To: Ways and Means

By: Representative Anderson (110th)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1024

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-65-17 AND 27-65-111, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PHASE OUT THE SALES TAX ON RETAIL SALES OF FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION NOT PURCHASED WITH FOOD STAMPS BUT WHICH WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM SALES TAX IF SUCH FOOD WERE PURCHASED WITH FOOD STAMPS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 7 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-65-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 8 amended as follows:
- 9 27-65-17. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this
- 10 section, upon every person engaging or continuing within this
- 11 state in the business of selling any tangible personal property
- 12 whatsoever there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected
- 13 a tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross proceeds of the
- 14 retail sales of the business.
- 15 (b) Retail sales of farm tractors and parts and labor
- 16 used to maintain and/or repair such tractors shall be taxed at the
- 17 rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) when made to farmers for
- 18 agricultural purposes.

19	(c) (i) Retail sales of farm implements sold to
20	farmers and used directly in the production of poultry, ratite,
21	domesticated fish as defined in Section 69-7-501, livestock,
22	livestock products, agricultural crops or ornamental plant crops
23	or used for other agricultural purposes, and parts and labor used
24	to maintain and/or repair such implements, shall be taxed at the
25	rate of one and one-half percent $(1-1/2\%)$ when used on the farm.
26	(ii) The one and one-half percent $(1-1/2\%)$ rate
27	shall also apply to all equipment used in logging, pulpwood
28	operations or tree farming, and parts and labor used to maintain
29	and/or repair such equipment, which is either:
30	1. Self-propelled, or

- 31 2. Mounted so that it is permanently attached 32 to other equipment which is self-propelled or attached to other 33 equipment drawn by a vehicle which is self-propelled.
- 34 In order to be eligible for the rate of tax provided for in 35 this subparagraph (ii), such sales must be made to a professional 36 logger. For the purposes of this subparagraph (ii), a 37 "professional logger" is a person, corporation, limited liability 38 company or other entity, or an agent thereof, who possesses a 39 professional logger's permit issued by the Department of Revenue
- The department shall establish an application process for a 41
- 42 professional logger's permit to be issued, which shall include a

and who presents the permit to the seller at the time of purchase.

requirement that the applicant submit a copy of documentation 43

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- 44 verifying that the applicant is certified according to Sustainable
- 45 Forestry Initiative guidelines. Upon a determination that an
- 46 applicant is a professional logger, the department shall issue the
- 47 applicant a numbered professional logger's permit.
- 48 (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of
- 49 this section, retail sales of aircraft, automobiles, trucks,
- 50 truck-tractors, semitrailers and manufactured or mobile homes
- 51 shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%).
- 52 (e) Sales of manufacturing machinery or manufacturing
- 53 machine parts when made to a manufacturer or custom processor for
- 54 plant use only when the machinery and machine parts will be used
- 55 exclusively and directly within this state in manufacturing a
- 56 commodity for sale, rental or in processing for a fee shall be
- 57 taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%).
- 58 (f) Sales of machinery and machine parts when made to a
- 59 technology intensive enterprise for plant use only when the
- 60 machinery and machine parts will be used exclusively and directly
- 61 within this state for industrial purposes, including, but not
- 62 limited to, manufacturing or research and development activities,
- shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%).
- 64 In order to be considered a technology intensive enterprise for
- 65 purposes of this paragraph:
- (i) The enterprise shall meet minimum criteria
- 67 established by the Mississippi Development Authority;

68 (ii)	The enterp	orise shall	employ at	least	ten	(10)
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- 69 persons in full-time jobs;
- 70 (iii) At least ten percent (10%) of the workforce
- 71 in the facility operated by the enterprise shall be scientists,
- 72 engineers or computer specialists;
- 73 (iv) The enterprise shall manufacture plastics,
- 74 chemicals, automobiles, aircraft, computers or electronics; or
- 75 shall be a research and development facility, a computer design or
- 76 related facility, or a software publishing facility or other
- 77 technology intensive facility or enterprise as determined by the
- 78 Mississippi Development Authority;
- 79 (v) The average wage of all workers employed by
- 80 the enterprise at the facility shall be at least one hundred fifty
- 81 percent (150%) of the state average annual wage; and
- 82 (vi) The enterprise must provide a basic health
- 83 care plan to all employees at the facility.
- 84 A medical cannabis establishment, as defined in the
- 85 Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, shall not be considered to be a
- 86 technology intensive enterprise for the purposes of this paragraph
- 87 (f).
- 88 (q) Sales of materials for use in track and track
- 89 structures to a railroad whose rates are fixed by the Interstate
- 90 Commerce Commission or the Mississippi Public Service Commission
- 91 shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%).

