MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1341

1 AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 57-117-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 2 WHICH REPEALS SECTIONS 57-117-1 THROUGH 57-117-11, MISSISSIPPI 3 CODE OF 1972, THE MISSISSIPPI HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY ZONE ACT; TO REENACT SECTIONS 57-117-1 THROUGH 57-117-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 4 5 1972, WHICH ARE THE MISSISSIPPI HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY ZONE ACT; TO 6 AMEND SECTION 27-31-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE 7 REVERTER TIED TO THE REPEAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY ZONE ACT ON THE STATUTE AUTHORIZING COUNTY BOARDS OF 8 9 SUPERVISORS AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO GRANT AN AD 10 VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION TO HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY FACILITIES; TO AMEND 11 SECTION 27-31-104, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE 12 REVERTER TIED TO THE REPEAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI HEALTH CARE 13 INDUSTRY ZONE ACT ON THE STATUTE AUTHORIZING COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO GRANT A 14 15 FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES TO QUALIFIED BUSINESSES THAT MEET 16 MINIMUM CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT 17 AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 18 TO DELETE THE CORRESPONDING REPEALER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT 19 EXEMPTS FROM SALES TAXATION SALES OF MATERIALS USED IN THE 20 CONSTRUCTION OF, OR ADDITION OR IMPROVEMENTS TO, A HEALTH CARE 21 INDUSTRY FACILITY AND CERTAIN SALES OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO 22 BE USED IN THE FACILITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
SECTION 1. Section 57-117-11, Mississippi Code of 1972,
which repeals Sections 57-117-1 through 57-117-11, Mississippi
Code of 1972, the Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act, is
repealed.

H. B. No. 1341 G3/5 25/HR26/R1428 PAGE 1 (RKM\KW) 28 SECTION 2. Section 57-117-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 29 reenacted as follows:

30 57-117-1. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as 31 the "Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act."

32 SECTION 3. Section 57-117-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 33 reenacted as follows:

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57-117-3. In this chapter:

35 (a) "Health care industry facility" means:

36 A business engaged in the research and (i) 37 development of pharmaceuticals, biologics, biotechnology, 38 diagnostic imaging, medical supplies, medical equipment or 39 medicine and related manufacturing or processing, medical service 40 providers, medical product distribution, or laboratory testing that creates a minimum of twenty-five (25) new full-time jobs 41 and/or Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) of capital investment 42 after July 1, 2012; or 43

(ii) A business that 1. is located on land owned by or leased from an academic health science center with a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and a hospital accredited by the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and 2. creates a minimum of twenty-five (25) new jobs and/or Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) of capital investment after July 1, 2012.

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51 The term "health care industry facility" does not include any 52 medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi 53 Medical Cannabis Act.

(b) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.
(c) "Health care industry zone" means a geographical
area certified by the MDA as provided for in Section 57-117-5.

57 (d) "Local government unit" means any county or58 incorporated city, town or village in the State of Mississippi.

(e) "Person" means a natural person, partnership,
limited liability company, association, corporation, business
trust or other business entity.

(f) "Qualified business" means a business or health care industry facility that meets the requirements of Section 57-117-7 and any other requirements of this chapter. The term "qualified business" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

67 SECTION 4. Section 57-117-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 68 reenacted as follows:

57-117-5. (1) The MDA may certify an area as a health care
industry zone if the following requirements are met:

(a) The area is located within:

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(i) Three (3) contiguous counties which have
certificates of need of more than three hundred seventy-five (375)
acute care hospital beds; and/or

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100 Procedures Law, as are necessary for the efficient and effective 101 administration of this section in keeping with the purposes for 102 which it is enacted.

SECTION 5. Section 57-117-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

105 57-117-7. (1) Businesses and health care industry 106 facilities shall apply to the MDA for certification as a qualified 107 business. If the health care industry facility or business is 108 located in a health care industry zone and meets the requirements 109 of this chapter, the MDA shall certify it as a qualified business.

(2) A health care industry facility or business certified by the MDA as a qualified business within a health care industry zone that constructs or renovates a health care industry facility within a health care industry zone shall qualify for the following:

(a) An accelerated state income tax depreciation deduction. The accelerated depreciation deduction shall be computed by accelerating depreciation period required by Mississippi Administrative Code, to a ten-year depreciation period.

(b) A sales tax exemption as authorized in Section27-65-101(1)(pp).

122 (c) A fee-in-lieu of taxes as authorized in Section123 27-31-104.

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SECTION 6. Section 57-117-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

128 57-117-9. If the qualified business has not created the 129 requisite number of jobs required by this chapter, the health care 130 industry zone certification may be revoked by MDA after five (5) 131 years have elapsed from the effective date of certification. A 132 revocation under this section shall not act retroactively to 133 remove any incentives granted by this chapter.

