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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2425

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-111, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO EXEMPT FROM SALES TAXATION RETAIL SALES OF FIREARMS,  
3 AMMUNITION, HUNTING SUPPLIES AND FISHING SUPPLIES WHEN SOLD DURING  
4 THE ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI SPORTSMAN WEEKEND BEGINNING AT 12:01 A.M.  
5 ON THE FIRST FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER AND ENDING AT 12:00 MIDNIGHT ON  
6 THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-65-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 27-65-111. The exemptions from the provisions of this  
11 chapter which are not industrial, agricultural or governmental, or  
12 which do not relate to utilities or taxes, or which are not  
13 properly classified as one (1) of the exemption classifications of  
14 this chapter, shall be confined to persons or property exempted by  
15 this section or by the Constitution of the United States or the  
16 State of Mississippi. No exemptions as now provided by any other  
17 section, except the classified exemption sections of this chapter  
18 set forth herein, shall be valid as against the tax herein levied.  
19 Any subsequent exemption from the tax levied hereunder, except as  
20 indicated above, shall be provided by amendments to this section.



21 No exemption provided in this section shall apply to taxes  
22 levied by Section 27-65-15 or 27-65-21, Mississippi Code of 1972.

23 The tax levied by this chapter shall not apply to the  
24 following:

25 (a) Sales of tangible personal property and services to  
26 hospitals or infirmaries owned and operated by a corporation or  
27 association in which no part of the net earnings inures to the  
28 benefit of any private shareholder, group or individual, and which  
29 are subject to and governed by Sections 41-7-123 through 41-7-127.

30 Only sales of tangible personal property or services which  
31 are ordinary and necessary to the operation of such hospitals and  
32 infirmaries are exempted from tax.

33 (b) Sales of daily or weekly newspapers, and  
34 periodicals or publications of scientific, literary or educational  
35 organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section  
36 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as it exists as of  
37 March 31, 1975, and subscription sales of all magazines.

38 (c) Sales of coffins, caskets and other materials used  
39 in the preparation of human bodies for burial.

40 (d) Sales of tangible personal property for immediate  
41 export to a foreign country.

42 (e) Sales of tangible personal property to an  
43 orphanage, old men's or ladies' home, supported wholly or in part  
44 by a religious denomination, fraternal nonprofit organization or  
45 other nonprofit organization.



46 (f) Sales of tangible personal property, labor or  
47 services taxable under Sections 27-65-17, 27-65-19 and 27-65-23,  
48 to a YMCA, YWCA, a Boys' or Girls' Club owned and operated by a  
49 corporation or association in which no part of the net earnings  
50 inures to the benefit of any private shareholder, group or  
51 individual.

52 (g) Sales to elementary and secondary grade schools,  
53 junior and senior colleges owned and operated by a corporation or  
54 association in which no part of the net earnings inures to the  
55 benefit of any private shareholder, group or individual, and which  
56 are exempt from state income taxation, provided that this  
57 exemption does not apply to sales of property or services which  
58 are not to be used in the ordinary operation of the school, or  
59 which are to be resold to the students or the public.

60 (h) The gross proceeds of retail sales and the use or  
61 consumption in this state of drugs and medicines:

62 (i) Prescribed for the treatment of a human being  
63 by a person authorized to prescribe the medicines, and dispensed  
64 or prescription filled by a registered pharmacist in accordance  
65 with law; or

66 (ii) Furnished by a licensed physician, surgeon,  
67 dentist or podiatrist to his own patient for treatment of the  
68 patient; or



69 (iii) Furnished by a hospital for treatment of any  
70 person pursuant to the order of a licensed physician, surgeon,  
71 dentist or podiatrist; or

72 (iv) Sold to a licensed physician, surgeon,  
73 podiatrist, dentist or hospital for the treatment of a human  
74 being; or

75 (v) Sold to this state or any political  
76 subdivision or municipal corporation thereof, for use in the  
77 treatment of a human being or furnished for the treatment of a  
78 human being by a medical facility or clinic maintained by this  
79 state or any political subdivision or municipal corporation  
80 thereof.

