

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to veteran's sales tax exemptions; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Sections 205, as last amended by Section 37, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 and 1357, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L. 2019 (68 O.S. Supp. 2020, Sections 205 and 1357), which relate to information for determining eligibility; deleting obsolete language; authorizing disclosure of specified information by Oklahoma Tax Commission to Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs relating to certain eligibility; requiring veteran registration for certain sales tax exemption; requiring veteran registration by certain date to remain qualified for certain sales tax exemption; requiring the Tax Commission to promulgate rules; specifying content of rules; providing statutory reference; amending Section 1, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2017, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2019 (72 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 421), which relates to registry of veterans; requiring additional verification of veteran service disability status under certain circumstance; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 205, as last amended by Section 37, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (68 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 205), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 205. A. The records and files of the Oklahoma Tax
2 Commission concerning the administration of the Uniform Tax
3 Procedure Code or of any state tax law shall be considered
4 confidential and privileged, except as otherwise provided for by
5 law, and neither the Tax Commission nor any employee engaged in the
6 administration of the Tax Commission or charged with the custody of
7 any such records or files nor any person who may have secured
8 information from the Tax Commission shall disclose any information
9 obtained from the records or files or from any examination or
10 inspection of the premises or property of any person.

11 B. Except as provided in paragraph 26 of subsection C of this
12 section, neither the Tax Commission nor any employee engaged in the
13 administration of the Tax Commission or charged with the custody of
14 any such records or files shall be required by any court of this
15 state to produce any of the records or files for the inspection of
16 any person or for use in any action or proceeding, except when the
17 records or files or the facts shown thereby are directly involved in
18 an action or proceeding pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform
19 Tax Procedure Code or of the state tax law, or when the
20 determination of the action or proceeding will affect the validity
21 or the amount of the claim of the state pursuant to any state tax
22 law, or when the information contained in the records or files
23 constitutes evidence of violation of the provisions of the Uniform
24 Tax Procedure Code or of any state tax law.

1 C. The provisions of this section shall not prevent the Tax
2 Commission from disclosing the following information and no
3 liability whatsoever, civil or criminal, shall attach to any member
4 of the Tax Commission or any employee thereof for any error or
5 omission in the disclosure of such information:

6 1. The delivery to a taxpayer or a duly authorized
7 representative of the taxpayer of a copy of any report or any other
8 paper filed by the taxpayer pursuant to the provisions of the
9 Uniform Tax Procedure Code or of any state tax law;

10 2. The exchange of information that is not protected by the
11 federal Privacy Protection Act, 42 U.S.C., Section 2000aa et seq.,
12 pursuant to reciprocal agreements entered into by the Tax Commission
13 and other state agencies or agencies of the federal government;

14 3. The publication of statistics so classified as to prevent
15 the identification of a particular report and the items thereof;

16 4. The examination of records and files by the State Auditor
17 and Inspector or the duly authorized agents of the State Auditor and
18 Inspector;

19 5. The disclosing of information or evidence to the Oklahoma
20 State Bureau of Investigation, Attorney General, Oklahoma State
21 Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, any district
22 attorney, or agent of any federal law enforcement agency when the
23 information or evidence is to be used by such officials to
24 investigate or prosecute violations of the criminal provisions of

1 the Uniform Tax Procedure Code or of any state tax law or of any
2 federal crime committed against this state. Any information
3 disclosed to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Attorney
4 General, Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs
5 Control, any district attorney, or agent of any federal law
6 enforcement agency shall be kept confidential by such person and not
7 be disclosed except when presented to a court in a prosecution for
8 violation of the tax laws of this state or except as specifically
9 authorized by law, and a violation by the Oklahoma State Bureau of
10 Investigation, Attorney General, Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics
11 and Dangerous Drugs Control, district attorney, or agent of any
12 federal law enforcement agency by otherwise releasing the
13 information shall be a felony;

14 6. The use by any division of the Tax Commission of any
15 information or evidence in the possession of or contained in any
16 report or return filed with any other division of the Tax
17 Commission;

18 7. The furnishing, at the discretion of the Tax Commission, of
19 any information disclosed by its records or files to any official
20 person or body of this state, any other state, the United States, or
21 foreign country who is concerned with the administration or
22 assessment of any similar tax in this state, any other state or the
23 United States. The provisions of this paragraph shall include the
24 furnishing of information by the Tax Commission to a county assessor

