

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1357, as last amended by Section 14, Chapter 479, O.S.L. 2005 (68 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1357), which relates to general sales tax exemptions; exempting sales of hearing aids from sales tax; providing exemption from sales tax for certain eligible food, beverages and nonprescription drugs and medicines; providing that sales tax exemption shall not apply to counties and municipalities without certain resolution or ordinance; amending 68 O.S. 2001, Sections 1370, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2004, 1370.1, 1370.2, 1370.2A, 1370.4, 1370.5, 1370.6, 1370.7, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 2003, 1370.8, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 103, O.S.L. 2004 and 2701, as amended by Section 30, Chapter 413, O.S.L. 2003 (68 O.S. Supp. 2005, Sections 1370, 1370.7, 1370.8 and 2701), which relate to county and municipal sales tax; providing exception to certain exemption; authorizing certain action for exemption; providing for codification; 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 1357, as last amended by Section 14, Chapter 479, O.S.L. 2005 (68 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1357), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1357. Exemptions - General.

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

1. Transportation of school pupils to and from elementary schools or high schools in motor or other vehicles;
2. 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;

3. 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 Section 1350 et seq. of this title. 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 salespersons who do not have an established place of business and a sales tax permit. The exemption provided by this paragraph 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 Section 1350 et seq. of this title. 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;

4. 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, and the servicing of any advertising devices;

5. 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 the purchaser 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;

6. Sale of natural or artificial gas and electricity, and associated delivery or transmission services, when sold exclusively for residential use. Provided, this exemption shall not apply to any sales tax levied by a city or town, or a county, or any other jurisdiction in this state;

7. In addition to the exemptions authorized by Section 1357.6 of this title, sales of drugs sold pursuant to a prescription written for the treatment of human beings by a person licensed to prescribe the drugs, and sales of insulin and medical oxygen. Provided, this exemption shall not apply to over-the-counter drugs;

8. 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;

9. 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;

10. 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 in the federal food stamp program;

11. Sales of food or food products, or any equipment or supplies used in the preparation of the food or food products to or by an organization which:

a. is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and which provides and delivers prepared meals for home consumption to elderly or homebound persons as part of a program commonly known as "Meals on Wheels" or "Mobile Meals", or

b. is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and which receives federal funding pursuant to the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, for the purpose of providing nutrition programs for the care and benefit of elderly persons;

12. Sales of tangible personal property or services to or by organizations which are exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and which are primarily involved in the collection and distribution of food and other household products to other organizations which are exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), which facilitate the distribution of such products to the needy, except sales made in the course of business for profit or savings, competing with other persons engaged in the same or similar business;

13. Sales of tangible personal property or services to children's homes which are located on church-owned property and are

operated by organizations exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c) (3);

14. Sales of computers, data processing equipment, related peripherals and telephone, telegraph or telecommunications service and equipment for use in a qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility. For purposes of this paragraph, "qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility" means a new or expanding facility primarily engaged in aircraft repair, building or rebuilding whether or not on a factory basis, whose total cost of construction exceeds the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) and which employs at least two hundred fifty (250) new full-time-equivalent employees, as certified by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, upon completion of the facility. In order to qualify for the exemption provided for by this paragraph, the cost of the items purchased by the qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility shall equal or exceed the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00);

15. Sales of tangible personal property consumed or incorporated in the construction or expansion of a qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility as defined in paragraph 14 of this section. For purposes of this paragraph, sales made to a contractor or subcontractor that has previously entered into a contractual relationship with a qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility for construction or expansion of such a facility shall be considered sales made to a qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility;

16. Sales of any interstate telecommunications services which:

- a. entitle the subscriber to inward or outward calling respectively between a station associated with an access line in the local telephone system area or a station directly connected to any interexchange

carrier's facilities and telephone or radiotelephone stations in diverse geographical locations specified by the subscriber, or

- b. entitle the subscriber to private communications services which allow exclusive or priority use of a communications channel or group of channels between exchanges;

17. Sales of railroad track spikes manufactured and sold for use in this state in the construction or repair of railroad tracks, switches, sidings and turnouts;

18. Sales of aircraft and aircraft parts provided such sales occur at a qualified aircraft maintenance facility. As used in this paragraph, "qualified aircraft maintenance facility" means a facility operated by an air common carrier at which there were employed at least two thousand (2,000) full-time-equivalent employees in the preceding year as certified by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission and which is primarily related to the fabrication, repair, alteration, modification, refurbishing, maintenance, building or rebuilding of commercial aircraft or aircraft parts used in air common carriage. For purposes of this paragraph, "air common carrier" shall also include members of an affiliated group as defined by Section 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 1504;

