of manufacturing iron, steel or other metal castings. The exemption provided by this paragraph shall be applicable irrespective of ownership of the pattern provided that such pattern is used in the commercial production of metal castings;

12. Deposits or other charges made and which are subsequently refunded for returnable cartons, crates, pallets, and containers used to transport cement and cement products;

13. Beginning January 1, 1998, machinery, electricity, fuels, explosives and materials, excluding chemicals, used in the mining of coal in this state; and

14. Deposits, rent or other charges made for returnable cartons, crates, pallets, and containers used to transport mushrooms or mushroom products from a farm for resale to the consumer or processor.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 4. 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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