1 to determine the amount of gross household income pursuant to the
2 provisions of Section 8C of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution
3 or Section 2890 of this title. The Tax Commission shall promulgate
4 rules to give guidance to the county assessors regarding the type of
5 information which may be used by the county assessors in determining
6 the amount of gross household income pursuant to Section 8C of
7 Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution or Section 2890 of this
8 title. The provisions of this paragraph shall also include the
9 furnishing of information to the State Treasurer for the purpose of
10 administration of the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act;

11 8. The furnishing of information to other state agencies for
12 the limited purpose of aiding in the collection of debts owed by
13 individuals to such requesting agencies;

14 9. The furnishing of information requested by any member of the
15 general public and stated in the sworn lists or schedules of taxable
16 property of public service corporations organized, existing, or
17 doing business in this state which are submitted to and certified by
18 the State Board of Equalization pursuant to the provisions of
19 Section 2858 of this title and Section 21 of Article X of the
20 Oklahoma Constitution, provided such information would be a public
21 record if filed pursuant to Sections 2838 and 2839 of this title on
22 behalf of a corporation other than a public service corporation;

23 10. The furnishing of information requested by any member of
24 the general public and stated in the findings of the Tax Commission
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1 as to the adjustment and equalization of the valuation of real and
2 personal property of the counties of the state, which are submitted
3 to and certified by the State Board of Equalization pursuant to the
4 provisions of Section 2865 of this title and Section 21 of Article X
5 of the Oklahoma Constitution;

6 ~~11. The furnishing of information to an Oklahoma wholesaler of~~
7 ~~low-point beer, licensed under the provisions of Section 163.1 et~~
8 ~~seq. of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or an association or~~
9 ~~organization whose membership is comprised of such wholesalers, of~~
10 ~~the licensed retailers authorized by law to purchase low point beer~~
11 ~~in this state or the furnishing of information to a licensed~~
12 ~~Oklahoma wholesaler of low point beer of shipments by licensed~~
13 ~~manufacturers into this state;~~

14 ~~12.~~ The furnishing of information as to the issuance or
15 revocation of any tax permit, license or exemption by the Tax
16 Commission as provided for by law. Such information shall be
17 limited to the name of the person issued the permit, license or
18 exemption, the name of the business entity authorized to engage in
19 business pursuant to the permit, license or exemption, the address
20 of the business entity, and the grounds for revocation;

21 ~~13.~~ 12. The posting of notice of revocation of any tax permit
22 or license upon the premises of the place of business of any
23 business entity which has had any tax permit or license revoked by
24 the Tax Commission as provided for by law. Such notice shall be

1 limited to the name of the person issued the permit or license, the
2 name of the business entity authorized to engage in business
3 pursuant to the permit or license, the address of the business
4 entity, and the grounds for revocation;

5 ~~14.~~ 13. The furnishing of information upon written request by
6 any member of the general public as to the outstanding and unpaid
7 amount due and owing by any taxpayer of this state for any
8 delinquent tax, together with penalty and interest, for which a tax
9 warrant or a certificate of indebtedness has been filed pursuant to
10 law;

11 ~~15.~~ 14. After the filing of a tax warrant pursuant to law, the
12 furnishing of information upon written request by any member of the
13 general public as to any agreement entered into by the Tax
14 Commission concerning a compromise of tax liability for an amount
15 less than the amount of tax liability stated on such warrant;

16 ~~16.~~ 15. The disclosure of information necessary to complete the
17 performance of any contract authorized by this title to any person
18 with whom the Tax Commission has contracted;

19 ~~17.~~ 16. The disclosure of information to any person for a
20 purpose as authorized by the taxpayer pursuant to a waiver of
21 confidentiality. The waiver shall be in writing and shall be made
22 upon such form as the Tax Commission may prescribe;

23 ~~18.~~ 17. The disclosure of information required in order to
24 comply with the provisions of Section 2369 of this title;

1 ~~19.~~ 18. The disclosure to an employer, as defined in Sections
2 2385.1 and 2385.3 of this title, of information required in order to
3 collect the tax imposed by Section 2385.2 of this title;

4 ~~20.~~ 19. The disclosure to a plaintiff of a corporation's last-
5 known address shown on the records of the Franchise Tax Division of
6 the Tax Commission in order for such plaintiff to comply with the
7 requirements of Section 2004 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

8 ~~21.~~ 20. The disclosure of information directly involved in the
9 resolution of the protest by a taxpayer to an assessment of tax or
10 additional tax or the resolution of a claim for refund filed by a
11 taxpayer, including the disclosure of the pendency of an
12 administrative proceeding involving such protest or claim, to a
13 person called by the Tax Commission as an expert witness or as a
14 witness whose area of knowledge or expertise specifically addresses
15 the issue addressed in the protest or claim for refund. Such
16 disclosure to a witness shall be limited to information pertaining
17 to the specific knowledge of that witness as to the transaction or
18 relationship between taxpayer and witness;