134 SECTION 7. Section 27-31-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 135 amended as follows:

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137 27-31-101. County boards of supervisors and municipal (1)authorities are hereby authorized and empowered, in their 138 139 discretion, to grant exemptions from ad valorem taxation, except 140 state ad valorem taxation; however, such governing authorities shall not exempt ad valorem taxes for school district purposes on 141 142 tangible property used in, or necessary to, the operation of the 143 manufacturers and other new enterprises enumerated by classes in 144 this section, except to the extent authorized in Sections 27-31-104 and 27-31-105(2), nor shall they exempt from ad valorem 145 taxes the products of the manufacturers or other new enterprises 146 147 or automobiles and trucks belonging to the manufacturers or other new enterprises operating on and over the highways of the State of 148

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H. B. No. 1341 25/HR26/R1428 PAGE 7 (RKM\KW) 174 (2)Any board of supervisors or municipal authority which 175 has granted an exemption for a period of less than ten (10) years 176 may grant subsequent periods of exemption to run consecutively 177 with the initial exemption period, or a subsequently granted 178 exemption period, but in no case shall the total of the exemption 179 periods granted for a new enterprise exceed ten (10) years. Anv 180 consecutive period of exemption shall be granted by entry of an 181 order by the board or the authority granting the consecutive 182 exemption on its minutes, reflecting the granting of the consecutive exemption period and the dates upon which such 183 184 consecutive exemption period begins and expires. The entry of 185 this order granting the consecutive period of exemption shall be 186 made before the expiration of the exemption period immediately 187 preceding the consecutive exemption period being granted.

188 The new enterprises for which any or all of the (3)(a) 189 tangible property described in paragraph (b) of this subsection 190 (3) may be exempt from ad valorem taxation, except state ad 191 valorem taxation, ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, 192 and ad valorem taxes on the products thereof or on automobiles and 193 trucks belonging thereto and operating on and over the highways of 194 the State of Mississippi, are enumerated as and limited to the 195 following, as determined by the Department of Revenue:

196 (i) Warehouse and/or distribution centers;
197 (ii) Manufacturing, processors and refineries;
198 (iii) Research facilities;

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199 (iv) Corporate regional and national headquarters 200 meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi 201 Development Authority; 202 Movie industry studios meeting minimum (V) 203 criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority; 204 (vi) Air transportation and maintenance facilities 205 meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi 206 Development Authority; 207 (vii) Recreational facilities that impact tourism 208 meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi 209 Development Authority; 210 (viii) Data/information processing enterprises 211 meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi 212 Development Authority; 213 (ix) Technology intensive enterprises or 214 facilities meeting criteria established by the Mississippi 215 Development Authority; 216 Health care industry facilities as defined in (X) 217 Section 57-117-3; 218 (xi) Data centers as defined in Section 57-113-21; 219 (xii) Telecommunications enterprises meeting 220 minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development 221 Authority. The term "telecommunications enterprises" means 222 entities engaged in the creation, display, management, storage, processing, transmission or distribution for compensation of 223

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224 images, text, voice, video or data by wire or by wireless means, 225 or entities engaged in the construction, design, development, 226 manufacture, maintenance or distribution for compensation of 227 devices, products, software or structures used in the above 228 activities. Companies organized to do business as commercial 229 broadcast radio stations, television stations or news 230 organizations primarily serving in-state markets shall not be included within the definition of the term "telecommunications 231 232 enterprises"; and

(xiii) Controlled environment agriculture
enterprises meeting minimum criteria established by the
Mississippi Development Authority.

The new enterprises enumerated in this paragraph (a) do not include medical cannabis establishments as defined in <u>Section</u> 41-137-3 of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

239 (b) An exemption from ad valorem taxes granted under 240 this section may include any or all tangible property, real or personal, including any leasehold interests therein but excluding 241 242 automobiles and trucks operating on and over the highways of the 243 State of Mississippi, used in connection with, or necessary to, 244 the operation of an enterprise enumerated in paragraph (a) of this 245 subsection (3), whether or not such property is owned, leased, 246 subleased, licensed or otherwise obtained by such enterprise, 247 irrespective of the taxpayer to which any such leased property is assessed for ad valorem tax purposes. If an exemption is granted 248

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249 pursuant to this section with respect to any leasehold interest 250 under a lease, sublease or license of tangible property used in 251 connection with, or necessary to, the operation of an enterprise 252 enumerated in paragraph (a) of this subsection (3), the 253 corresponding ownership interest of the owner, lessor and 254 sublessor of such tangible property shall similarly and 255 automatically be exempt without any action being required to be 256 taken by such owner, lessor or sublessor.

(4) Any exemption from ad valorem taxes granted under this
section before March 28, 2019, and consistent herewith, is hereby
ratified, approved and confirmed.

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261 SECTION 8. Section 27-31-104, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 262 amended as follows:

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264 27-31-104. (1) (a) County boards of supervisors and 265 municipal authorities are each hereby authorized and empowered to 266 enter into an agreement with an enterprise granting, and pursuant 267 to such agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes, 268 including ad valorem taxes levied for school purposes, for the 269 following:

(i) Projects totaling over Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by any new enterprises enumerated in Section 272 27-31-101;

(ii) Projects by a private company (as such term is defined in Section 57-61-5) having a minimum capital investment of Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00);

(iii) Projects by a qualified business (as such term is defined in Section 57-117-3) meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;

(iv) Projects, in addition to those projects
referenced in Section 27-31-105, totaling over Sixty Million
Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by an existing enterprise that has been
doing business in the county or municipality for twenty-four (24)
months. For purposes of this subparagraph (iv), the term
rexisting enterprise" includes those enterprises enumerated in
Section 27-31-101; or

286 A private company (as such term is defined in (V) 287 Section 57-61-5) or entity defined in Section 77-3-3(d)(i) having 288 a minimum capital investment of One Hundred Million Dollars 289 (\$100,000,000.00) from any source or combination of sources, 290 provided that a majority of the capital investment is from private 291 sources, when such project is located within a geographic area for which a Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on or after 292 293 January 1, 2014.