19. Sales of machinery and equipment purchased and used by persons and establishments primarily engaged in computer services and data processing:

- a. as defined under Industrial Group Numbers 7372 and 7373 of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, latest version, which derive at least fifty percent (50%) of their annual gross revenues from the sale of a product or service to an out-of-state buyer or consumer, and

- b. as defined under Industrial Group Number 7374 of the SIC Manual, latest version, which derive at least eighty percent (80%) of their annual gross revenues from the sale of a product or service to an out-of-state buyer or consumer.

Eligibility for the exemption set out in this paragraph shall be established, subject to review by the Tax Commission, by annually filing an affidavit with the Tax Commission stating that the facility so qualifies and such information as required by the Tax Commission. For purposes of determining whether annual gross revenues are derived from sales to out-of-state buyers or consumers, all sales to the federal government shall be considered to be to an out-of-state buyer or consumer;

20. Sales of prosthetic devices to an individual for use by such individual. For purposes of this paragraph, "prosthetic device" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 1357.6 of this title, but shall not include corrective eye glasses, contact lenses or hearing aids;

21. Sales of tangible personal property or services to a motion picture or television production company to be used or consumed in connection with an eligible production. For purposes of this paragraph, "eligible production" means a documentary, special, music video, or a television program that will serve as a pilot for or be a segment of an ongoing dramatic or situation comedy series filmed or taped for network or national or regional syndication or a feature-length motion picture intended for theatrical release or for network or national or regional syndication or broadcast. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to sales occurring on or after July 1, 1996;

22. Sales of diesel fuel sold for consumption by commercial vessels, barges and other commercial watercraft;

23. Sales of tangible personal property or services to tax-exempt independent nonprofit biomedical research foundations that provide educational programs for Oklahoma science students and teachers and to tax-exempt independent nonprofit community blood banks headquartered in this state;

24. Effective May 6, 1992, sales of wireless telecommunications equipment to a vendor who subsequently transfers the equipment at no charge or for a discounted charge to a consumer as part of a promotional package or as an inducement to commence or continue a contract for wireless telecommunications services;

25. Effective January 1, 1991, leases of rail transportation cars to haul coal to coal-fired plants located in this state which generate electric power;

26. Beginning July 1, 2002, sales of aircraft engine repairs, modification, and replacement parts, sales of aircraft frame repairs and modification, aircraft interior modification, and paint, and sales of services employed in the repair, modification and replacement of parts of aircraft engines, aircraft frame and interior repair and modification, and paint. The exemption provided by this paragraph shall be limited to aircraft repairs, modification, and replacement parts for aircraft weighing more than nine thousand (9,000) pounds gross take-off weight and less than three hundred thousand (300,000) pounds gross take-off weight and which aircraft are brought into this state exclusively for such repairs or modification. The exemption provided by this paragraph shall be limited to repairs or modifications made by an aircraft repair facility. As used in this paragraph, the term "aircraft" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in Section 6001 of this title. The term "aircraft repair facility" shall mean any facility which either is an aircraft manufacturer's authorized service facility or a facility which repairs, modifies or replaces aircraft parts in which more than Three Million Dollars

(\$3,000,000.00) was invested to establish the new facility or expand an existing facility and which construction was commenced or was in progress on or after July 1, 1999; provided, amounts expended for research and development as defined in Sections 41 and 174 of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to modification of aircraft shall be included as amounts invested to establish a new facility or expand an existing facility for purposes of the investment threshold specified herein;

27. Sales of materials and supplies to the owner or operator of a ship, motor vessel or barge that is used in interstate or international commerce if the materials and supplies:

- a. are loaded on the ship, motor vessel or barge and used in the maintenance and operation of the ship, motor vessel or barge, or
- b. enter into and become component parts of the ship, motor vessel or barge;

28. Sales of tangible personal property made at estate sales at which such property is offered for sale on the premises of the former residence of the decedent by a person who is not required to be licensed pursuant to the Transient Merchant Licensing Act, Section 1601 et seq. of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or who is not otherwise required to obtain a sales tax permit for the sale of such property pursuant to the provisions of Section 1364 of this title; provided:

- a. such sale or event may not be held for a period exceeding three (3) consecutive days,
- b. the sale must be conducted within six (6) months of the date of death of the decedent, and
- c. the exemption allowed by this paragraph shall not be allowed for property that was not part of the decedent's estate;

29. Beginning January 1, 2004, sales of electricity and associated delivery and transmission services, when sold exclusively for use by an oil and gas operator for reservoir dewatering projects and associated operations commencing on or after July 1, 2003, in which the initial water-to-oil ratio is greater than or equal to five-to-one water-to-oil, and such oil and gas development projects have been classified by the Corporation Commission as a reservoir dewatering unit;

30. Sales of prewritten computer software that is delivered electronically. For purposes of this paragraph, "delivered electronically" means delivered to the purchaser by means other than tangible storage media;

31. Sales of modular dwelling units when built at a production facility and moved in whole or in parts, to be assembled on-site, and permanently affixed to the real property and used for residential or commercial purposes. The exemption provided by this paragraph shall equal forty-five percent (45%) of the total sales price of the modular dwelling unit. For purposes of this paragraph, "modular dwelling unit" means a structure that is not subject to the motor vehicle excise tax imposed pursuant to Section 2103 of this title; ~~and~~

32. Sales of intrastate charter and tour bus transportation. As used in this paragraph, "intrastate charter and tour bus transportation" means the transportation of persons from one location in this state to another location in this state in a motor vehicle which has been constructed in such a manner that it may lawfully carry more than eighteen persons, and which is ordinarily used or rented to carry persons for compensation. Provided, this exemption shall not apply to regularly scheduled bus transportation for the general public; and

33. Sales of hearing aids or any other apparatus, device, or equipment for use by a hearing-impaired person which is prescribed

by an audiologist or hearing aid dealer or fitter who is licensed by the state as required by law.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1357.10 of Title 68, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning January 1, 2007, sales of all eligible food and beverages as defined in the federal Food Stamp Act, 7 U.S.C., Section 2011 et seq., as the act existed on January 1, 2006, and sales of nonprescription drugs and medicines recommended and sold for the relief of pain, ailments, distresses or disorders of the human body, shall be exempt from the tax levied pursuant to Section 1354 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. The exemption provided for in subsection A of this section shall not apply to any county or municipal sales tax imposed pursuant to law. However, the exemption may apply upon the approval of a resolution by the board of county commissioners or the approval of an ordinance by the municipality in accordance with law.

C. The term "nonprescription drugs and medicines" shall be defined by rules promulgated by the Oklahoma Tax Commission. The term shall not include cosmetics.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1370, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2004 (68 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1370), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1370. A. Any county of this state may levy a sales tax of not to exceed two percent (2%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales or services in the county upon which a consumer's sales tax is levied by this state. Before a sales tax may be levied by the county, the imposition of the tax shall first be approved by a majority of the registered voters of the county voting thereon at a special election called by the board of county commissioners or by initiative petition signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the county who were

registered at the time of the last general election. However, if a majority of the registered voters of a county voting fail to approve such a tax, the board of county commissioners shall not call another special election for such purpose for six (6) months. Any sales tax approved by the registered voters of a county shall be applicable only when the point of sale is within the territorial limits of such county. Any sales tax levied or any change in the rate of a sales tax levied pursuant to the provisions of this section shall become effective on the first day of the calendar quarter following approval by the voters of the county unless another effective date, which shall also be on the first day of a calendar quarter, is specified in the ordinance or resolution levying the sales tax or changing the rate of sales tax.

B. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall give notice to all vendors of a rate change at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the rate change. Provided, for purchases from printed catalogs wherein the purchaser computed the tax based upon local tax rates published in the catalog, the rate change shall not be effective until the first day of a calendar quarter after a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) days' notice to vendors. Failure to give notice as required by this section shall delay the effective date of the rate change to the first day of the next calendar quarter.

C. Initiative petitions calling for a special election concerning county sales tax proposals shall be in accordance with Sections 2, 3, 3.1, 6, 18 and 24 of Title 34 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Petitions shall be submitted to the office of county clerk for approval as to form prior to circulation. Following approval, the petitioner shall have ninety (90) days to secure the required signatures. After securing the requisite number of signatures, the petitioner shall submit the petition and signatures to the county clerk. Following the verification of signatures, the

county clerk shall present the petition to the board of county commissioners. The special election shall be held within sixty (60) days of receiving the petition. The ballot title presented to the voters at the special election shall be identical to the ballot as presented in the initiative petition.