19 ~~22.~~ 21. The disclosure of information necessary to implement an
20 agreement authorized by Section 2702 of this title when such
21 information is directly involved in the resolution of issues arising
22 out of the enforcement of a municipal sales tax ordinance. Such
23 disclosure shall be to the governing body or to the municipal
24 attorney, if so designated by the governing body;

1 ~~23.~~ 22. The furnishing of information regarding incentive
2 payments made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3601 through
3 3609 of this title or incentive payments made pursuant to the
4 provisions of Sections 3501 through 3508 of this title;

5 ~~24.~~ 23. The furnishing to a prospective purchaser of any
6 business, or his or her authorized representative, of information
7 relating to any liabilities, delinquencies, assessments or warrants
8 of the prospective seller of the business which have not been filed
9 of record, established, or become final and which relate solely to
10 the seller's business. Any disclosure under this paragraph shall
11 only be allowed upon the presentment by the prospective buyer, or
12 the buyer's authorized representative, of the purchase contract and
13 a written authorization between the parties;

14 ~~25.~~ 24. The furnishing of information as to the amount of state
15 revenue affected by the issuance or granting of any tax permit,
16 license, exemption, deduction, credit or other tax preference by the
17 Tax Commission as provided for by law. Such information shall be
18 limited to the type of permit, license, exemption, deduction, credit
19 or other tax preference issued or granted, the date and duration of
20 such permit, license, exemption, deduction, credit or other tax
21 preference and the amount of such revenue. The provisions of this
22 paragraph shall not authorize the disclosure of the name of the
23 person issued such permit, license, exemption, deduction, credit or
24 other tax preference, or the name of the business entity authorized

1 to engage in business pursuant to the permit, license, exemption,
2 deduction, credit or other tax preference;

3 ~~26.~~ 25. The examination of records and files of a person or
4 entity by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs
5 Control pursuant to a court order by a magistrate in whose
6 territorial jurisdiction the person or entity resides, or where the
7 Tax Commission records and files are physically located. Such an
8 order may only be issued upon a sworn application by an agent of the
9 Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control,
10 certifying that the person or entity whose records and files are to
11 be examined is the target of an ongoing investigation of a felony
12 violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act and
13 that information resulting from such an examination would likely be
14 relevant to that investigation. Any records or information obtained
15 pursuant to such an order may only be used by the Oklahoma State
16 Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control in the investigation
17 and prosecution of a felony violation of the Uniform Controlled
18 Dangerous Substances Act. Any such order issued pursuant to this
19 paragraph, along with the underlying application, shall be sealed
20 and not disclosed to the person or entity whose records were
21 examined, for a period of ninety (90) days. The issuing magistrate
22 may grant extensions of such period upon a showing of good cause in
23 furtherance of the investigation. Upon the expiration of ninety
24 (90) days and any extensions granted by the magistrate, a copy of

1 the application and order shall be served upon the person or entity
2 whose records were examined, along with a copy of the records or
3 information actually provided by the Tax Commission;

4 ~~27.~~ 26. The disclosure of information, as prescribed by this
5 paragraph, which is related to the proposed or actual usage of tax
6 credits pursuant to Section 2357.7 of this title, the Small Business
7 Capital Formation Incentive Act or the Rural Venture Capital
8 Formation Incentive Act. Unless the context clearly requires
9 otherwise, the terms used in this paragraph shall have the same
10 meaning as defined by Section 2357.7, 2357.61 or 2357.72 of this
11 title. The disclosure of information authorized by this paragraph
12 shall include:

- 13 a. the legal name of any qualified venture capital
14 company, qualified small business capital company~~7~~ or
15 qualified rural small business capital company,
- 16 b. the identity or legal name of any person or entity
17 that is a shareholder or partner of a qualified
18 venture capital company, qualified small business
19 capital company~~7~~ or qualified rural small business
20 capital company,
- 21 c. the identity or legal name of any Oklahoma business
22 venture, Oklahoma small business venture~~7~~ or Oklahoma
23 rural small business venture in which a qualified
24 investment has been made by a capital company, or
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1 d. the amount of funds invested in a qualified venture
2 capital company, the amount of qualified investments
3 in a qualified small business capital company or
4 qualified rural small business capital company and the
5 amount of investments made by a qualified venture
6 capital company, qualified small business capital
7 company, or qualified rural small business capital
8 company;

