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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to sales tax; amending 68 O.S. 2021, Section 1359, which relates to manufacturing exemptions; deleting construction exemption; repealing 68 O.S. 2021, Section 1359.1, which relates to administration of exemption; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 1359, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1359. Exemptions - Manufacturing.

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

1. Sales of goods, wares, merchandise, tangible personal property, machinery, and equipment to a manufacturer for use in a manufacturing operation. Goods, wares, merchandise, property, machinery, and equipment used in a nonmanufacturing activity or process as set forth in paragraph 14 of Section 1352 of this title shall not be eligible for the exemption provided for in this

1 subsection by virtue of the activity or process being performed in
2 conjunction with or integrated into a manufacturing operation.

3 For the purposes of this paragraph, sales made to any person,
4 firm or entity that has entered into a contractual relationship for
5 the construction and improvement of manufacturing goods, wares,
6 merchandise, property, machinery, and equipment for use in a
7 manufacturing operation shall be considered sales made to a
8 manufacturer which is defined or classified in the North American
9 Industry Classification System (NAICS) Manual under Industry Group
10 No. 324110. Such purchase shall be evidenced by a copy of the sales
11 ticket or invoice to be retained by the vendor indicating that the
12 purchases are made for and on behalf of such manufacturer and set
13 out the name of such manufacturer as well as include a copy of the
14 Manufacturing Exemption Permit of the manufacturer. Any person who
15 wrongfully or erroneously certifies that purchases are being made on
16 behalf of such manufacturer or who otherwise violates this paragraph
17 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall
18 be fined an amount equal to double the amount of sales tax involved
19 or incarcerated for not more than sixty (60) days or both;

20 2. Ethyl alcohol when sold and used for the purpose of blending
21 same with motor fuel on which motor fuel tax is levied by Section
22 500.4 of this title;

23 3. Sales of containers when sold to a person regularly engaged
24 in the business of reselling empty or filled containers or when

1 purchased for the purpose of packaging raw products of farm, garden,
2 or orchard for resale to the consumer or processor. This exemption
3 shall not apply to the sale of any containers used more than once
4 and which are ordinarily known as returnable containers, except
5 returnable soft drink bottles and the cartons, crates, pallets, and
6 containers used to transport returnable soft drink bottles. Each
7 and every transfer of title or possession of such returnable
8 containers in this state to any person who is not regularly engaged
9 in the business of selling, reselling, or otherwise transferring
10 empty or filled containers shall be taxable under this Code.

11 Additionally, this exemption shall not apply to the sale of labels
12 or other materials delivered along with items sold but which are not
13 necessary or absolutely essential to the sale of the sold
14 merchandise;

15 4. Sales of or transfers of title to or possession of any
16 containers, after June 30, 1987, used or to be used more than once
17 and which are ordinarily known as returnable containers and which do
18 or will contain beverages defined by paragraphs 4 and 14 of Section
19 506 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or water for human
20 consumption and the cartons, crates, pallets, and containers used to
21 transport such returnable containers;

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

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

12 ~~7. Except as otherwise provided by subsection I of Section 3658~~
13 ~~of this title pursuant to which the exemption authorized by this~~
14 ~~paragraph may not be claimed, sales of tangible personal property to~~
15 ~~a qualified manufacturer or distributor to be consumed or~~
16 ~~incorporated in a new manufacturing or distribution facility or to~~
17 ~~expand an existing manufacturing or distribution facility. For~~
18 ~~purposes of this paragraph, sales made to a contractor or~~
19 ~~subcontractor that has previously entered into a contractual~~
20 ~~relationship with a qualified manufacturer or distributor for~~
21 ~~construction or expansion of a manufacturing or distribution~~
22 ~~facility shall be considered sales made to a qualified manufacturer~~
23 ~~or distributor. For the purposes of this paragraph, "qualified~~
24 ~~manufacturer or distributor" means:~~

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

10 ~~b. any manufacturing enterprise whose total cost of~~
11 ~~construction of a new or expanded facility exceeds the~~
12 ~~sum of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) and the~~
13 ~~combined cost of construction material, machinery,~~
14 ~~equipment and other tangible personal property exempt~~
15 ~~from sales tax under the provisions of this paragraph~~
16 ~~exceeds the sum of Fifty Million Dollars~~
17 ~~(\$50,000,000.00) and in which at least seventy-five~~
18 ~~(75) new full-time equivalent employees, as certified~~
19 ~~by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, are~~
20 ~~added and maintained for a period of at least thirty-~~
21 ~~six (36) months as a direct result of the new or~~
22 ~~expanded facility,~~

23 ~~c. any manufacturing enterprise whose total cost of~~
24 ~~construction of an expanded facility exceeds the sum~~

~~of Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) and
in which the manufacturer has and maintains an average
employment level of at least one thousand seven
hundred fifty (1,750) full-time equivalent employees,
as certified by the Employment Security Commission, or
d. any enterprise primarily engaged in the general
wholesale distribution of groceries defined or
classified in the North American Industry
Classification System (NAICS) Manual under Industry
Groups No. 4244 and 4245 and which has at least
seventy five percent (75%) of its total sales to in-
state customers or buyers and whose total cost of
construction of a new or expanded facility exceeds the
sum of Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) with
such construction commencing on or after July 1, 2005,
and before December 31, 2005, and which at least fifty
new full-time equivalent employees, as certified by
the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, are added
and maintained for a period of at least thirty six
(36) months as a direct result of the new or expanded
facility.~~