D. All items that are exempt from the state sales tax shall be exempt from any sales tax levied by a county. However, this subsection shall not apply to any exemption from the state sales tax for eligible food, beverages, nonprescription drugs and medicines, as set forth in Section 2 of this act unless the county, by resolution, provides for such an exemption.

E. Any sales tax which may be levied by a county shall be designated for a particular purpose. Such purposes may include, but are not limited to, projects owned by the state, any agency or instrumentality thereof, the county and/or any political subdivision located in whole or in part within such county, regional development, economic development, common education, general operations, capital improvements, county roads, weather modification or any other purpose deemed, by a majority vote of the county commissioners or as stated by initiative petition, to be necessary to promote safety, security and the general well being of the people. The county shall identify the purpose of the sales tax when it is presented to the voters pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the proceeds of any sales tax levied by a county shall be deposited in the general revenue or sales tax revolving fund of the county and shall be used only for the purpose for which such sales tax was designated. If the proceeds of any sales tax levied by a county pursuant to this section are pledged for the purpose of retiring indebtedness incurred for the specific purpose for which the sales tax is imposed, the sales tax shall not be repealed until such time as the indebtedness is retired. However, in no event

shall the life of the tax be extended beyond the duration approved by the voters of the county.

F. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, any county that has approved a sales tax for the construction, support or operation of a county hospital may continue to collect such tax if such hospital is subsequently sold. Such collection shall only continue if the county remains indebted for the past construction, support or operation of such hospital. The collection may continue only until the debt is repaid or for the stated term of the sales tax, whichever period is shorter.

2. If the construction, support or operation of a hospital is funded through the levy of a county sales tax pursuant to this section and such hospital is subsequently sold, the county levying the tax may dissolve the governing board of such hospital following the sale. Upon the sale of the hospital and dissolution of any governing board, the county is relieved of any future liability for the operation of such hospital.

G. Proceeds from any sales tax levied that is designated to be used solely by the sheriff for the operation of the office of sheriff shall be placed in the special revenue account of the sheriff.

H. The life of the tax could be limited or unlimited in duration. The county shall identify the duration of the tax when it is presented to the voters pursuant to the provisions of subsections A and C of this section.

I. There are hereby created one or more county sales tax revolving funds in each county which levies a sales tax under this section if any or all of the proceeds of such tax are not to be deposited in the general revenue fund of the county or comply with the provisions of subsection G of this section. Each such revolving fund shall be designated for a particular purpose and shall consist of all monies generated by such sales tax which are designated for

such purpose. Monies in such funds shall only be expended for the purposes specifically designated as required by this section. A county sales tax revolving fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1370.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1370.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1370 of this title, any county of this state with a population of more than three hundred thousand (300,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census may levy a sales tax of not to exceed one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales or services in the county upon which a consumer's sales tax is levied by the state, except as provided in Section 2 of this act, subject to the following conditions:

1. The proceeds of such sales tax shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing and equipping county jail facilities or capital improvements for jail facilities only;

2. Before a sales tax may be levied by the county, the imposition of the tax shall first be approved by a majority of the registered voters of the county voting thereon at a special election called by resolution of the board of county commissioners;

3. Such sales tax can only be imposed for a period not to exceed three (3) years; and

4. Any special election called pursuant to this section must be held no later than January 1, 1992.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1370.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1370.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1370 of this title, any county of this state with a population of more than three hundred thousand (300,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census may levy a sales tax of not to exceed one percent (1%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from

all sales or services in the county upon which a consumer's sales tax is levied by the state, except as provided in ~~subsection (F)~~ paragraph 6 of Section 1357 of this title and except as provided in Section 2 of this act, subject to the following conditions:

1. The proceeds of such sales tax and the interest thereon shall be used solely for the purpose of development of qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facilities and any necessary infrastructure changes or airport improvements directly related to such facilities located within the county to be owned by the county, any municipality within the county or a public trust in which the county or municipality is a beneficiary. However, such municipality or public trust shall hold such title for the use and benefit of the residents of the entire county in which the tax is levied and collected. The acceptance by the municipality or public trust of any title or tax proceeds shall be deemed an acceptance of this requirement. The board of county commissioners of any county that has approved the imposition of a sales tax pursuant to this section may not commence the collection of any such sales tax until a qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility has signed an agreement to locate such facility within the county. As used in this paragraph, "qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility" means a new or expanding facility primarily engaged in aircraft repair, building or rebuilding, whether or not on a factory basis, whose total cost of construction exceeds the sum of One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) and which employs at least one thousand (1,000) new full-time-equivalent employees, as certified by the Employment Security Commission upon completion of the facility;