9 ~~28.~~ 27. The disclosure of specific information as required by
10 Section 46 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

11 ~~29.~~ 28. The disclosure of specific information as required by
12 Section 205.5 of this title;

13 ~~30.~~ 29. The disclosure of specific information as required by
14 Section 205.6 of this title;

15 ~~31.~~ 30. The disclosure of information to the State Treasurer
16 necessary to implement Section 2368.27 of this title; ~~or~~

17 ~~32.~~ 31. The disclosure of specific information to the Oklahoma
18 Health Care Authority for purposes of determining eligibility for
19 current or potential recipients of assistance from the Oklahoma
20 Medicaid Program; or

21 32. The disclosure of information to the Oklahoma Department of
22 Veterans Affairs including but not limited to the name and basis for
23 eligibility of each individual who qualifies for the sales tax
24 exemption authorized in paragraph 34 of Section 1357 of this title.

1 D. The Tax Commission shall cause to be prepared and made
2 available for public inspection in the office of the Tax Commission
3 in such manner as it may determine an annual list containing the
4 name and post office address of each person, whether individual,
5 corporate, or otherwise, making and filing an income tax return with
6 the Tax Commission.

7 It is specifically provided that no liability whatsoever, civil
8 or criminal, shall attach to any member of the Tax Commission or any
9 employee thereof for any error or omission of any name or address in
10 the preparation and publication of the list.

11 E. The Tax Commission shall prepare or cause to be prepared a
12 report on all provisions of state tax law that reduce state revenue
13 through exclusions, deductions, credits, exemptions, deferrals or
14 other preferential tax treatments. The report shall be prepared not
15 later than October 1 of each even-numbered year and shall be
16 submitted to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
17 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Tax Commission
18 may prepare and submit supplements to the report at other times of
19 the year if additional or updated information relevant to the report
20 becomes available. The report shall include, for the previous
21 fiscal year, the Tax Commission's best estimate of the amount of
22 state revenue that would have been collected but for the existence
23 of each such exclusion, deduction, credit, exemption, deferral or
24 other preferential tax treatment allowed by law. The Tax Commission

1 may request the assistance of other state agencies as may be needed
2 to prepare the report. The Tax Commission is authorized to require
3 any recipient of a tax incentive or tax expenditure to report to the
4 Tax Commission such information as requested so that the Tax
5 Commission may fulfill its obligations as required by this
6 subsection. The Tax Commission may require this information to be
7 submitted in an electronic format. The Tax Commission may disallow
8 any claim of a person for a tax incentive due to its failure to file
9 a report as required under the authority of this subsection.

10 F. It is further provided that the provisions of this section
11 shall be strictly interpreted and shall not be construed as
12 permitting the disclosure of any other information contained in the
13 records and files of the Tax Commission relating to income tax or to
14 any other taxes.

15 G. Unless otherwise provided for in this section, any violation
16 of the provisions of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and
17 shall be punishable by the imposition of a fine not exceeding One
18 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail
19 for a term not exceeding one (1) year, or by both such fine and
20 imprisonment, and the offender shall be removed or dismissed from
21 office.

22 H. Offenses described in Section 2376 of this title shall be
23 reported to the appropriate district attorney of this state by the
24 Tax Commission as soon as the offenses are discovered by the Tax

1 Commission or its agents or employees. The Tax Commission shall
2 make available to the appropriate district attorney or to the
3 authorized agent of the district attorney its records and files
4 pertinent to prosecutions, and such records and files shall be fully
5 admissible as evidence for the purpose of such prosecutions.

6 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 1357, as
7 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L. 2019 (68 O.S. Supp.
8 2020, Section 1357), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 1357. Exemptions - General.

10 There are hereby specifically exempted from the tax levied by
11 the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code:

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

14 2. Transportation of persons where the fare of each person does
15 not exceed One Dollar (\$1.00), or local transportation of persons
16 within the corporate limits of a municipality except by taxicabs;

17 3. Sales for resale to persons engaged in the business of
18 reselling the articles purchased, whether within or without the
19 state, provided that such sales to residents of this state are made
20 to persons to whom sales tax permits have been issued as provided in
21 the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code. This exemption shall not apply to the
22 sales of articles made to persons holding permits when such persons
23 purchase items for their use and which they are not regularly
24 engaged in the business of reselling; neither shall this exemption

