

By: Representative Shanks

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 970

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-111, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR
3 SALES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SERVICES TO THE
4 MISSISSIPPI'S TOUGHEST KIDS FOUNDATION FOR USE IN THE
5 CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF BUILDINGS AND RELATED
6 FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE AT CAMP KAMASSA IN COPIAH COUNTY,
7 MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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



Any subsequent exemption from the tax levied hereunder, except as indicated above, shall be provided by amendments to this section.

No exemption provided in this section shall apply to taxes levied by Section 27-65-15 or 27-65-21.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(e) Sales of tangible personal property to an orphanage, old men's or ladies' home, supported wholly or in part



by a religious denomination, fraternal nonprofit organization or other nonprofit organization.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

The exemption provided in this paragraph (h) shall not apply to medical cannabis sold in accordance with the provisions of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

"Hospital," as used in this paragraph (h), shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 41-9-3 * * *.

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

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

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

(k) From July 1, 1985, through December 31, 1992, retail sales of "alcohol-blended fuel" as such term is defined in



119 Section 75-55-5. The gasoline-alcohol blend or the straight
120 alcohol eligible for this exemption shall not contain alcohol
121 distilled outside the State of Mississippi.

122 (l) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
123 the Institute for Technology Development.

124 (m) The gross proceeds of retail sales of food and
125 drink for human consumption made through vending machines serviced
126 by full-line vendors from and not connected with other taxable
127 businesses.

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

129 (o) Retail sales of food for human consumption
130 purchased with food stamps issued by the United States Department
131 of Agriculture, or other federal agency, from and after October 1,
132 1987, or from and after the expiration of any waiver granted
133 pursuant to federal law, the effect of which waiver is to permit
134 the collection by the state of tax on such retail sales of food
135 for human consumption purchased with food stamps.

136 (p) Sales of cookies for human consumption by the Girl
137 Scouts of America if no part of the net earnings from * * * those
138 sales inures to the benefit of any private group or individual.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(z) Sales of tangible personal property to nonprofit organizations that provide foster care, adoption services and temporary housing for unwed mothers and their children if the



organization is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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

(ab) (i) Retail sales of an article of clothing or footwear designed to be worn on or about the human body and retail sales of school supplies if the sales price of the article of clothing or footwear or school supply is less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and the sale takes place during a period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the second Friday in July and ending at 12:00 midnight the following Sunday. This paragraph (ab) shall not apply to:

1. Accessories including jewelry, handbags, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches, briefcases, garment bags and similar items carried on or about the human body, without regard to whether worn on the body in a manner characteristic of clothing;

2. The rental of clothing or footwear; and

3. Skis, swim fins, roller blades, skates and similar items worn on the foot.



(ii) For purposes of this paragraph (ab), "school supplies" means items that are commonly used by a student in a course of study. The following is an all-inclusive list:

1. Backpacks;
2. Binder pockets;
3. Binders;
4. Blackboard chalk;
5. Book bags;
6. Calculators;
7. Cellophane tape;
8. Clays and glazes;
9. Compasses;
10. Composition books;
11. Crayons;
12. Dictionaries and thesauruses;
13. Dividers;
14. Erasers;
15. Folders: expandable, pocket, plastic and manila;
16. Glue, paste and paste sticks;
17. Highlighters;
18. Index card boxes;
19. Index cards;
20. Legal pads;
21. Lunch boxes;



- 216 22. Markers;
- 217 23. Notebooks;
- 218 24. Paintbrushes for artwork;
- 219 25. Paints: acrylic, tempera and oil;
- 220 26. Paper: loose-leaf ruled notebook paper,
- 221 copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored
- 222 paper, poster board and construction paper;
- 223 27. Pencil boxes and other school supply
- 224 boxes;
- 225 28. Pencil sharpeners;
- 226 29. Pencils;
- 227 30. Pens;
- 228 31. Protractors;
- 229 32. Reference books;
- 230 33. Reference maps and globes;
- 231 34. Rulers;
- 232 35. Scissors;
- 233 36. Sheet music;
- 234 37. Sketch and drawing pads;
- 235 38. Textbooks;
- 236 39. Watercolors;
- 237 40. Workbooks; and
- 238 41. Writing tablets.

239 (iii) From and after January 1, 2010, the

240 governing authorities of a municipality, for retail sales



241 occurring within the corporate limits of the municipality, may
242 suspend the application of the exemption provided for in this
243 paragraph (ab) by adoption of a resolution to that effect stating
244 the date upon which the suspension shall take effect. A certified
245 copy of the resolution shall be furnished to the Department of
246 Revenue at least ninety (90) days prior to the date upon which the
247 municipality desires such suspension to take effect.

248 (ac) The gross proceeds of sales of tangible personal
249 property made for the sole purpose of raising funds for a school
250 or an organization affiliated with a school.

251 As used in this paragraph (ac), "school" means any public or
252 private school that teaches courses of instruction to students in
253 any grade from kindergarten through Grade 12.