2. Before a sales tax may be levied by the county, the imposition of the tax shall first be approved by a majority of the registered voters of the county voting thereon at a special election called by resolution of the board of county commissioners;

3. The monies collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall only be expended by the board of county commissioners to finance an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total cost of construction of the qualified aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility and any necessary infrastructure changes or airport improvements directly related to such facility; and

4. Such sales tax can only be imposed for a period not to exceed three (3) years.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1370.2A, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1370.2A Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1370 of this title, any county of this state with a population of more than three hundred thousand (300,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census may levy a sales tax of not to exceed one percent (1%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales or services in the county upon which a consumer's sales tax is levied by the state, except as provided in Section 2 of this act, subject to the following conditions:

1. The proceeds of such sales tax and the interest thereon shall be used solely for the purpose of acquisition and development of qualified manufacturing facilities, related machinery and equipment and any necessary infrastructure changes or improvements related to such facilities located within the county to be owned by the county, any municipality within the county or a public trust in which the county or municipality is a beneficiary. However, such municipality or public trust shall hold such title for the use and benefit of the residents of the entire county in which the tax is levied and collected. The acceptance by the municipality or public trust of any title or tax proceeds shall be deemed an acceptance of this requirement. The board of county commissioners of any county that has approved the imposition of a sales tax pursuant to this section may not commence the collection of any such sales tax until

a qualified manufacturing facility has signed an agreement to locate such facility within the county. As used in this paragraph, "qualified manufacturing facility" means a new or expanding facility primarily engaged in manufacturing, production and/or assembly of consumer or other products, whether or not on a factory basis, whose total cost of acquisition and construction exceeds the sum of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) and which will employ at least one thousand (1,000) new full-time-equivalent employees, as certified by the Employment Security Commission within three (3) years after the completion of the facility;

2. Before a sales tax may be levied by the county, the imposition of the tax shall first be approved by a majority of the registered voters of the county voting thereon at a special election called by resolution of the board of county commissioners in the manner provided by law for county elections;

3. The monies collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall only be expended by the board of county commissioners to finance an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total cost related to the acquisition and construction of the qualified manufacturing facility, related machinery and equipment and any necessary infrastructure changes or improvements directly related to such facility; and

4. Such sales tax can only be imposed for a period not to exceed three (3) years.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1370.4, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1370.4 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1370 of ~~Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, any county of this state with a population of more than three hundred thousand (300,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census may levy a sales tax of not to exceed one percent (1%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales or services in the

county upon which a consumer's sales tax is levied by the state, except as provided in ~~subsection (F)~~ paragraph 6 of Section 1357 of ~~Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title and except as provided in Section 2 of this act, subject to the following conditions:

1. The proceeds of such sales tax and the interest thereon shall be used solely for the purpose of development of facilities for lease or conveyance to the government of the United States and any necessary infrastructure changes or improvements directly related to such facilities located within the county. The board of county commissioners of any county that has approved the imposition of a sales tax pursuant to this section may not commence the collection of any such sales tax until an agreement to locate such facility within the county is reached;

2. Before a sales tax may be levied by the county, the imposition of the tax shall first be approved by a majority of the registered voters of the county voting thereon at a special election called by resolution of the board of county commissioners;

3. The monies collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall only be expended by the board of county commissioners to finance the construction of the facility and any necessary infrastructure changes or improvements directly related to such facility; and

4. Such sales tax can only be imposed for a period not to exceed three (3) years.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1370.5, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1370.5 A. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1370 of ~~Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, any county of this state with a population of more than three hundred thousand (300,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census may levy a sales tax of not to exceed one percent (1%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales or services in the

county upon which a consumer's sales tax is levied by the state, except as provided in paragraph 6 of Section 1357 of ~~Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title and except as provided by Section 2 of this act, subject to the following conditions:

1. The proceeds of such sales tax shall be used solely for the purpose of funding one or more economic development projects;

2. Before a sales tax may be levied by the county, the imposition of the tax shall first be approved by a majority of the registered voters of the county voting thereon at a special election called by resolution of the board of county commissioners;

3. Such sales tax can only be imposed for a period of not to exceed three (3) years; and

4. Any special election called pursuant to this section must be held no later than March 1, 1994.

B. The board of county commissioners shall create a limited-purpose fund and deposit therein any revenue generated by any sales tax levied pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section. The fund shall be placed in an insured or collateralized interest-bearing account and the interest which accrues to the fund shall be retained in the fund. Monies in the limited-purpose fund shall be expended only as accumulated and only for the purpose specifically described in paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section.