1 apply to sales of tangible personal property to peddlers, solicitors
2 and other salespersons who do not have an established place of
3 business and a sales tax permit. The exemption provided by this
4 paragraph shall apply to sales of motor fuel or diesel fuel to a
5 Group Five vendor, but the use of such motor fuel or diesel fuel by
6 the Group Five vendor shall not be exempt from the tax levied by the
7 Oklahoma Sales Tax Code. The purchase of motor fuel or diesel fuel
8 is exempt from sales tax when the motor fuel is for shipment outside
9 this state and consumed by a common carrier by rail in the conduct
10 of its business. The sales tax shall apply to the purchase of motor
11 fuel or diesel fuel in Oklahoma by a common carrier by rail when
12 such motor fuel is purchased for fueling, within this state, of any
13 locomotive or other motorized flanged wheel equipment;

14 4. Sales of advertising space in newspapers and periodicals;

15 5. Sales of programs relating to sporting and entertainment
16 events, and sales of advertising on billboards (including signage,
17 posters, panels, marquees, or on other similar surfaces, whether
18 indoors or outdoors) or in programs relating to sporting and
19 entertainment events, and sales of any advertising, to be displayed
20 at or in connection with a sporting event, via the Internet,
21 electronic display devices, or through public address or broadcast
22 systems. The exemption authorized by this paragraph shall be
23 effective for all sales made on or after January 1, 2001;
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1 6. Sales of any advertising, other than the advertising
2 described by paragraph 5 of this section, via the Internet,
3 electronic display devices, or through the electronic media,
4 including radio, public address or broadcast systems, television
5 (whether through closed circuit broadcasting systems or otherwise),
6 and cable and satellite television, and the servicing of any
7 advertising devices;

8 7. Eggs, feed, supplies, machinery and equipment purchased by
9 persons regularly engaged in the business of raising worms, fish,
10 any insect or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic animal life
11 and used for the purpose of raising same for marketing. This
12 exemption shall only be granted and extended to the purchaser when
13 the items are to be used and in fact are used in the raising of
14 animal life as set out above. Each purchaser shall certify, in
15 writing, on the invoice or sales ticket retained by the vendor that
16 the purchaser is regularly engaged in the business of raising such
17 animal life and that the items purchased will be used only in such
18 business. The vendor shall certify to the Oklahoma Tax Commission
19 that the price of the items has been reduced to grant the full
20 benefit of the exemption. Violation hereof by the purchaser or
21 vendor shall be a misdemeanor;

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

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

8 10. Transfers of title or possession of empty, partially
9 filled, or filled returnable oil and chemical drums to any person
10 who is not regularly engaged in the business of selling, reselling
11 or otherwise transferring empty, partially filled, or filled
12 returnable oil drums;

13 11. Sales of one-way utensils, paper napkins, paper cups,
14 disposable hot containers and other one-way carry out materials to a
15 vendor of meals or beverages;

16 12. Sales of food or food products for home consumption which
17 are purchased in whole or in part with coupons issued pursuant to
18 the federal food stamp program as authorized by Sections 2011
19 through 2029 of Title 7 of the United States Code, as to that
20 portion purchased with such coupons. The exemption provided for
21 such sales shall be inapplicable to such sales upon the effective
22 date of any federal law that removes the requirement of the
23 exemption as a condition for participation by the state in the
24 federal food stamp program;

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

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

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

17 14. a. Sales of tangible personal property or services to or
18 by organizations which are exempt from taxation
19 pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the
20 Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3),
21 and:

22 (1) are primarily involved in the collection and
23 distribution of food and other household products
24 to other organizations that facilitate the
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1 distribution of such products to the needy and
2 such distributee organizations are exempt from
3 taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section
4 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26
5 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), or

6 (2) facilitate the distribution of such products to
7 the needy.

8 b. Sales made in the course of business for profit or
9 savings, competing with other persons engaged in the
10 same or similar business shall not be exempt under
11 this paragraph;

12 15. Sales of tangible personal property or services to
13 children's homes which are located on church-owned property and are
14 operated by organizations exempt from taxation pursuant to the
15 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section
16 501(c)(3);

17 16. Sales of computers, data processing equipment, related
18 peripherals and telephone, telegraph or telecommunications service
19 and equipment for use in a qualified aircraft maintenance or
20 manufacturing facility. For purposes of this paragraph, "qualified
21 aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility" means a new or
22 expanding facility primarily engaged in aircraft repair, building or
23 rebuilding whether or not on a factory basis, whose total cost of
24 construction exceeds the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00)