81 "Medicines," as used in this paragraph (h), shall mean and  
82 include any substance or preparation intended for use by external  
83 or internal application to the human body in the diagnosis, cure,  
84 mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease and which is  
85 commonly recognized as a substance or preparation intended for  
86 such use; provided that "medicines" do not include any auditory,  
87 prosthetic, ophthalmic or ocular device or appliance, any dentures  
88 or parts thereof or any artificial limbs or their replacement  
89 parts, articles which are in the nature of splints, bandages,  
90 pads, compresses, supports, dressings, instruments, apparatus,  
91 contrivances, appliances, devices or other mechanical, electronic,  
92 optical or physical equipment or article or the component parts



93 and accessories thereof, or any alcoholic beverage or any other  
94 drug or medicine not commonly referred to as a prescription drug.

95 Notwithstanding the preceding sentence of this paragraph (h),  
96 "medicines" as used in this paragraph (h), shall mean and include  
97 sutures, whether or not permanently implanted, bone screws, bone  
98 pins, pacemakers and other articles permanently implanted in the  
99 human body to assist the functioning of any natural organ, artery,  
100 vein or limb and which remain or dissolve in the body.

101 "Hospital," as used in this paragraph (h), shall have the  
102 meaning ascribed to it in Section 41-9-3, Mississippi Code of  
103 1972.

104 Insulin furnished by a registered pharmacist to a person for  
105 treatment of diabetes as directed by a physician shall be deemed  
106 to be dispensed on prescription within the meaning of this  
107 paragraph (h).

108 (i) Retail sales of automobiles, trucks and  
109 truck-tractors if exported from this state within forty-eight (48)  
110 hours and registered and first used in another state.

111 (j) Sales of tangible personal property or services to  
112 the Salvation Army and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc.

113 (k) From July 1, 1985, through December 31, 1992,  
114 retail sales of "alcohol blended fuel" as such term is defined in  
115 Section 75-55-5. The gasoline-alcohol blend or the straight  
116 alcohol eligible for this exemption shall not contain alcohol  
117 distilled outside the State of Mississippi.



118           (1) Sales of tangible personal property or services to  
119 the Institute for Technology Development.

120           (m) The gross proceeds of retail sales of food and  
121 drink for human consumption made through vending machines serviced  
122 by full line vendors from and not connected with other taxable  
123 businesses.

124           (n) The gross proceeds of sales of motor fuel.

125           (o) Retail sales of food for human consumption  
126 purchased with food stamps issued by the United States Department  
127 of Agriculture, or other federal agency, from and after October 1,  
128 1987, or from and after the expiration of any waiver granted  
129 pursuant to federal law, the effect of which waiver is to permit  
130 the collection by the state of tax on such retail sales of food  
131 for human consumption purchased with food stamps.

132           (p) Sales of cookies for human consumption by the Girl  
133 Scouts of America no part of the net earnings from which sales  
134 inures to the benefit of any private group or individual.

135           (q) Gifts or sales of tangible personal property or  
136 services to public or private nonprofit museums of art.

137           (r) Sales of tangible personal property or services to  
138 alumni associations of state-supported colleges or universities.

139           (s) Sales of tangible personal property or services to  
140 chapters of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc.



141           (t) Sales of tangible personal property or services to  
142 domestic violence shelters which qualify for state funding under  
143 Sections 93-21-101 through 93-21-113.

144           (u) Sales of tangible personal property or services to  
145 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mississippi Chapter.

146           (v) Retail sales of food for human consumption  
147 purchased with food instruments issued the Mississippi Band of  
148 Choctaw Indians under the Women, Infants and Children Program  
149 (WIC) funded by the United States Department of Agriculture.

150           (w) Sales of tangible personal property or services to  
151 a private company, as defined in Section 57-61-5, which is making  
152 such purchases with proceeds of bonds issued under Section 57-61-1  
153 et seq., the Mississippi Business Investment Act.

154           (x) The gross collections from the operation of  
155 self-service, coin-operated car washing equipment and sales of the  
156 service of washing motor vehicles with portable high-pressure  
157 washing equipment on the premises of the customer.