C. As used in this section, "economic development project" means any project which the board of county commissioners determines will promote, enhance or improve economic conditions within the county.

SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1370.6, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1370.6 A. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1370 of ~~Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, any county of this state with a population of more than three hundred thousand

(300,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census may levy a sales tax of not to exceed one percent (1%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales or services in the county upon which a consumer's sales tax is levied by the state, except as provided in paragraph 6 of Section 1357 of ~~Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title and except as provided in Section 2 of this act, subject to the following conditions:

1. The proceeds of such sales tax shall be used solely for the purpose of funding one or more projects for new public improvements;

2. Before a sales tax may be levied by the county, the imposition of the tax shall first be approved by a majority of the registered voters of the county voting thereon at a special election called by resolution of the board of county commissioners;

3. Such sales tax can only be imposed for a period of not to exceed three (3) years; and

4. Any special election called pursuant to this section must be held no later than March 1, 1994.

B. The board of county commissioners shall create a limited-purpose fund and deposit therein any revenue generated by any sales tax levied pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section. The fund shall be placed in an insured interest-bearing account and the interest which accrues to the fund shall be retained in the fund. Monies in the limited-purpose fund shall be expended only as accumulated and only for the purpose specifically described in paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section.

C. As used in this section:

1. "Projects for new public improvements" means any new and beneficial change, addition, betterment or enhancement of or upon any real property belonging to a public agency, intended to enhance the value, beauty or utility of said property or to adapt it to new or further purposes; and

2. "Public agency" means the State of Oklahoma and any county, city, public trust or other public entity specifically created by the statutes of the State of Oklahoma or as a result of statutory authorization contained therein.

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1370.7, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 2003 (68 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1370.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1370.7 A. Any combination of cities, towns and counties, by resolution of their governing boards, may jointly create a transportation authority pursuant to the provisions of Section 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the purpose of planning, financing and constructing transportation-related projects located within the boundaries of such cities, towns or counties. An authority created pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall have the powers granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes in addition to the powers granted pursuant to the provisions of this section. The combination of cities, towns and counties creating the authority shall be designated the beneficiary of the authority. The boundaries of the authority shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the cities, towns or counties creating the authority.

B. Any transportation authority created pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section may levy a sales tax of not to exceed two percent (2%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales or services in the cities, towns and counties comprising the authority upon which a consumer's sales tax is levied by this state. Before a sales tax may be levied by the authority, the imposition of the tax shall first be approved by a majority of the registered voters within the boundaries of each of the cities, towns and counties comprising the authority voting thereon at a special election jointly called by the governing boards of the cities, towns and counties comprising the authority.

Provided, if a majority of the registered voters of an authority voting fail to approve such a tax, the governing boards of such cities, towns and counties shall not jointly call another special election for such purpose for at least six (6) months. Any sales tax approved by the registered voters of an authority shall be applicable only when the point of sale is within the boundaries or limits of the authority.

C. All items that are exempt from the state sales tax shall be exempt from any sales tax levied pursuant to the provisions of this section. However, this subsection shall not apply to any exemption from the state sales tax for eligible food, beverages, nonprescription drugs and medicines, as set forth in Section 2 of this act unless any combination of the city, town or county, by resolution, provides for such an exemption.

D. Any sales tax which may be levied pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be designated for the purposes of planning, financing and constructing transportation-related projects within the boundaries of the authority. The authority shall identify the purpose of the sales tax when it is presented to the voters pursuant to the provisions of this section. The proceeds of any sales tax levied by an authority shall be used only for the purposes for which the sales tax was designated.

E. The authority shall identify the duration of the tax when it is presented to the voters pursuant to the provisions of this section.

F. An authority created pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section may utilize the provisions of the Local Development Act, Section 850 et seq. of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes, as it relates to the financing of such transportation-related projects.