1 and which employs at least two hundred fifty (250) new full-time-
2 equivalent employees, as certified by the Oklahoma Employment
3 Security Commission, upon completion of the facility. In order to
4 qualify for the exemption provided for by this paragraph, the cost
5 of the items purchased by the qualified aircraft maintenance or
6 manufacturing facility shall equal or exceed the sum of Two Million
7 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00);

8 17. Sales of tangible personal property consumed or
9 incorporated in the construction or expansion of a qualified
10 aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility as defined in
11 paragraph 16 of this section. For purposes of this paragraph, sales
12 made to a contractor or subcontractor that has previously entered
13 into a contractual relationship with a qualified aircraft
14 maintenance or manufacturing facility for construction or expansion
15 of such a facility shall be considered sales made to a qualified
16 aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility;

17 18. Sales of the following telecommunications services:

- 18 a. Interstate and International "800 service". "800
19 service" means a "telecommunications service" that
20 allows a caller to dial a toll-free number without
21 incurring a charge for the call. The service is
22 typically marketed under the name "800", "855", "866",
23 "877"~~7~~ and "888" toll-free calling, and any subsequent
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1 numbers designated by the Federal Communications
2 Commission, or

3 b. Interstate and International "900 service". "900
4 service" means an inbound toll "telecommunications
5 service" purchased by a subscriber that allows the
6 subscriber's customers to call in to the subscriber's
7 prerecorded announcement or live service. "900
8 service" does not include the charge for: collection
9 services provided by the seller of the
10 "telecommunications services" to the subscriber, or
11 service or product sold by the subscriber to the
12 subscriber's customer. The service is typically
13 marketed under the name "900" service, and any
14 subsequent numbers designated by the Federal
15 Communications Commission,

16 c. Interstate and International "private communications
17 service". "Private communications service" means a
18 "telecommunications service" that entitles the
19 customer to exclusive or priority use of a
20 communications channel or group of channels between or
21 among termination points, regardless of the manner in
22 which such channel or channels are connected, and
23 includes switching capacity, extension lines,
24 stations, and any other associated services that are

1 provided in connection with the use of such channel or
2 channels,

3 d. "Value-added nonvoice data service". "Value-added
4 nonvoice data service" means a service that otherwise
5 meets the definition of "telecommunications services"
6 in which computer processing applications are used to
7 act on the form, content, code~~7~~ or protocol of the
8 information or data primarily for a purpose other than
9 transmission, conveyance or routing,

10 e. Interstate and International telecommunications
11 service which is:

12 (1) rendered by a company for private use within its
13 organization, or

14 (2) used, allocated~~7~~ or distributed by a company to
15 its affiliated group,

16 f. Regulatory assessments and charges, including charges
17 to fund the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund, the
18 Oklahoma Lifeline Fund and the Oklahoma High Cost
19 Fund, and

20 g. Telecommunications nonrecurring charges, including but
21 not limited to the installation, connection, change or
22 initiation of telecommunications services which are
23 not associated with a retail consumer sale;
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1 19. Sales of railroad track spikes manufactured and sold for
2 use in this state in the construction or repair of railroad tracks,
3 switches, sidings and turnouts;

4 20. Sales of aircraft and aircraft parts provided such sales
5 occur at a qualified aircraft maintenance facility. As used in this
6 paragraph, "qualified aircraft maintenance facility" means a
7 facility operated by an air common carrier, including one or more
8 component overhaul support buildings or structures in an area owned,
9 leased or controlled by the air common carrier, at which there were
10 employed at least two thousand (2,000) full-time-equivalent
11 employees in the preceding year as certified by the Oklahoma
12 Employment Security Commission and which is primarily related to the
13 fabrication, repair, alteration, modification, refurbishing,
14 maintenance, building or rebuilding of commercial aircraft or
15 aircraft parts used in air common carriage. For purposes of this
16 paragraph, "air common carrier" shall also include members of an
17 affiliated group as defined by Section 1504 of the Internal Revenue
18 Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 1504. Beginning July 1, 2012, sales of
19 machinery, tools, supplies, equipment and related tangible personal
20 property and services used or consumed in the repair, remodeling or
21 maintenance of aircraft, aircraft engines, or aircraft component
22 parts which occur at a qualified aircraft maintenance facility;

1 21. Sales of machinery and equipment purchased and used by
2 persons and establishments primarily engaged in computer services
3 and data processing:

- 4 a. as defined under Industrial Group Numbers 7372 and
5 7373 of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)
6 Manual, latest version, which derive at least fifty
7 percent (50%) of their annual gross revenues from the
8 sale of a product or service to an out-of-state buyer
9 or consumer, and
- 10 b. as defined under Industrial Group Number 7374 of the
11 SIC Manual, latest version, which derive at least
12 eighty percent (80%) of their annual gross revenues
13 from the sale of a product or service to an out-of-
14 state buyer or consumer.