~~For purposes of this paragraph, the total cost of construction
shall include building and construction material and engineering and
architectural fees or charges directly associated with the~~

~~construction of a new or expanded facility. The total cost of construction shall not include attorney fees. For purposes of subparagraph c of this paragraph, the total cost of construction shall also include the cost of qualified depreciable property as defined in Section 2357.4 of this title and labor services performed in the construction of an expanded facility. For the purpose of subparagraph d of this paragraph, the total cost of construction shall also include the cost of all parking, security and dock structures or facilities necessary to manage, process or secure vehicles used to receive and/or distribute groceries through such a facility. The employment requirement of this paragraph can be satisfied by the employment of a portion of the required number of new full-time equivalent employees at a manufacturing or distribution facility that is related to or supported by the new or expanded manufacturing or distribution facility as long as both facilities are owned by one person or business entity. For purposes of this section, "manufacturing facility" shall mean building and land improvements used in manufacturing as defined in Section 1352 of this title and shall also mean building and land improvements used for the purpose of packing, repackaging, labeling or assembling for distribution to market, products at least seventy percent (70%) of which are made in Oklahoma by the same company but at an off-site, in-state manufacturing or distribution facility or facilities. It shall not include a retail outlet unless the retail outlet is~~

1 ~~operated in conjunction with and on the same site or premises as the~~
2 ~~manufacturing facility. Up to ten percent (10%) of the square feet~~
3 ~~of a manufacturing or distribution facility building may be devoted~~
4 ~~to office space used to provide clerical support for the~~
5 ~~manufacturing operation. Such ten percent (10%) may be in a~~
6 ~~separate building as long as it is part of the same contiguous tract~~
7 ~~of property on which the manufacturing or distribution facility is~~
8 ~~located. Only sales of tangible personal property made after June~~
9 ~~1, 1988, shall be eligible for the exemption provided by this~~
10 ~~paragraph. The exemption authorized pursuant to subparagraph d of~~
11 ~~this paragraph shall only become effective when the governing body~~
12 ~~of the municipality in which the enterprise is located approves a~~
13 ~~resolution expressing the municipality's support for the~~
14 ~~construction for such new or expanded facility. Upon approval by~~
15 ~~the municipality, the municipality shall forward a copy of such~~
16 ~~resolution to the Oklahoma Tax Commission;~~

17 ~~8.~~ Sales of tangible personal property purchased and used by a
18 licensed radio or television station in broadcasting. This
19 exemption shall not apply unless such machinery and equipment is
20 used directly in the manufacturing process, is necessary for the
21 proper production of a broadcast signal or is such that the failure
22 of the machinery or equipment to operate would cause broadcasting to
23 cease. This exemption begins with the equipment used in producing
24 live programming or the electronic equipment directly behind the

1 satellite receiving dish or antenna, and ends with the transmission
2 of the broadcast signal from the broadcast antenna system. For
3 purposes of this paragraph, "proper production" shall include, but
4 not be limited to, machinery or equipment required by Federal
5 Communications Commission rules and regulations;

6 ~~9.~~ 8. Sales of tangible personal property purchased or used by
7 a licensed cable television operator in cablecasting. This
8 exemption shall not apply unless such machinery and equipment is
9 used directly in the manufacturing process, is necessary for the
10 proper production of a cablecast signal, or is such that the failure
11 of the machinery or equipment to operate would cause cablecasting to
12 cease. This exemption begins with the equipment used in producing
13 local programming or the electronic equipment behind the satellite
14 receiving dish, microwave tower, or antenna, and ends with the
15 transmission of the signal from the cablecast head-end system. For
16 purposes of this paragraph, "proper production" shall include, but
17 not be limited to, machinery or equipment required by Federal
18 Communications Commission rules and regulations;

19 ~~10.~~ 9. Sales of packaging materials for use in packing,
20 shipping, or delivering tangible personal property for sale when
21 sold to a producer of agricultural products. This exemption shall
22 not apply to the sale of any packaging material which is ordinarily
23 known as a returnable container;

~~11.~~ 10. Sales of any pattern used in the process of manufacturing iron, steel, or other metal castings. The exemption provided by this paragraph shall be applicable irrespective of ownership of the pattern provided that such pattern is used in the commercial production of metal castings;

~~12.~~ 11. Deposits or other charges made and which are subsequently refunded for returnable cartons, crates, pallets, and containers used to transport cement and cement products;

~~13.~~ 12. Beginning January 1, 1998, machinery, electricity, fuels, explosives, and materials, excluding chemicals, used in the mining of coal in this state;

~~14.~~ 13. Deposits, rent, or other charges made for returnable cartons, crates, pallets, and containers used to transport mushrooms or mushroom products from a farm for resale to the consumer or processor;

~~15.~~ 14. Sales of tangible personal property and services used or consumed in all phases of the extraction and manufacturing of crushed stone and sand, including but not limited to site preparation, dredging, overburden removal, explosive placement and detonation, onsite material hauling and/or transfer, material washing, screening and/or crushing, product weighing, and site reclamation; and

~~16.~~ 15. Sale, use, or consumption of paper stock and other raw materials which are manufactured into commercial printed material in

1 this state primarily for use and delivery outside this state. For
2 the purposes of this section, "commercial printed material" shall
3 include magazines, catalogs, retail inserts, and direct mail.

4 SECTION 2. REPEALER 68 O.S. 2021, Section 1359.1, is
5 hereby repealed.

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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