294 County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities may 295 not enter into an agreement with an enterprise that is a medical 296 cannabis establishment, as defined in <u>Section 41-137-3 of</u> the

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297 Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, granting, and pursuant to such 298 agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes.

299 A fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted in (b) 300 accordance with this section may include any or all tangible property, real or personal, including any leasehold interests 301 302 therein but excluding automobiles and trucks operating on and over 303 the highways of the State of Mississippi, used in connection with, 304 or necessary to, the operation of any enterprise, private company 305 or business described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), as applicable, whether or not such property is owned, leased, 306 307 subleased, licensed or otherwise obtained by such enterprise, 308 private company or business, as applicable, irrespective of the 309 taxpayer to which any such leased property is assessed for ad 310 valorem tax purposes. If a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes is 311 granted pursuant to this section with respect to any leasehold 312 interest under a lease, sublease or license of tangible property 313 used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of an enterprise, private company or business described in paragraph (a) 314 315 of this subsection (1), as applicable, the corresponding ownership 316 interest of the owner, lessor and sublessor of such tangible 317 property shall similarly and automatically be exempt and subject 318 to the fee-in-lieu granted in accordance herewith without any 319 action being required to be taken by such owner, lessor or 320 sublessor.

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321 (2) A county board of supervisors may enter into a 322 fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the county and any county school district, and a municipality may enter into such a 323 324 fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the municipality and any municipal school district located in the municipality; however, if 325 326 the project is located outside the limits of a municipality but 327 within the boundaries of the municipal school district, then the 328 county board of supervisors may enter into such a fee-in-lieu 329 agreement on behalf of the school district granting a fee-in-lieu 330 of ad valorem taxes for school district purposes.

(3) Any grant of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes shall be evidenced by a written agreement negotiated by the enterprise and the county board of supervisors and/or municipal authority, as the case may be, and given final approval by the Mississippi Development Authority as satisfying the requirements of this section.

337 The minimum sum allowable as a fee-in-lieu shall not be (4)less than one-third (1/3), or one-tenth (1/10) if the project is 338 339 also a project eligible for an ad valorem tax exemption under 340 Section 27-31-46 and a fee-in-lieu agreement is entered into 341 before July 1, 2026, of the ad valorem levy, including ad valorem 342 taxes for school district purposes, and except as otherwise provided, the sum allowed shall be apportioned between the county 343 344 or municipality, as appropriate, and the school districts in such amounts as may be determined by the county board of supervisors or 345

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H. B. No. 1341 25/HR26/R1428 PAGE 14 (RKM\KW) 346 municipal governing authority, as the case may be, however, except 347 as otherwise provided in this section, from the sum allowed the apportionment to school districts shall not be less than the 348 349 school districts' pro rata share based upon the proportion that 350 the millage imposed for the school districts by the appropriate 351 levying authority bears to the millage imposed by such levying 352 authority for all other county or municipal purposes. Any fee-in-lieu agreement entered into under this section shall become 353 354 a binding obligation of the parties to the agreement, be effective 355 upon its execution by the parties and approval by the Mississippi 356 Development Authority and, except as otherwise provided in Section 357 17-25-23 or Section 57-75-33, or any other provision of law, 358 continue in effect for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years 359 commencing on the date that the fee-in-lieu granted thereunder 360 begins in accordance with the agreement; however, no particular 361 parcel of land, real property improvement or item of personal 362 property shall be subject to a fee-in-lieu for a duration of more 363 than ten (10) years. Any such agreement shall be binding, 364 according to its terms, on future boards of supervisors of the 365 county and/or governing authorities of a municipality, as the case 366 may be, for the duration of the agreement.

367 (5) The fee-in-lieu may be a stated fraction or percentage 368 of the ad valorem taxes otherwise payable or a stated dollar 369 amount. If the fee is a fraction or percentage of the ad valorem 370 tax levy, it shall be annually computed on all ad valorem taxes

371 otherwise payable, including school taxes, as the same may vary 372 from year to year based upon changes in the millage rate or 373 assessed value and shall not be less than one-third (1/3) of that 374 amount or one-tenth (1/10) of that amount if the project is also a 375 project eligible for an ad valorem tax exemption under Section 376 27-31-46 and a fee-in-lieu agreement is entered into before July 377 1, 2026. If the fee is a stated dollar amount, said amount shall 378 be the higher of the sum provided for fixed payment or (a) 379 one-third (1/3) of the total of all ad valorem taxes otherwise 380 payable as annually determined during each year of the fee-in-lieu or (b) if the project is also a project eligible for an ad valorem 381 382 tax exemption under Section 27-31-46 and a fee-in-lieu agreement 383 is entered into before July 1, 2026, one-tenth (1/10) of the total 384 of all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable as annually determined 385 during each year of the fee-in-lieu.