92	(h) Sales of tangible personal property to electric
93	power associations for use in the ordinary and necessary operation
94	of their generating or distribution systems shall be taxed at the
95	rate of one percent (1%).

- 96 (i) Wholesale sales of food and drink for human 97 consumption to full-service vending machine operators to be sold 98 through vending machines located apart from and not connected with 99 other taxable businesses shall be taxed at the rate of eight 100 percent (8%).
 - of assisting disabled persons, such as wheelchair equipment and lifts, that is mounted or attached to or installed on a private carrier of passengers or light carrier of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101, at the time when the private carrier of passengers or light carrier of property is sold shall be taxed at the same rate as the sale of such vehicles under this section.
- 108 (k) Sales of the factory-built components of modular
 109 homes, panelized homes and precut homes, and panel constructed
 110 homes consisting of structural insulated panels, shall be taxed at
 111 the rate of three percent (3%).
- (1) Sales of materials used in the repair, renovation, addition to, expansion and/or improvement of buildings and related facilities used by a dairy producer shall be taxed at the rate of three and one-half percent (3-1/2%). For the purposes of this

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116	paragraph	(1),	"dairy	producer"	means	any	person	engaged	in	the
117	production	of	milk for	r commercia	al use					

- 118 Sales of equipment and materials used in connection (m) with geophysical surveying, exploring, developing, drilling, 119 120 redrilling, completing, working over, producing, distributing, or 121 testing of oil, gas and other mineral resources shall be taxed at 122 the rate of four and one-half percent (4-1/2%). Operators that 123 rebill sales of equipment and materials to nonoperating working 124 interest owners on behalf of a joint account through the joint interest billing (JIB), where the sales tax has been paid or 125 126 accrued by the operator shall not be charged a sales tax on the 127 JIB as services income.
- (n) From and after July 1, 2025, retail sales of food

 for human consumption not purchased with food stamps issued by the

 United States Department of Agriculture, or other federal agency,

 but which would be exempt under Section 27-65-111(o) from the

 taxes imposed by this chapter if the food items were purchased

 with food stamps, shall be taxed as follows:
- (i) From and after July 1, 2025, through June 30,

 2026, such sales shall be taxed at the rate of six percent (6%);

 (ii) From and after July 1, 2026, through June 30,

 2027, such sales shall be taxed at the rate of five percent (5%);

 (iii) From and after July 1, 2027, through June

 30, 2028, such sales shall be taxed at the rate of four percent

142	2029, such sales shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%);
143	(v) From and after July 1, 2029, through June 30,
144	2030, such sales shall be taxed at the rate of two percent (2%);
145	(vi) From and after July 1, 2030, through June 30,
146	2031, such sales shall be taxed at the rate of one percent (1%);
147	and
148	(vii) From and after July 1, 2031, such sales
149	shall be exempt from sales tax as provided in Section 27-65-111.
150	(2) From and after January 1, 1995, retail sales of private
151	carriers of passengers and light carriers of property, as defined
152	in Section 27-51-101, shall be taxed an additional two percent
153	(2%).
154	(3) A manufacturer selling at retail in this state shall be
155	required to make returns of the gross proceeds of such sales and
156	pay the tax imposed in this section.
157	SECTION 2. Section 27-65-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
158	amended as follows:
159	27-65-111. The exemptions from the provisions of this
160	chapter which are not industrial, agricultural or governmental, or
161	which do not relate to utilities or taxes, or which are not
162	properly classified as one (1) of the exemption classifications of
163	this chapter, shall be confined to persons or property exempted by
164	this section or by the Constitution of the United States or the
165	State of Mississippi. No exemptions as now provided by any other