158           (y) Sales of tangible personal property or services to  
159 the Mississippi Technology Alliance.

160           (z) Sales of tangible personal property to nonprofit  
161 organizations that provide foster care, adoption services and  
162 temporary housing for unwed mothers and their children if the  
163 organization is exempt from federal income taxation under Section  
164 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



165           (aa) Sales of tangible personal property to nonprofit  
166 organizations that provide residential rehabilitation for persons  
167 with alcohol and drug dependencies if the organization is exempt  
168 from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the  
169 Internal Revenue Code.

170           (bb) Retail sales of an article of clothing or footwear  
171 designed to be worn on or about the human body if the sales price  
172 of the article is less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and the  
173 sale takes place during a period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the  
174 last Friday in July and ending at 12:00 midnight the following  
175 Saturday. This paragraph (bb) shall not apply to:

176                   (i) Accessories including jewelry, handbags,  
177 luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches, backpacks, briefcases,  
178 garment bags and similar items carried on or about the human body,  
179 without regard to whether worn on the body in a manner  
180 characteristic of clothing;

181                   (ii) The rental of clothing or footwear; and

182                   (iii) Skis, swim fins, roller blades, skates and  
183 similar items worn on the foot.

184           From and after January 1, 2010, the governing authorities of  
185 a municipality, for retail sales occurring within the corporate  
186 limits of the municipality, may suspend the application of the  
187 exemption provided for in this paragraph (bb) by adoption of a  
188 resolution to that effect stating the date upon which the  
189 suspension shall take effect. A certified copy of the resolution





190 shall be furnished to the Department of Revenue at least ninety  
191 (90) days prior to the date upon which the municipality desires  
192 such suspension to take effect.

193 (cc) The gross proceeds of sales of tangible personal  
194 property made for the sole purpose of raising funds for a school  
195 or an organization affiliated with a school.

196 As used in this paragraph (cc), "school" means any public or  
197 private school that teaches courses of instruction to students in  
198 any grade from Kindergarten through Grade 12.

199 (dd) Sales of durable medical equipment and home  
200 medical supplies when ordered or prescribed by a licensed  
201 physician for medical purposes of a patient, and when payment for  
202 the equipment or supplies is made, in part or in whole, on behalf  
203 of or for the benefit of an insured as a covered benefit under an  
204 insurance policy, contract or plan. As used in this paragraph  
205 (dd), "durable medical equipment" means equipment, including  
206 repair and replacement parts for the equipment, which:

207 (i) Can withstand repeated use;

208 (ii) Is primarily and customarily used to serve a  
209 medical purpose;

210 (iii) Generally is not useful to a person in the  
211 absence of illness or injury; and

212 (iv) Is not worn in or on the body.

213 (ee) Sales of tangible personal property or services to  
214 Mississippi Blood Services.



215           (ff) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (ff),  
216 retail sales of firearms, ammunition, hunting supplies and fishing  
217 supplies if sold during the annual Mississippi Sportsman Weekend  
218 which shall begin each year at 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in  
219 September and end at 12:00 midnight the following Sunday. For the  
220 purposes of this paragraph (ff), "firearms" means handguns, rifles  
221 and shotguns. For the purposes of this paragraph (ff), "hunting  
222 supplies" means tangible personal property used for hunting,  
223 including, but not limited to, accessories, bows, crossbows,  
224 arrows, hunting apparel, hunting footwear, bags, float tubes,  
225 binoculars, tools, firearm and archery cases, firearm and archery  
226 accessories, range finders, knives, decoys, tree stands, blinds,  
227 chairs, optics, hearing protection and enhancements, holsters,  
228 belts and slings. Hunting supplies does not include animals used  
229 for hunting, boats, motors or motor vehicles. For purposes of  
230 this paragraph (ff), "fishing supplies" means tangible personal  
231 property used in fishing, including, but not limited to, rods,  
232 reels, fishing apparel and fishing tackle. Fishing supplies does  
233 not include equipment used for commercial fishing, boats, motor or  
234 motor vehicles.

235           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
236 and after July 1, 2014.