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

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

4 23. Sales of tangible personal property or services to a motion
5 picture or television production company to be used or consumed in
6 connection with an eligible production. For purposes of this
7 paragraph, "eligible production" means a documentary, special, music
8 video, or a television commercial or television program that will
9 serve as a pilot for or be a segment of an ongoing dramatic or
10 situation comedy series filmed or taped for network or national or
11 regional syndication or a feature-length motion picture intended for
12 theatrical release or for network or national or regional
13 syndication or broadcast. The provisions of this paragraph shall
14 apply to sales occurring on or after July 1, 1996. In order to
15 qualify for the exemption, the motion picture or television
16 production company shall file any documentation and information
17 required to be submitted pursuant to rules promulgated by the Tax
18 Commission;

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

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

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

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

11 28. Beginning July 1, 2005, sales of aircraft engine repairs,
12 modification, and replacement parts, sales of aircraft frame repairs
13 and modification, aircraft interior modification, and paint, and
14 sales of services employed in the repair, modification and
15 replacement of parts of aircraft engines, aircraft frame and
16 interior repair and modification, and paint;

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

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

1 30. Sales of tangible personal property made at estate sales at
2 which such property is offered for sale on the premises of the
3 former residence of the decedent by a person who is not required to
4 be licensed pursuant to the Transient Merchant Licensing Act, or who
5 is not otherwise required to obtain a sales tax permit for the sale
6 of such property pursuant to the provisions of Section 1364 of this
7 title; provided:

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

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

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

33. 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;

34. Sales of tangible personal property or services to:

a. persons who are residents of Oklahoma and have been honorably discharged from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or Oklahoma National Guard and who have been certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor to be in receipt of disability compensation at the one-hundred-percent rate and the disability shall be permanent and have been sustained through military action or accident or resulting from disease contracted while in such active service and registered with the veterans registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that if the

1 veteran received the sales tax exemption prior to
2 November 1, 2020, he or she shall be required to
3 register with the veterans registry prior to July 1,
4 2023, in order to remain qualified, or

5 b. the surviving spouse of ~~such~~ the person in
6 subparagraph a of this paragraph if the person is
7 deceased and the spouse has not remarried; ~~provided,~~
8 ~~sales.~~ Sales for the benefit of ~~the~~ an eligible
9 person to a spouse of the eligible person or to a
10 member of the household in which the eligible person
11 resides and who is authorized to make purchases on the
12 person's behalf, when such eligible person is not
13 present at the sale, shall also be exempt for purposes
14 of this paragraph. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall
15 issue a separate exemption card to a spouse of an
16 eligible person or to a member of the household in
17 which the eligible person resides who is authorized to
18 make purchases on the person's behalf, if requested by
19 the eligible person. Sales qualifying for the
20 exemption authorized by this paragraph shall not
21 exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per
22 year per individual while the disabled veteran is
23 living. Sales qualifying for the exemption authorized
24 by this paragraph shall not exceed One Thousand

Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year for an unremarried surviving spouse. Upon request of the Tax Commission, a person asserting or claiming the exemption authorized by this paragraph shall provide a statement, executed under oath, that the total sales amounts for which the exemption is applicable have not exceeded Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year per living disabled veteran or One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year for an unremarried surviving spouse. If the amount of such exempt sales exceeds such amount, the sales tax in excess of the authorized amount shall be treated as a direct sales tax liability and may be recovered by the Tax Commission in the same manner provided by law for other taxes, including penalty and interest. The Tax Commission shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this paragraph, which shall include rules providing for the disclosure of information about persons eligible for the exemption authorized in this paragraph to the Oklahoma Department of Veteran's Affairs, as authorized in Section 205 of this title;

35. Sales of electricity to the operator, specifically designated by the Corporation Commission, of a spacing unit or lease

1 from which oil is produced or attempted to be produced using
2 enhanced recovery methods, including, but not limited to, increased
3 pressure in a producing formation through the use of water or
4 saltwater if the electrical usage is associated with and necessary
5 for the operation of equipment required to inject or circulate
6 fluids in a producing formation for the purpose of forcing oil or
7 petroleum into a wellbore for eventual recovery and production from
8 the wellhead. In order to be eligible for the sales tax exemption
9 authorized by this paragraph, the total content of oil recovered
10 after the use of enhanced recovery methods shall not exceed one
11 percent (1%) by volume. The exemption authorized by this paragraph
12 shall be applicable only to the state sales tax rate and shall not
13 be applicable to any county or municipal sales tax rate;