(iv) From and after July 1, 2028, through June 30,

166	section.	except the	e classified	exemption	sections	of	this	chapter
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- 167 set forth herein, shall be valid as against the tax herein levied.
- 168 Any subsequent exemption from the tax levied hereunder, except as
- 169 indicated above, shall be provided by amendments to this section.
- No exemption provided in this section shall apply to taxes
- 171 levied by Section 27-65-15 or 27-65-21.
- The tax levied by this chapter shall not apply to the
- 173 following:
- 174 (a) Sales of tangible personal property and services to
- 175 hospitals or infirmaries owned and operated by a corporation or
- 176 association in which no part of the net earnings inures to the
- 177 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
- 180 are ordinary and necessary to the operation of such hospitals and
- 181 infirmaries are exempted from tax.
- 182 (b) Sales of daily or weekly newspapers, and
- 183 periodicals or publications of scientific, literary or educational
- 184 organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section
- 185 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as it exists as of
- 186 March 31, 1975, and subscription sales of all magazines.
- 187 (c) Sales of coffins, caskets and other materials used
- 188 in the preparation of human bodies for burial.
- 189 (d) Sales of tangible personal property for immediate
- 190 export to a foreign country.

191	(e) Sales of tangible personal property to an
192	orphanage, old men's or ladies' home, supported wholly or in part
193	by a religious denomination, fraternal nonprofit organization or
194	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.
- 201 Sales to elementary and secondary grade schools, 202 junior and senior colleges owned and operated by a corporation or 203 association in which no part of the net earnings inures to the 204 benefit of any private shareholder, group or individual, and which 205 are exempt from state income taxation, provided that this 206 exemption does not apply to sales of property or services which 207 are not to be used in the ordinary operation of the school, or 208 which are to be resold to the students or the public.
- 209 (h) The gross proceeds of retail sales and the use or 210 consumption in this state of drugs and medicines:
- 211 (i) Prescribed for the treatment of a human being 212 by a person authorized to prescribe the medicines, and dispensed 213 or prescription filled by a registered pharmacist in accordance 214 with law; or

215	(ii) Furnished by a licensed physician, surgeon,
216	dentist or podiatrist to his own patient for treatment of the
217	patient; or
218	(iii) Furnished by a hospital for treatment of any
219	person pursuant to the order of a licensed physician, surgeon,
220	dentist or podiatrist; or
221	(iv) Sold to a licensed physician, surgeon,
222	podiatrist, dentist or hospital for the treatment of a human
223	being; or
224	(v) Sold to this state or any political
225	subdivision or municipal corporation thereof, for use in the
226	treatment of a human being or furnished for the treatment of a
227	human being by a medical facility or clinic maintained by this
228	state or any political subdivision or municipal corporation
229	thereof.
230	"Medicines," as used in this paragraph (h), shall mean and
231	include any substance or preparation intended for use by external
232	or internal application to the human body in the diagnosis, cure,
233	mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease and which is
234	commonly recognized as a substance or preparation intended for
235	such use; provided that "medicines" do not include any auditory,
236	prosthetic, ophthalmic or ocular device or appliance, any dentures
237	or parts thereof or any artificial limbs or their replacement
238	parts, articles which are in the nature of splints, bandages,
239	pads, compresses, supports, dressings, instruments, apparatus,

240	contrivances, appliances, devices or other mechanical, electronic,
241	optical or physical equipment or article or the component parts
242	and accessories thereof, or any alcoholic beverage or any other
243	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, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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.

264	(j)	Sales of	f tangible	personal p	roperty or	services t	0
265	the Salvation	Armv and	the Muscu	lar Dvstrop	hv Associat	cion, Inc.	