(6) Notwithstanding Section 27-31-111, the parties to a fee-in-lieu may agree on terms and conditions providing for the reduction, suspension, termination or reinstatement of a fee-in-lieu agreement or any fee-in-lieu period granted thereunder upon the cessation of operations by project for twelve (12) or more consecutive months or due to other conditions set forth in the agreement.

393 (7) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) and 394 located in a county that is a member of a regional economic 395 development alliance created under Section 57-64-1 et seq., the

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401 (8) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxvi), 402 the board of supervisors of the county in which the project is 403 located may negotiate with the school district in which the 404 project is located and apportion to the school district an amount 405 of the fee-in-lieu that is agreed upon in the negotiations 406 different than the amount provided for in subsection (3) of this 407 section.

408 (9) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii), 409 the annual amount of the fee-in-lieu apportioned to the county 410 shall not be less than the amount necessary to pay the debt 411 service on bonds issued by the county pursuant to Section 412 57-75-37(3)(c).

413 (10) For any county and/or municipality that enters into a 414 fee-in-lieu agreement for a project as defined in Section 415 57-75-5(f)(xxxiii), the minimum sum allowable as a fee-in-lieu for 416 the project shall not be less than one-third (1/3); provided that 417 such allowed sum of each annual fee-in-lieu payment may be first 418 apportioned between the county or municipality, as appropriate, 419 and the school districts in any such amounts as may be determined 420 by the county board of supervisors or municipal governing

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(11) Any fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted under this section before March 28, 2019, and consistent herewith, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

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H. B. No. 1341 25/HR26/R1428 PAGE 18 (RKM\KW) 445 **SECTION 9.** Section 27-65-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 446 amended as follows:

447 27-65-101. (1) The exemptions from the provisions of this chapter which are of an industrial nature or which are more 448 449 properly classified as industrial exemptions than any other 450 exemption classification of this chapter shall be confined to 451 those persons or property exempted by this section or by the provisions of the Constitution of the United States or the State 452 453 of Mississippi. No industrial exemption as now provided by any 454 other section except Section 57-3-33 shall be valid as against the 455 tax herein levied. Any subsequent industrial exemption from the 456 tax levied hereunder shall be provided by amendment to this 457 section. No exemption provided in this section shall apply to 458 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 boxes, crates, cartons, cans, bottles and other packaging materials to manufacturers and wholesalers for use as containers or shipping materials to accompany goods sold by said manufacturers or wholesalers where possession thereof will pass to the customer at the time of sale of the goods contained therein and sales to anyone of containers or shipping materials for use in ships engaged in international commerce.

468 (b) Sales of raw materials, catalysts, processing469 chemicals, welding gases or other industrial processing gases

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470 (except natural gas) to a manufacturer for use directly in 471 manufacturing or processing a product for sale or rental or 472 repairing or reconditioning vessels or barges of fifty (50) tons 473 load displacement and over. For the purposes of this exemption, 474 electricity used directly in the electrolysis process in the 475 production of sodium chlorate shall be considered a raw material. 476 This exemption shall not apply to any property used as fuel except 477 to the extent that such fuel comprises by-products which have no 478 market value.

479 (C) The gross proceeds of sales of dry docks, offshore 480 drilling equipment for use in oil or natural gas exploration or 481 production, vessels or barges of fifty (50) tons load displacement 482 and over, when the vessels or barges are sold by the manufacturer 483 or builder thereof. In addition to other types of equipment, 484 offshore drilling equipment for use in oil or natural gas 485 exploration or production shall include aircraft used 486 predominately to transport passengers or property to or from 487 offshore oil or natural gas exploration or production platforms or 488 vessels, and engines, accessories and spare parts for such 489 aircraft.

(d) Sales to commercial fishermen of commercial fishing
boats of over five (5) tons load displacement and not more than
fifty (50) tons load displacement as registered with the United
States Coast Guard and licensed by the Mississippi Commission on
Marine Resources.

495 (e) The gross income from repairs to vessels and barges496 engaged in foreign trade or interstate transportation.

497 (f) Sales of petroleum products to vessels or barges
498 for consumption in marine international commerce or interstate
499 transportation businesses.

(g) Sales and rentals of rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof) for ultimate use in interstate commerce and gross income from services with respect to manufacturing, repairing, cleaning, altering, reconditioning or improving such rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof).

(h) Sales of raw materials, catalysts, processing
chemicals, welding gases or other industrial processing gases
(except natural gas) used or consumed directly in manufacturing,
repairing, cleaning, altering, reconditioning or improving such
rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof). This exemption
shall not apply to any property used as fuel.

511 Sales of machinery or tools or repair parts (i) therefor or replacements thereof, fuel or supplies used directly 512 513 in manufacturing, converting or repairing ships, vessels or barges 514 of three thousand (3,000) tons load displacement and over, but not 515 to include office and plant supplies or other equipment not 516 directly used on the ship, vessel or barge being built, converted or repaired. For purposes of this exemption, "ships, vessels or 517 518 barges" shall not include floating structures described in Section 519 27-65-18.