G. An authority created pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section shall be dissolved:

1. At such time as the planning, financing and constructing of the transportation-related project within the boundaries of the authority is completed; and

2. At such time as the revenue collected from any taxes levied by the authority is sufficient for payment of any and all expenses incurred by the authority in the planning, financing and constructing of a transportation-related project.

H. If the proceeds of any tax levied by an authority pursuant to this section are pledged for the purpose of retiring indebtedness incurred for the specific purpose for which the tax is imposed, the tax shall not be repealed until such time as the indebtedness is retired. In no event shall the life of the tax be extended beyond the duration approved by the voters of the authority.

I. If the revenue collected from any taxes levied by the authority exceeds the amount necessary for payment of any and all expenses incurred by the authority in the planning, financing and constructing of transportation-related projects, the excess funds shall be apportioned to the general funds of the cities, towns and counties comprising the authority in proportion to the population of each city, town and county.

J. A transportation authority created pursuant to this section may provide for the financing of a toll bridge utilizing any revenue measures available pursuant to subsections A through I of this section in combination with revenue derived from toll charges. Such combination financing shall be fully described in the resolution of the transportation authority which authorizes the construction of such toll bridge. The resolution shall set out minimum and maximum percentages of the total debt which shall be retired utilizing revenue received from toll charges.

SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 1370.8, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 103, O.S.L. 2004 (68 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1370.8), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1370.8 A. Any combination of cities, towns and counties, by resolution of their governing boards, may jointly create a hospital authority pursuant to the provisions of Section 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the purpose of planning, financing and constructing hospitals or related medical facilities located within the boundaries of such cities, towns or counties. An authority created pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall have the powers granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes in addition to the powers granted pursuant to the provisions of this section. The combination of cities, towns and counties creating the authority shall be designated the beneficiary of the authority. The boundaries of the authority shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the cities, towns or counties creating the authority.

B. Any hospital authority created pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section may levy a sales tax of not to exceed two percent (2%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales or services in the cities, towns and counties comprising the authority upon which a consumer's sales tax is levied by this state. Before a sales tax may be levied by the authority, the imposition of the tax shall first be approved by a majority of the registered voters within the boundaries of each of the cities, towns and counties comprising the authority voting thereon at a special election jointly called by the governing boards of the cities, towns and counties comprising the authority. Provided, if a majority of the registered voters of an authority voting fail to approve such a tax, the governing boards of such cities, towns and counties shall not jointly call another special election for such purpose for at least six (6) months. Any sales tax approved by the registered voters of an authority shall be applicable only when the point of sale is within the boundaries or limits of the authority.

C. All items that are exempt from the state sales tax shall be exempt from any sales tax levied pursuant to the provisions of this section. However, this subsection shall not apply to any exemption from the state sales tax for eligible food, beverages, nonprescription drugs and medicines, as set forth in Section 2 of this act, unless any combination of the city, town or county, by resolution, provides for such an exemption.

D. Any sales tax which may be levied pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be designated for the purposes of planning, financing and constructing hospitals or related medical facilities within the boundaries of the authority. The authority shall identify the purpose of the sales tax when it is presented to the voters pursuant to the provisions of this section. The proceeds of any sales tax levied by an authority shall be used only for the purposes for which the sales tax was designated.

E. The authority shall identify the duration of the tax when it is presented to the voters pursuant to the provisions of this section.

F. An authority created pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section may utilize the provisions of the Local Development Act as it relates to the financing of such hospitals or related medical facilities.

G. An authority created pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section shall be dissolved:

1. At such time as the planning, financing and constructing of the hospitals or related medical facilities within the boundaries of the authority is completed; and

2. At such time as the revenue collected from any taxes levied by the authority is sufficient for payment of any and all expenses incurred by the authority in the planning, financing and constructing of a hospital or related medical facility.

H. If the proceeds of any tax levied by an authority pursuant to this section are pledged for the purpose of retiring indebtedness incurred for the specific purpose for which the tax is imposed, the tax shall not be repealed until such time as the indebtedness is retired. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, any county or hospital authority that has approved a sales tax for the support and operation of a county hospital may continue to collect such tax if such hospital is subsequently sold. Such collection shall only continue if the county or hospital authority remains indebted for the support and operation of such hospital and only until the debt is repaid or for the stated term of the tax, whichever period is shorter. In no event shall the life of the tax be extended beyond the duration approved by the voters of the authority.