- 266 (k) From July 1, 1985, through December 31, 1992,
 267 retail sales of "alcohol-blended fuel" as such term is defined in
 268 Section 75-55-5. The gasoline-alcohol blend or the straight
 269 alcohol eligible for this exemption shall not contain alcohol
 270 distilled outside the State of Mississippi.
- 271 (1) Sales of tangible personal property or services to 272 the Institute for Technology Development.
- 273 (m) The gross proceeds of retail sales of food and
 274 drink for human consumption made through vending machines serviced
 275 by full-line vendors from and not connected with other taxable
 276 businesses.
- 277 (n) The gross proceeds of sales of motor fuel.
- 278 (o) Retail sales of food for human consumption
 279 purchased with food stamps issued by the United States Department
 280 of Agriculture, or other federal agency, from and after October 1,
 281 1987, or from and after the expiration of any waiver granted
 282 pursuant to federal law, the effect of which waiver is to permit
 283 the collection by the state of tax on such retail sales of food
- (p) Sales of cookies for human consumption by the Girl Scouts of America no part of the net earnings from which sales inures to the benefit of any private group or individual.

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288		(q	[) Gift	is o	r	sales	of	tangibl	e persor	nal	property	or
289	services	to	public	or	pr	ivate	nor	nprofit	museums	of	art.	

- 290 (r) Sales of tangible personal property or services to 291 alumni associations of state-supported colleges or universities.
- 292 (s) Sales of tangible personal property or services to 293 National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc., and chapters of 294 the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc.
- 295 (t) Sales of tangible personal property or services to 296 domestic violence shelters which qualify for state funding under 297 Sections 93-21-101 through 93-21-113.
- 298 (u) Sales of tangible personal property or services to 299 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.
- 304 (w) Sales of tangible personal property or services to 305 a private company, as defined in Section 57-61-5, which is making 306 such purchases with proceeds of bonds issued under Section 57-61-1 307 et seg., the Mississippi Business Investment Act.
- 308 (x) The gross collections from the operation of
 309 self-service, coin-operated car washing equipment and sales of the
 310 service of washing motor vehicles with portable high-pressure
 311 washing equipment on the premises of the customer.

312	(Ā)	Sales	of	tangible	personal	property	or	services	to
313	the Mississippi	Techr	nolo	ogy Alliar	nce.				

- 314 (z) Sales of tangible personal property to nonprofit 315 organizations that provide foster care, adoption services and 316 temporary housing for unwed mothers and their children if the 317 organization is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 318 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 319 (aa) Sales of tangible personal property to nonprofit 320 organizations that provide residential rehabilitation for persons 321 with alcohol and drug dependencies if the organization is exempt 322 from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the 323 Internal Revenue Code.
- 324 (i) Retail sales of an article of clothing or (ab) 325 footwear designed to be worn on or about the human body and retail 326 sales of school supplies if the sales price of the article of 327 clothing or footwear or school supply is less than One Hundred 328 Dollars (\$100.00) and the sale takes place during a period 329 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the second Friday in July and ending at 330 12:00 midnight the following Sunday. This paragraph (ab) shall 331 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;

337	2. The rental of clothing or footwear; and
338	3. Skis, swim fins, roller blades, skates and
339	similar items worn on the foot.
340	(ii) For purposes of this paragraph (ab), "school
341	supplies" means items that are commonly used by a student in a
342	course of study. The following is an all-inclusive list:
343	1. Backpacks;
344	2. Binder pockets;
345	3. Binders;
346	4. Blackboard chalk;
347	5. Book bags;
348	6. Calculators;
349	7. Cellophane tape;
350	8. Clays and glazes;
351	9. Compasses;
352	10. Composition books;
353	11. Crayons;
354	12. Dictionaries and thesauruses;
355	13. Dividers;
356	14. Erasers;
357	15. Folders: expandable, pocket, plastic and
358	manila;
359	16. Glue, paste and paste sticks;
360	17. Highlighters;
361	18. Index card boxes;