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(j) Sales of tangible personal property to persons operating ships in international commerce for use or consumption on board such ships. This exemption shall be limited to cases in which procedures satisfactory to the commissioner, ensuring against use in this state other than on such ships, are established.

526 Sales of materials used in the construction of a (k) 527 building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any 528 machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the building, or any addition 529 530 thereon, to be used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined 531 in Section 57-51-5, which are located in a county or portion 532 thereof designated as an enterprise zone pursuant to Sections 533 57-51-1 through 57-51-15.

(1) Sales of materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the building, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined in Section 57-54-5.

540 (m) Income from storage and handling of perishable 541 goods by a public storage warehouse.

542 (n) The value of natural gas lawfully injected into the 543 earth for cycling, repressuring or lifting of oil, or lawfully 544 vented or flared in connection with the production of oil;

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545 however, if any gas so injected into the earth is sold for such 546 purposes, then the gas so sold shall not be exempt.

547 (o) The gross collections from self-service commercial 548 laundering, drying, cleaning and pressing equipment.

(p) Sales of materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the building, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified companies, certified as such by the Mississippi Development Authority under Section 57-53-1.

556 Sales of component materials used in the (a) construction of a building, or any addition or improvement 557 558 thereon, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein, and 559 sales of manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which 560 is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation 561 and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a 562 building structure, not later than three (3) months after the 563 initial start-up date, to permanent business enterprises engaging 564 in manufacturing or processing in Tier Three areas (as such term 565 is defined in Section 57-73-21), which businesses are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the exemption 566 granted in this paragraph (q). The exemption provided in this 567 568 paragraph (q) shall not apply to sales to any business enterprise

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569 that is a medical cannabis establishment as defined in <u>Section</u> 570 41-137-3 of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

571 Sales of component materials used in the (r) (i) 572 construction of a building, or any addition or improvement 573 thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than 574 three (3) months after the completion of the building, addition or improvement thereon, to be used therein, for any company 575 576 establishing or transferring its national or regional headquarters 577 from within or outside the State of Mississippi and creating a minimum of twenty (20) jobs at the new headquarters in this state. 578 579 The exemption provided in this subparagraph (i) shall not apply to 580 sales for any company that is a medical cannabis establishment as 581 defined in Section 41-137-3 of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis 582 The Department of Revenue shall establish criteria and Act. 583 prescribe procedures to determine if a company qualifies as a 584 national or regional headquarters for the purpose of receiving the 585 exemption provided in this subparagraph (i).

586 Sales of component materials used in the (ii) 587 construction of a building, or any addition or improvement 588 thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than 589 three (3) months after the completion of the building, addition or 590 improvement thereon, to be used therein, for any company expanding or making additions after January 1, 2013, to its national or 591 592 regional headquarters within the State of Mississippi and creating a minimum of twenty (20) new jobs at the headquarters as a result 593

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(s) The gross proceeds from the sale of semitrailers, trailers, boats, travel trailers, motorcycles, all-terrain cycles and rotary-wing aircraft if exported from this state within forty-eight (48) hours and registered and first used in another state.

(t) Gross income from the storage and handling of natural gas in underground salt domes and in other underground reservoirs, caverns, structures and formations suitable for such storage.

610 (u) Sales of machinery and equipment to nonprofit611 organizations if the organization:

612 (i) Is tax exempt pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of613 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(ii) Assists in the implementation of the
contingency plan or area contingency plan, and which is created in
response to the requirements of Title IV, Subtitle B of the Oil
Pollution Act of 1990, Public Law 101-380; and

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(iii) Engages primarily in programs to contain,
clean up and otherwise mitigate spills of oil or other substances
occurring in the United States coastal and tidal waters.

For purposes of this exemption, "machinery and equipment" means any ocean-going vessels, barges, booms, skimmers and other capital equipment used primarily in the operations of nonprofit organizations referred to herein.

(v) Sales or leases of materials and equipment to
approved business enterprises as provided under the Growth and
Prosperity Act.

(w) From and after July 1, 2001, sales of pollution
control equipment to manufacturers or custom processors for
industrial use. For the purposes of this exemption, "pollution
control equipment" means equipment, devices, machinery or systems
used or acquired to prevent, control, monitor or reduce air, water
or groundwater pollution, or solid or hazardous waste as required
by federal or state law or regulation.

635 Sales or leases to a manufacturer of motor vehicles (X) 636 or powertrain components operating a project that has been 637 certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a 638 project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) of machinery and 639 640 equipment; special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs and similar 641 items treated as special tooling for federal income tax purposes; or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof; repair services 642

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H. B. No. 1341 25/HR26/R1428 PAGE 26 (RKM\KW) 643 thereon; fuel, supplies, electricity, coal and natural gas used 644 directly in the manufacture of motor vehicles or motor vehicle 645 parts or used to provide climate control for manufacturing areas.

646 (y) Sales or leases of component materials, machinery 647 and equipment used in the construction of a building, or any 648 addition or improvement thereon to an enterprise operating a 649 project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic 650 Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 651 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi), Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) or Section 57-75-5(f) (xxviii) and any other sales or leases 652 653 required to establish or operate such project.

654 (z) Sales of component materials and equipment to a
655 business enterprise as provided under Section 57-64-33.

