

2018 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAY MORRIS

TAX/SALES-USE-EXEMPT: Removes the July 1, 2018, sunset date with respect to the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions from state sales and use tax making the effectiveness of the exclusions and exemptions permanent (Item #7)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302(X)(introductory paragraph), relative to state sales and use  
3 tax; to provide for the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions; to provide  
4 for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 47:302(X) (introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and reenacted  
7 to read as follows:

8 §302. Imposition of tax

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10 X. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including but  
11 not limited to any contrary provisions of this Chapter, ~~for the period beginning April~~  
12 ~~1, 2016, through July 1, 2018,~~ there shall be no ~~exclusions and exemptions, and no~~  
13 exclusions as defined in R.S. 47:301, to the tax levied pursuant to the provisions of  
14 this Section except for exemptions and exclusions for sales or purchases of the  
15 following items and for those items enumerated in Subsection AA of this Section:

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17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2018; if vetoed by the governor  
18 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
19 2018, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes the July 1, 2018, sunset provision with respect to the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions effective for the 2% state sales and use tax making the effectiveness of the exclusions and exemptions permanent.

Present law imposes a 2% state sales and use tax upon the sale, use, lease, or rental of tangible personal property and certain services occurring in this state.

Present law, for the period from April 1, 2016, through July 1, 2018, restricts the applicability of various exclusions and exemptions against that tax to the following:

- (1) Food for home consumption, as defined in R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(n) through (r) on Jan. 1, 2003. (La. Const. Art. 7 §2.2)
- (2) Natural gas. (La. Const. Art. 7 §2.2)
- (3) Electricity. (La. Const. Art. 7 §2.2)
- (4) Water. (La. Const. Art. 7 §2.2)
- (5) Prescription drugs. (La. Const. Art. 7 §2.2)
- (6) Gasoline and other motor fuels subject to the state excise tax on fuel. (La. Const. Art. 7 §29)
- (7) Sales to the U.S. government and its agencies. (R.S. 47:301(10)(g))
- (8) Sales of raw agricultural products. (R.S. 47:301(10)(e) and 305(A)(3))
- (9) Lease or rentals of railroad rolling stock (R.S. 47:301(4)(k)), piggyback trailers (R.S. 47:305.45), and certain trucks and trailers in interstate commerce. (R.S. 47:305.50(A) and (B))
- (10) Tangible personal property for resale. (R.S. 47:301(10)(a)(i))
- (11) Feed and feed additives for animals held for business purposes. (R.S. 47:305(A)(4))
- (12) Farm products produced and used by farmers. (R.S. 47:305(B))
- (13) Sales of fertilizers and containers to farmers. (R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(f))
- (14) Sales of seeds for planting crops. (R.S. 47:305.3)
- (15) Sales of pesticides for agricultural purposes. (R.S. 47:305.8)
- (16) Purchases, use, and lease of manufacturing machinery and equipment. (R.S. 47:301(3)(i)(i), (13)(k), and (28)(a))
- (17) Sales of materials for further processing. (R.S. 47:301(10)(c)(i)(aa))

- (18) Sale of 50-ton vessels and new component parts and sales of certain materials and services to vessels operating in interstate commerce. (R.S. 47:305.1(A) and (B))
- (19) La. Tax Free Shopping Program for international visitors. (R.S. 51:1301)
- (20) Sales of farm equipment used in poultry production. (R.S. 47:301(13)(c))
- (21) Sales of pharmaceuticals administered to livestock for agricultural purposes. (R.S. 47:301(16)(f))
- (22) Sales of livestock, poultry, and other farm products and sales at public livestock auctions. (R.S. 47:305(A)(1) and (2))
- (23) Materials used in the production of crawfish and catfish. (R.S. 47:305(A)(5) and (6))
- (24) First \$50,000 of farm equipment purchases. (R.S. 47:305.25)
- (25) Fuel used on the farm. (R.S. 47:305.37)
- (26) Taxation of electrical cooperatives. (R.S. 12:425)
- (27) Overhaul of naval vessels. (R.S. 47:301(7)(c) and (14)(h))
- (28) Purchases by state and local governments. (R.S. 47:301(8)(c))
- (29) Transactions in interstate commerce and tangible personal property imported into this state, or produced or manufactured in this state, for export. (R.S. 47:305(E))
- (30) Parish councils on aging. (R.S. 47:305.66)
- (31) Articles traded in on purchases of tangible personal property. (R.S. 47:301(13)(a))
- (32) A factory-built home. (R. S. 47:301(16)(g))

Proposed law changes present law by making permanent those restrictions on exclusions and exemptions applicable against the tax.