254 (ad) Sales of durable medical equipment and home
255 medical supplies when ordered or prescribed by a licensed
256 physician for medical purposes of a patient. As used in this
257 paragraph (ad), "durable medical equipment" and "home medical
258 supplies" mean equipment, including repair and replacement parts
259 for the equipment or supplies listed under Title XVIII of the
260 Social Security Act or under the state plan for medical assistance
261 under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, prosthetics,
262 orthotics, hearing aids, hearing devices, prescription eyeglasses,
263 oxygen and oxygen equipment. Payment does not have to be made, in
264 whole or in part, by any particular person to be eligible for this
265 exemption. Purchases of home medical equipment and supplies by a



provider of home health services or a provider of hospice services are eligible for this exemption if the purchases otherwise meet the requirements of this paragraph.

(ae) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Mississippi Blood Services.

(af) (i) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (af), retail sales of firearms, ammunition and hunting supplies if sold during the annual Mississippi Second Amendment Weekend holiday beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the last Friday in August and ending at 12:00 midnight the following Sunday. For the purposes of this paragraph (af), "hunting supplies" means tangible personal property used for hunting, including, and limited to, archery equipment, firearm and archery cases, firearm and archery accessories, hearing protection, holsters, belts and slings. Hunting supplies does not include animals used for hunting.

(ii) This paragraph (af) shall apply only if one or more of the following occur:

1. Title to and/or possession of an eligible item is transferred from a seller to a purchaser; and/or

2. A purchaser orders and pays for an eligible item and the seller accepts the order for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the time period provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (af), provided that the purchaser has not requested or caused the delay in shipment.



290 (ag) Sales of nonperishable food items to charitable
291 organizations that are exempt from federal income taxation under
292 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and operate a food
293 bank or food pantry or food lines.

294 (ah) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
295 the United Way of the Pine Belt Region, Inc.

296 (ai) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
297 the Mississippi Children's Museum or any subsidiary or affiliate
298 thereof operating a satellite or branch museum within this state.

299 (aj) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
300 the Jackson Zoological Park.

301 (ak) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
302 the Hattiesburg Zoo.

303 (al) Gross proceeds from sales of food, merchandise or
304 other concessions at an event held solely for religious or
305 charitable purposes at livestock facilities, agriculture
306 facilities or other facilities constructed, renovated or expanded
307 with funds for the grant program authorized under Section 18,
308 Chapter 530, Laws of 1995.

309 (am) Sales of tangible personal property and services
310 to the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi and the Mississippi
311 Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

312 (an) Sales of potting soil, mulch, or other soil
313 amendments used in growing ornamental plants which bear no fruit
314 of commercial value when sold to commercial plant nurseries that



315 operate exclusively at wholesale and where no retail sales can be
316 made.

317 (ao) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
318 the University of Mississippi Medical Center Research Development
319 Foundation.

320 (ap) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
321 Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc., and all affiliates of Keep
322 Mississippi Beautiful, Inc.

323 (aq) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
324 the Friends of Children's Hospital.

325 (ar) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
326 the Pinecrest Weekend Backpacks for Kids located in Corinth,
327 Mississippi.

328 (as) Sales of hearing aids when ordered or prescribed
329 by a licensed physician, audiologist or hearing aid specialist for
330 the medical purposes of a patient.

331 (at) Sales exempt under the Facilitating Business Rapid
332 Response to State Declared Disasters Act of 2015 (Sections
333 27-113-1 through 27-113-9).

334 (au) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
335 the Junior League of Jackson.

336 (av) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
337 the Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation for use in the
338 construction, furnishing and equipping of buildings and related
339 facilities and infrastructure at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County,



340 Mississippi. This paragraph (av) shall stand repealed on July
341 1, * * * 2028.

342 (aw) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
343 MS Gulf Coast Buddy Sports, Inc.

344 (ax) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
345 Biloxi Lions, Inc.

346 (ay) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
347 Lions Sight Foundation of Mississippi, Inc.

348 (az) Sales of tangible personal property and services
349 to the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life
350 (ISJL).

351 (ba) Sales of coins, currency, and bullion. For the
352 purposes of this paragraph (ba), the following words and phrases
353 shall have the meanings ascribed in this paragraph (ba) unless the
354 context clearly indicates otherwise:

355 (i) "Bullion" means a bar, ingot, or coin:

356 1. Manufactured, in whole or in part, of
357 gold, silver, platinum, or palladium;

358 2. That was or is used solely as a medium of
359 exchange, security, or commodity by any state, the United States
360 Government, or a foreign nation; and

361 3. Sold based on the intrinsic value of the
362 bar, ingot, or coin as a precious metal or collectible item rather
363 than its form or representative value as a medium of exchange.

364 (ii) "Coin or currency" means a coin or currency:



365 1. Manufactured, in whole or in part, of
366 gold, silver, other metal, or paper;
367 2. That was or is used solely as a medium of
368 exchange, security, or commodity by any state, the United States
369 Government, or a foreign nation; and
370 3. Sold based on the intrinsic value of the
371 coin or currency as a precious metal or collectible item rather
372 than its form or representative value as a medium of exchange.
373 "Coin or currency" does not include a coin or currency that has
374 been incorporated into jewelry.

375 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
376 and after July 1, 2025.