(aa) The gross income from the stripping and painting
of commercial aircraft engaged in foreign or interstate
transportation business.

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(bb) [Repealed]

660 Sales or leases to an enterprise owning or (CC) 661 operating a project that has been designated by the Mississippi 662 Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 663 57-75-5(f) (xviii) of machinery and equipment; special tooling such 664 as dies, molds, jigs and similar items treated as special tooling 665 for federal income tax purposes; or repair parts therefor or 666 replacements thereof; repair services thereon; fuel, supplies, electricity, coal and natural gas used directly in the 667

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(dd) Sales or leases of component materials, machinery and equipment used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon to an enterprise owning or operating a project that has been designated by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f) (xviii) and any other sales or leases required to establish or operate such project.

677 (ee) Sales of parts used in the repair and servicing of 678 aircraft not registered in Mississippi engaged exclusively in the 679 business of foreign or interstate transportation to businesses 680 engaged in aircraft repair and maintenance.

681 Sales of component materials used in the (ff) 682 construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement 683 thereon, and sales or leases of machinery and equipment not later 684 than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the 685 facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in 686 the building or any addition or improvement thereto, to a 687 permanent business enterprise operating a data/information 688 enterprise in Tier Three areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), meeting minimum criteria 689 690 established by the Mississippi Development Authority. The 691 exemption provided in this paragraph (ff) shall not apply to sales 692 to any business enterprise that is a medical cannabis

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693 establishment as defined in <u>Section 41-137-3 of</u> the Mississippi
694 Medical Cannabis Act.

695 Sales of component materials used in the (aa) 696 construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement 697 thereto, and sales of machinery and equipment not later than three 698 (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, 699 or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the facility 700 or any addition or improvement thereto, to technology intensive 701 enterprises for industrial purposes in Tier Three areas (as such 702 areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), as 703 certified by the Department of Revenue. For purposes of this 704 paragraph, an enterprise must meet the criteria provided for in 705 Section 27-65-17(1)(f) in order to be considered a technology 706 intensive enterprise.

707 Sales of component materials used in the (hh) 708 replacement, reconstruction or repair of a building or facility 709 that has been destroyed or sustained extensive damage as a result 710 of a disaster declared by the Governor, sales of machinery and 711 equipment to be used therein to replace machinery or equipment 712 damaged or destroyed as a result of such disaster, including, but 713 not limited to, manufacturing or processing machinery and 714 equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a 715 permanent foundation and which is not by its nature intended to be 716 housed within a building structure, to enterprises or companies 717 that were eligible for the exemptions authorized in paragraph (q),

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H. B. No. 1341 25/HR26/R1428 PAGE 29 (RKM\KW) (r), (ff) or (gg) of this subsection during initial construction of the building that was destroyed or damaged, which enterprises or companies are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this paragraph.

(ii) Sales of software or software services transmitted by the Internet to a destination outside the State of Mississippi where the first use of such software or software services by the purchaser occurs outside the State of Mississippi.

(jj) Gross income of public storage warehouses derived from the temporary storage of raw materials that are to be used in an eligible facility as defined in Section 27-7-22.35.

(kk) Sales of component building materials and equipment for initial construction of facilities or expansion of facilities as authorized under Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7 and Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27.

(11) Sales and leases of machinery and equipment
acquired in the initial construction to establish facilities as
authorized in Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7.

(mm) Sales and leases of replacement hardware, software or other necessary technology to operate a data center as authorized under Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27.

(nn) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales or leases of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of the construction of

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(oo) Sales of supplies, equipment and other personal property to an organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is the host organization coordinating a professional golf tournament played or to be played in this state and the supplies, equipment or other personal property will be used for purposes related to the golf tournament and related activities.

(pp) Sales of materials used in the construction of a health care industry facility, as defined in Section 57-117-3, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined in Section 57-117-3. \* \* \*

(qq) Sales or leases to a manufacturer of automotive parts operating a project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii) of machinery and equipment;

H. B. No. 1341 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 25/HR26/R1428 PAGE 31 (RKM\KW) or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof; repair services thereon; fuel, supplies, electricity, coal, nitrogen and natural gas used directly in the manufacture of automotive parts or used to provide climate control for manufacturing areas.

(rr) Gross collections derived from guided tours on any navigable waters of this state, which include providing accommodations, guide services and/or related equipment operated by or under the direction of the person providing the tour, for the purposes of outdoor tourism. The exemption provided in this paragraph (rr) does not apply to the sale of tangible personal property by a person providing such tours.

(ss) Retail sales of truck-tractors and semitrailers used in interstate commerce and registered under the International Registration Plan (IRP) or any similar reciprocity agreement or compact relating to the proportional registration of commercial vehicles entered into as provided for in Section 27-19-143.