362		19.	<pre>Index cards;</pre>
363		20.	Legal pads;
364		21.	Lunch boxes;
365		22.	Markers;
366		23.	Notebooks;
367		24.	Paintbrushes for artwork;
368		25.	Paints: acrylic, tempera and oil;
369		26.	Paper: loose-leaf ruled notebook paper,
370	copy paper, graph pa	aper,	tracing paper, manila paper, colored
371	paper, poster board	and o	construction paper;
372		27.	Pencil boxes and other school supply
373	boxes;		
374		28.	Pencil sharpeners;
375		29.	Pencils;
376		30.	Pens;
377		31.	Protractors;
378		32.	Reference books;
379		33.	Reference maps and globes;
380		34.	Rulers;
381		35.	Scissors;
382		36.	Sheet music;
383		37.	Sketch and drawing pads;
384		38.	Textbooks;
385		39.	Watercolors;
386		40.	Workbooks; and

387	41.	Writing	tablets.
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- (iii) From and after January 1, 2010, the 388 governing authorities of a municipality, for retail sales 389 390 occurring within the corporate limits of the municipality, may 391 suspend the application of the exemption provided for in this 392 paragraph (ab) by adoption of a resolution to that effect stating 393 the date upon which the suspension shall take effect. A certified 394 copy of the resolution shall be furnished to the Department of 395 Revenue at least ninety (90) days prior to the date upon which the 396 municipality desires such suspension to take effect.
- 397 (ac) The gross proceeds of sales of tangible personal 398 property made for the sole purpose of raising funds for a school 399 or an organization affiliated with a school.
- As used in this paragraph (ac), "school" means any public or 401 private school that teaches courses of instruction to students in 402 any grade from kindergarten through Grade 12.
- 403 Sales of durable medical equipment and home (ad) 404 medical supplies when ordered or prescribed by a licensed 405 physician for medical purposes of a patient. As used in this 406 paragraph (ad), "durable medical equipment" and "home medical 407 supplies" mean equipment, including repair and replacement parts 408 for the equipment or supplies listed under Title XVIII of the 409 Social Security Act or under the state plan for medical assistance 410 under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, prosthetics,

orthotics, hearing aids, hearing devices, prescription eyeglasses,

412	oxygen	and	oxygen	equipment.	Payment	does	not	have	to	be	made,	in
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- 413 whole or in part, by any particular person to be eligible for this
- exemption. Purchases of home medical equipment and supplies by a 414
- 415 provider of home health services or a provider of hospice services
- 416 are eligible for this exemption if the purchases otherwise meet
- 417 the requirements of this paragraph.
- 418 Sales of tangible personal property or services to
- 419 Mississippi Blood Services.
- 420 (i) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (af)
- (af), retail sales of firearms, ammunition and hunting supplies if 421
- 422 sold during the annual Mississippi Second Amendment Weekend
- 423 holiday beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the last Friday in August and
- 424 ending at 12:00 midnight the following Sunday. For the purposes
- 425 of this paragraph (af), "hunting supplies" means tangible personal
- 426 property used for hunting, including, and limited to, archery
- 427 equipment, firearm and archery cases, firearm and archery
- 428 accessories, hearing protection, holsters, belts and slings.
- 429 Hunting supplies does not include animals used for hunting.
- 430 This paragraph (af) shall apply only if one (ii)
- 431 or more of the following occur:
- 432 1. Title to and/or possession of an eligible
- 433 item is transferred from a seller to a purchaser; and/or
- 434 A purchaser orders and pays for an
- 435 eligible item and the seller accepts the order for immediate
- shipment, even if delivery is made after the time period provided 436

437	in	subparagraph	(i)	of	this	paragraph	(af),	provided	that	the
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- 438 purchaser has not requested or caused the delay in shipment.
- 439 (ag) Sales of nonperishable food items to charitable
- 440 organizations that are exempt from federal income taxation under
- 441 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and operate a food
- 442 bank or food pantry or food lines.
- 443 (ah) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
- 444 the United Way of the Pine Belt Region, Inc.
- 445 (ai) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
- 446 the Mississippi Children's Museum or any subsidiary or affiliate
- 447 thereof operating a satellite or branch museum within this state.
- 448 (aj) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
- 449 the Jackson Zoological Park.
- 450 (ak) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
- 451 the Hattiesburg Zoo.
- 452 (al) Gross proceeds from sales of food, merchandise or
- 453 other concessions at an event held solely for religious or
- 454 charitable purposes at livestock facilities, agriculture
- 455 facilities or other facilities constructed, renovated or expanded
- 456 with funds for the grant program authorized under Section 18,
- 457 Chapter 530, Laws of 1995.
- 458 (am) Sales of tangible personal property and services
- 459 to the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi and the Mississippi
- 460 Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