I. If the revenue collected from any taxes levied by the authority exceeds the amount necessary for payment of any and all expenses incurred by the authority in the planning, financing and constructing of hospitals or related medical facilities, the excess funds shall be apportioned to the general funds of the cities, towns and counties comprising the authority in proportion to the population of each city, town and county.

J. If the construction, support, or operation of a hospital is funded through the levy of a sales tax by a county or hospital authority pursuant to this section and such hospital is subsequently sold, the county or hospital authority levying the tax may dissolve the governing board of such hospital at the time of the sale. When the sale of the hospital and dissolution of any governing board is final, the county or hospital authority is thereby relieved of any liability for the operation of such hospital.

SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 2701, as amended by Section 30, Chapter 413, O.S.L. 2003 (68 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 2701), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2701. A. Any incorporated city or town in this state is hereby authorized to assess, levy, and collect taxes for general and special purposes of municipal government as the Legislature may levy and collect for purposes of state government except ad valorem property taxes. Provided:

1. Taxes shall be uniform upon the same class subjects, and any tax, charge, or fee levied upon or measured by income or receipts from the sale of products or services shall be uniform upon all classes of taxpayers;

2. Motor vehicles may be taxed by the city or town only when such vehicles are primarily used or located in such city or town for a period of time longer than six (6) months of a taxable year;

3. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to authorize imposition of any tax upon persons, firms, or corporations exempted from other taxation under the provisions of Sections 348.1, 624 and 321 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes, by reason of payment of taxes imposed under such sections;

4. Cooperatives and communications companies are hereby authorized to pass on to their subscribers in the incorporated city or town involved, the amount of any special municipal fee, charge or tax hereafter assessed or levied on or collected from such cooperatives or communications companies;

5. No earnings, payroll or income taxes may be levied on nonresidents of the cities or towns levying such tax;

6. The governing body of any city or town shall be prohibited from proposing taxing ordinances more often than three times in any calendar year, or twice in any six-month period; and

7. Any revenues derived from a tax authorized by this subsection not dedicated to a limited purpose shall be deposited in the municipal general fund.

B. A sales tax authorized in subsection A of this section may be levied for limited purposes specified in the ordinance levying

the tax. Such ordinance shall be submitted to the voters for approval as provided in Section 2705 of this title. Any sales tax levied or any change in the rate of a sales tax levied pursuant to the provisions of this section shall become effective on the first day of the calendar quarter following approval by the voters of the city or town unless another effective date, which shall also be on the first day of a calendar quarter, is specified in the ordinance levying the sales tax or changing the rate of sales tax. Such ordinance shall describe with specificity the projects or expenditures for which the limited-purpose tax levy would be made. The municipal governing body shall create a limited-purpose fund and deposit therein any revenue generated by any tax levied pursuant to this subsection. Money in the fund shall be accumulated from year to year. The fund shall be placed in an insured interest-bearing account and the interest which accrues on the fund shall be retained in the fund. The fund shall be nonfiscal and shall not be considered in computing any levy when the municipality makes its estimate to the excise board for needed appropriations. Money in the limited-purpose tax fund shall be expended only as accumulated and only for the purposes specifically described in the taxing ordinance as approved by the voters.

C. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall give notice to all vendors of a rate change at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the rate change. Provided, for purchases from printed catalogs wherein the purchaser computed the tax based upon local tax rates published in the catalog, the rate change shall not be effective until the first day of a calendar quarter after a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) days' notice to vendors. Failure to give notice as required by this section shall delay the effective date of the rate change to the first day of the next calendar quarter.

D. The change in the boundary of a municipality shall be effective, for sales and use tax purposes only, on the first day of a calendar quarter after a minimum of sixty (60) days' notice to vendors.

E. If the proceeds of any sales tax levied by a municipality pursuant to subsection B of this section are being used by the municipality for the purpose of retiring indebtedness incurred by the municipality or by a public trust of which the municipality is a beneficiary for the specific purpose for which the sales tax was imposed, the sales tax shall not be repealed until such time as the indebtedness is retired. However, in no event shall the life of the tax be extended beyond the duration approved by the voters of the municipality. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to all sales tax levies imposed by a municipality and being used by the municipality for the purposes set forth in this subsection prior to or after July 1, 1995.

F. The exemption for eligible food, beverages, nonprescription drugs and medicines, as set forth in Section 2 of this act shall not apply to any sales tax levied pursuant to this section unless the municipality approves an ordinance for such exemption in accordance with law.

SECTION 13. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 14. 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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