Present law, beginning July 1, 2016, provides for the applicability of specific exclusions and exemptions against the tax as follows:

- (1) Sales of room rentals by a camp or retreat facility owned by a nonprofit organization. (R.S. 47:301(6)(b))
- (2) Sales of room rentals by a homeless shelter. (R.S. 47:301(6)(c))
- (3) Sales, leases, and rentals of tangible personal property and sales of services necessary to operate free hospitals. (R.S. 47:301(7)(e), (10)(p), and (18)(c))
- (4) Sales, leases, or rentals of tangible personal property to Boys State of La., Inc. and Girls State of La., Inc. (R.S. 47:301(7)(g) and (10)(r))
- (5) Sales by nonprofit entities that sell donated goods. (R.S. 47:301(8)(f))
- (6) Isolated or occasional sales of tangible personal property. (R.S. 47:301(10)(c)(ii)(bb))
- (7) Sales of human tissue transplants. (R.S. 47:301(10)(d))

- (8) Sales of food items by a youth-serving organization chartered by the U. S. Congress. (R.S. 47:301(10)(h))
- (9) Sales and donations of tangible personal property by food banks. (R.S. 47:301(10)(j) and (18)(a)(i))
- (10) Sales or purchases of fire-fighting equipment by volunteer fire departments. (R.S. 47:301(10)(o))
- (11) Sales to, and leases, rentals, and use of educational materials and equipment used for classroom instruction by parochial and private elementary and secondary schools. (R.S. 47:301(7)(f), (10)(q)(ii), and (18)(e)(ii))
- (12) Sales by parochial and private elementary and secondary schools that comply with the court order from the Dodd Brumfield decision and federal law. (R.S. 47:301(10)(q)(i) and (18)(e)(i))
- (13) Sales, (R.S. 47:301(14)(b)(i)), but only of admissions to athletic and entertainment events held for or by an elementary or secondary school and membership fees or dues of nonprofit, civic associations.
- (14) Sales or use of materials used directly in the collection of blood. (R.S. 47:301(16)(j)).
- (15) Sales or use of apheresis kits and leukoreduction filters. (R.S. 47:301(16)(k))
- (16) Sales or use of orthotic devices, prosthetic devices, hearing aids, eyeglasses, contact lenses, and wheelchairs prescribed by physicians, optometrists, or licensed chiropractors used exclusively by the patient for personal use. (R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(k))
- (17) Sales or use of ostomy, colostomy, and ileostomy devices and equipment. (R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(l))
- (18) Sales or use of adaptive driving equipment and motor vehicle modifications prescribed for personal use. (R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(u))
- (19) Sales of meals by educational institutions, medical facilities, mental institutions, and occasional meals furnished by educational, religious, or medical organizations. (R. S. 47:305(D)(2))
- (20) Purchase or rental of kidney dialysis machines, parts, materials, and supplies for home use under a physician's prescription. (R.S. 47:305(G))
- (21) Sales of admissions to entertainment events by Little Theater organizations. (R.S. 47:305.6)
- (22) Sales of admissions to musical performances sponsored by nonprofit organizations. (R.S. 47:305.7)
- (23) Sales of admissions to entertainment events sponsored by domestic nonprofit charitable, religious, and educational organizations. (R.S. 47:305.13)
- (24) Sales of admissions, parking fees, and sales of tangible personal property at events sponsored by domestic, civic, educational, historical, charitable, fraternal, or religious nonprofit organizations. (R.S. 47:305.14(A)(1))
- (25) Sales of admissions and parking fees at fairs and festivals sponsored by nonprofit organizations. (R.S. 47:305.18)

- (26) Purchases of fishing vessels, supplies, fuels, lubricants, and repairs for the vessels of licensed commercial fishermen. (R.S. 47:305.20)
- (27) Sales of butane, propane, or other liquified petroleum gases for private, residential consumption. (R.S. 47:305.39)
- (28) Sales and purchases by certain organizations that provide training for blind persons. (R.S. 47:305.15)

Proposed law changes present law by making permanent those restrictions on exclusions and exemptions applicable against the tax.

Present law, beginning July 1, 2017, provides for the applicability of specific exclusions and exemptions against the tax as follows:

- (1) Surface preparation, painting, and coating fixed or rotary wing aircraft and certified transport category aircraft registered outside of this state. (R.S. 47:301(14)(g)(iv))
- (2) Purchases and leases by qualifying radiation therapy treatment centers. (R.S. 47:305.64)
- (3) Sales and purchases of medical devices used by patients under the supervision of a physician. (R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(s))

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Present law, beginning Oct. 1, 2017, provides for the applicability of specific exclusions and exemptions against the tax as follows:

- (1) Sales and purchases of platinum, gold, and silver bullion and numismatic coins. (R.S. 47:301(16)(b)(ii))
- (2) Sales and purchases of orthotic devices, prosthetic devices, restorative materials, and other dental devices. (R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(t))

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Effective July 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 47:302(X)(intro.para.))