461	(an) Sales of potting soil, mulch, or other soil
462	amendments used in growing ornamental plants which bear no fruit
463	of commercial value when sold to commercial plant nurseries that
464	operate exclusively at wholesale and where no retail sales can be

- 465 made.
- 466 (ao) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
- 467 the University of Mississippi Medical Center Research Development
- 468 Foundation.
- 469 (ap) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
- 470 Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc., and all affiliates of Keep
- 471 Mississippi Beautiful, Inc.
- 472 (aq) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
- 473 the Friends of Children's Hospital.
- 474 (ar) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
- 475 the Pinecrest Weekend Snackpacks for Kids located in Corinth,
- 476 Mississippi.
- 477 (as) Sales of hearing aids when ordered or prescribed
- 478 by a licensed physician, audiologist or hearing aid specialist for
- 479 the medical purposes of a patient.
- 480 (at) Sales exempt under the Facilitating Business Rapid
- 481 Response to State Declared Disasters Act of 2015 (Sections
- 482 27-113-1 through 27-113-9).
- 483 (au) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
- 484 the Junior League of Jackson.

485 (av) Sales of tangible personal property or services to	485	(av)	Sales	of	tangible	personal	property	or	services	to
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- 486 the Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation for use in the
- 487 construction, furnishing and equipping of buildings and related
- 488 facilities and infrastructure at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County,
- 489 Mississippi. This paragraph (av) shall stand repealed on July 1,
- 490 2025.
- 491 (aw) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
- 492 MS Gulf Coast Buddy Sports, Inc.
- 493 (ax) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
- 494 Biloxi Lions, Inc.
- 495 (ay) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
- 496 Lions Sight Foundation of Mississippi, Inc.
- 497 (az) Sales of tangible personal property and services
- 498 to the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life
- 499 (ISJL).
- 500 (ba) Sales of coins, currency, and bullion. For the
- 501 purposes of this paragraph (ba), the following words and phrases
- 502 shall have the meanings ascribed in this paragraph (ba) unless the
- 503 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 504 (i) "Bullion" means a bar, ingot, or coin:
- 505 1. Manufactured, in whole or in part, of
- 506 gold, silver, platinum, or palladium;
- 507 2. That was or is used solely as a medium of
- 508 exchange, security, or commodity by any state, the United States
- 509 Government, or a foreign nation; and

510	3. Sold based on the intrinsic value of the
511	bar, ingot, or coin as a precious metal or collectible item rather
512	than its form or representative value as a medium of exchange.
513	(ii) "Coin or currency" means a coin or currency:
514	1. Manufactured, in whole or in part, of
515	gold, silver, other metal, or paper;
516	2. That was or is used solely as a medium of
517	exchange, security, or commodity by any state, the United States
518	Government, or a foreign nation; and
519	3. Sold based on the intrinsic value of the
520	coin or currency as a precious metal or collectible item rather
521	than its form or representative value as a medium of exchange.
522	"Coin or currency" does not include a coin or currency that has
523	been incorporated into jewelry.
524	(bb) From and after July 1, 2031, retail sales of food
525	for human consumption not purchased with food stamps issued by the
526	United States Department of Agriculture, or other federal agency,
527	but which would be exempt under paragraph (o) of this section from
528	the taxes imposed by this chapter if the food items were purchased
529	with food stamps.
530	SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any
531	claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for
532	taxes due or accrued under the sales tax laws before the date on
533	which this act becomes effective, whether such claims,
534	assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the

535	date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter;
536	and the provisions of the sales tax laws are expressly continued
537	in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of the
538	assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due
539	or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws before
540	the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the
541	imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to
542	comply with such laws.
543	SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
544	and after July 1, 2025.