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

(uu) Sales or leases to an enterprise and its affiliates operating a project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix) of:

H. B. No. 1341 25/HR26/R1428 PAGE 32 (RKM\KW) 791 (i) All personal property and fixtures, including 792 without limitation, sales or leases to the enterprise and its 793 affiliates of: 794 Manufacturing machinery and equipment; 1. 795 2. Special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs 796 and similar items treated as special tooling for federal income 797 tax purposes; 798 Component building materials, machinery 3. 799 and equipment used in the construction of buildings, and any other additions or improvements to the project site for the project; 800 801 4. Nonmanufacturing furniture, fixtures and 802 equipment (inclusive of all communications, computer, server, 803 software and other hardware equipment); and 804 5. Fuel, supplies (other than 805 nonmanufacturing consumable supplies and water), electricity, 806 nitrogen gas and natural gas used directly in the 807 manufacturing/production operations of such project or used to provide climate control for manufacturing/production areas of such 808 809 project; 810 (ii) All replacements of, repair parts for or 811 services to repair items described in subparagraph (i)1, 2 and 3 812 of this paragraph; and (iii) All services taxable pursuant to Section 813 814 27-65-23 required to establish, support, operate, repair and/or maintain such project. 815

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816 (vv) Sales or leases to an enterprise operating a 817 project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic 818 Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 819 57-75-5(f)(xxx) of:

(i) Purchases required to establish and operate
the project, including, but not limited to, sales of component
building materials, machinery and equipment required to establish
the project facility and any additions or improvements thereon;
and

(ii) Machinery, special tools (such as dies,
molds, and jigs) or repair parts thereof, or replacements and
lease thereof, repair services thereon, fuel, supplies and
electricity, coal and natural gas used in the manufacturing
process and purchased by the enterprise owning or operating the
project for the benefit of the project.

831 (ww) Sales of component materials used in the 832 construction of a building, or any expansion or improvement 833 thereon, sales of machinery and/or equipment to be used therein, 834 and sales of processing machinery and equipment which is 835 permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation 836 which is not by its nature intended to be housed in a building 837 structure, no later than three (3) months after initial startup, 838 expansion or improvement of a permanent enterprise solely engaged 839 in the conversion of natural sand into proppants used in oil and gas exploration and development with at least ninety-five percent 840

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841 (95%) of such proppants used in the production of oil and/or gas 842 from horizontally drilled wells and/or horizontally drilled 843 recompletion wells as defined in Sections 27-25-501 and 27-25-701. 844 (xx) (i) Sales or leases to an enterprise operating a

project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxi), for a period ending no later than one (1) year following completion of the construction of the facility or facilities comprising such project of all personal property and fixtures, including without limitation, sales or leases to the enterprise and its affiliates of:

Manufacturing machinery and equipment;
 Special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs
 and similar items treated as special tooling for federal income
 tax purposes;

856 3. Component building materials, machinery 857 and equipment used in the construction of buildings, and any other 858 additions or improvements to the project site for the project; 859 4. Nonmanufacturing furniture, fixtures and 860 equipment (inclusive of all communications, computer, server, 861 software and other hardware equipment); 862 Replacements of, repair parts for or 5. 863 services to repair items described in this subparagraph (i)1, 2

864 and 3; and

H. B. No. 1341 25/HR26/R1428 PAGE 35 (RKM\KW) 865 6. All services taxable pursuant to Section
866 27-65-23 required to establish, support, operate, repair and/or
867 maintain such project; and

868 Sales or leases to an enterprise operating a (ii) 869 project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic 870 Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 871 57-75-5(f)(xxxi) of electricity, current, power, steam, coal, 872 natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel, biomass, 873 nitrogen or other atmospheric or other industrial gases used 874 directly by the enterprise in the manufacturing/production 875 operations of its project or used to provide climate control for 876 manufacturing/production areas (which manufacturing/production 877 areas shall be apportioned based on square footage). As used in 878 this paragraph, the term "biomass" shall have the meaning ascribed 879 to such term in Section 57-113-1.

880 (yy) The gross proceeds from the sale of any item of 881 tangible personal property by the manufacturer or custom processor 882 thereof if such item is shipped, transported or exported from this 883 state and first used in another state, whether such shipment, 884 transportation or exportation is made by the seller, purchaser, or 885 any third party acting on behalf of such party. For the purposes 886 of this paragraph (yy), any instruction to, training of or 887 inspection by the purchaser with respect to the item prior to 888 shipment, transportation or exportation of the item shall not constitute a first use of such item within this state. 889

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H. B. No. 1341 25/HR26/R1428 PAGE 36 (RKM\KW) 890 (zz)(i) Sales or leases to an enterprise operating a 891 project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic 892 Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 893 57-75-5(f)(xxxii), for a period ending no later than one (1) year 894 following completion of the construction of the facility or 895 facilities comprising such project of all personal property and 896 fixtures, including, without limitation, sales or leases to the 897 enterprise and its affiliates of: 898 Manufacturing machinery and equipment; 1. 899 Special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs 2. 900 and similar items treated as special tooling for federal income 901 tax purposes; 902 3. Component building materials, machinery 903 and equipment used in the construction of buildings, and any other 904 additions or improvements to the project site for the project; Nonmanufacturing furniture, fixtures and 905 4. 906 equipment (inclusive of all communications, computer, server, 907 software and other hardware equipment); 908 5. Replacements of, repair parts for or 909 services to repair items described in this subparagraph (i)1, 2 910 and 3; and 6. All services taxable pursuant to Section 911 27-65-23 required to establish, support, operate, repair and/or 912 913 maintain such project; and