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

23 37. Sales of vitamins, minerals and dietary supplements by a
24 licensed chiropractor to a person who is the patient of such
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1 chiropractor at the physical location where the chiropractor
2 provides chiropractic care or services to such patient. The
3 provisions of this paragraph shall not be applicable to any drug,
4 medicine or substance for which a prescription by a licensed
5 physician is required;

6 38. Sales of goods, wares, merchandise, tangible personal
7 property, machinery and equipment to a web search portal located in
8 this state which derives at least eighty percent (80%) of its annual
9 gross revenue from the sale of a product or service to an out-of-
10 state buyer or consumer. For purposes of this paragraph, "web
11 search portal" means an establishment classified under NAICS code
12 519130 which operates websites that use a search engine to generate
13 and maintain extensive databases of Internet addresses and content
14 in an easily searchable format;

15 39. Sales of tangible personal property consumed or
16 incorporated in the construction or expansion of a facility for a
17 corporation organized under Section 437 et seq. of Title 18 of the
18 Oklahoma Statutes as a rural electric cooperative. For purposes of
19 this paragraph, sales made to a contractor or subcontractor that has
20 previously entered into a contractual relationship with a rural
21 electric cooperative for construction or expansion of a facility
22 shall be considered sales made to a rural electric cooperative;

23 40. Sales of tangible personal property or services to a
24 business primarily engaged in the repair of consumer electronic
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1 goods, including, but not limited to, cell phones, compact disc
2 players, personal computers, MP3 players, digital devices for the
3 storage and retrieval of information through hard-wired or wireless
4 computer or Internet connections, if the devices are sold to the
5 business by the original manufacturer of such devices and the
6 devices are repaired, refitted or refurbished for sale by the entity
7 qualifying for the exemption authorized by this paragraph directly
8 to retail consumers or if the devices are sold to another business
9 entity for sale to retail consumers;

10 41. On or after July 1, 2019, and prior to July 1, 2024, sales
11 or leases of rolling stock when sold or leased by the manufacturer,
12 regardless of whether the purchaser is a public services corporation
13 engaged in business as a common carrier of property or passengers by
14 railway, for use or consumption by a common carrier directly in the
15 rendition of public service. For purposes of this paragraph,
16 "rolling stock" means locomotives, autocars and railroad cars and
17 "sales or leases" includes railroad car maintenance and retrofitting
18 of railroad cars for their further use only on the railways; and

19 42. Sales of gold, silver, platinum, palladium or other bullion
20 items such as coins and bars and legal tender of any nation, which
21 legal tender is sold according to its value as precious metal or as
22 an investment. As used in the paragraph, "bullion" means any
23 precious metal, including, but not limited to, gold, silver,
24 platinum and palladium, that is in such a state or condition that

1 its value depends upon its precious metal content and not its form.
2 The exemption authorized by this paragraph shall not apply to
3 fabricated metals that have been processed or manufactured for
4 artistic use or as jewelry.

5 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 229, O.S.L.
6 2017, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2019 (72
7 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 421), is amended to read as follows:

8 Section 421. A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs
9 shall create and maintain a registry of all veterans in this state
10 by January 1, 2020, which shall be titled the "Oklahoma Veterans
11 Registry". The registry shall include the following information
12 regarding the veteran:

- 13 1. Name;
- 14 2. Military rank and branch of service;
- 15 3. Dates of service;
- 16 4. Percentage of service-connected disability, if applicable;
- 17 5. Date of death and place of interment, if applicable; and
- 18 6. Name of the veteran's spouse, if applicable.

19 B. As a component of the veterans registry created pursuant to
20 subsection A of this section, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
21 Affairs shall designate those veterans within the registry as one
22 hundred percent (100%) service-disabled Oklahoma veterans, if
23 applicable. The registry designation shall also be maintained as a
24 separate list within the registry for all one hundred percent (100%)

1 service-disabled Oklahoma veterans. The Department shall be
2 responsible for verification of all information provided through the
3 registry and shall verify veteran service disability status at least
4 once every four (4) years or upon request of the Oklahoma Tax
5 Commission, as needed to verify eligibility for the sales tax
6 exemption authorized in paragraph 34 of Section 1357 of Title 68 of
7 the Oklahoma Statutes.

8 C. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs may promulgate
9 rules for implementing the provisions of this section.

10 D. For purposes of this section, "veteran" shall have the same
11 meaning as specified in Section 2 of this title.

12 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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