H. B. No. 1341 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 25/HR26/R1428 PAGE 37 (RKM\KW) 914 (ii) Sales or leases to an enterprise operating a 915 project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 916 917 57-75-5(f)(xxxii) of electricity, current, power, steam, coal, 918 natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel, biomass, 919 nitrogen or other atmospheric or other industrial gases used 920 directly by the enterprise in the manufacturing/production 921 operations of its project or used to provide climate control for 922 manufacturing/production areas (which manufacturing/production 923 areas shall be apportioned based on square footage). As used in 924 this paragraph, the term "biomass" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-113-1. 925

926 (aaa) Sales or leases to an enterprise and/or any 927 affiliates thereof operating a project that has been certified by 928 the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as 929 defined in Section 57-75-5(f) (xxxiii) of:

(i) Component building materials, fixtures,
machinery and equipment used in the construction of a data
processing facility or other buildings comprising all or part of a
project, for a period ending no later than one (1) year following
completion of the construction of the data processing facility or
such other building; and

936 (ii) All equipment and other personal property
937 needed to establish and operate the project and any expansions
938 thereof or additions thereto, including, but not limited to:

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943 2. All replacements of, and repair parts for,944 such equipment or other personal property; and

945 3. All services taxable pursuant to Section 946 27-65-23 required to install, support, operate, repair and/or 947 maintain the foregoing equipment and other personal property 948 described in this subparagraph (ii).

949 (bbb) Sales, leases or other retail transfers of 950 fixed-wing aircraft to, or to be used by, certified common 951 carriers in the transport of persons or property in interstate, 952 intrastate or foreign commerce, and engines, accessories and spare 953 parts for such fixed-wing aircraft.

954 (2)Sales of component materials used in the construction of 955 a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, sales of 956 machinery and equipment to be used therein, and sales of 957 manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which is 958 permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation 959 and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a 960 building structure, not later than three (3) months after the 961 initial start-up date, to permanent business enterprises engaging 962 in manufacturing or processing in Tier Two areas and Tier One areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 963

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964 57-73-21), which businesses are certified by the Department of 965 Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this 966 subsection, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes 967 imposed on such transactions under this chapter. The exemption 968 provided in this subsection (2) shall not apply to sales to any 969 business enterprise that is a medical cannabis establishment as 970 defined in Section 41-137-3 of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis 971 Act.

972 Sales of component materials used in the construction of (3) 973 a facility, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales or 974 leases of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months 975 after the completion of construction of the facility, or any 976 addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the building or any 977 addition or improvement thereto, to a permanent business 978 enterprise operating a data/information enterprise in Tier Two 979 areas and Tier One areas (as such areas are designated in 980 accordance with Section 57-73-21), which businesses meet minimum 981 criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority, 982 shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such 983 transaction under this chapter. The exemption provided in this 984 subsection (3) shall not apply to sales to any business enterprise 985 that is a medical cannabis establishment as defined in Section 986 41-137-3 of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

987 (4) Sales of component materials used in the construction of 988 a facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, and sales of

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989 machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the 990 completion of construction of the facility, or any addition or 991 improvement thereto, to be used in the building or any addition or 992 improvement thereto, to technology intensive enterprises for 993 industrial purposes in Tier Two areas and Tier One areas (as such 994 areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), which 995 businesses are certified by the Department of Revenue as being 996 eligible for the exemption granted in this subsection, shall be 997 exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such 998 transactions under this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, 999 an enterprise must meet the criteria provided for in Section 1000 27-65-17(1)(f) in order to be considered a technology intensive 1001 enterprise. 1002 For purposes of this subsection: (5) (a)

(5) (a) for purposes of this subsection.

1003 (i) "Telecommunications enterprises" shall have1004 the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-73-21;

1005 (ii) "Tier One areas" mean counties designated as 1006 Tier One areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21;

1007 (iii) "Tier Two areas" mean counties designated as 1008 Tier Two areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21;

1009 (iv) "Tier Three areas" mean counties designated 1010 as Tier Three areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21; and

1011 (v) "Equipment used in the deployment of broadband 1012 technologies" means any equipment capable of being used for or in 1013 connection with the transmission of information at a rate, prior

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1014 to taking into account the effects of any signal degradation, that 1015 is not less than three hundred eighty-four (384) kilobits per 1016 second in at least one (1) direction, including, but not limited 1017 to, asynchronous transfer mode switches, digital subscriber line 1018 access multiplexers, routers, servers, multiplexers, fiber optics 1019 and related equipment.

(b) Sales of equipment to telecommunications enterprises after June 30, 2003, and before July 1, 2025, that is installed in Tier One areas and used in the deployment of broadband technologies shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.

1025 (c) Sales of equipment to telecommunications 1026 enterprises after June 30, 2003, and before July 1, 2025, that is 1027 installed in Tier Two and Tier Three areas and used in the 1028 deployment of broadband technologies shall be exempt from the 1029 taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.

1030 Sales of component materials used in the replacement, (6) reconstruction or repair of a building that has been destroyed or 1031 1032 sustained extensive damage as a result of a disaster declared by 1033 the Governor, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein 1034 to replace machinery or equipment damaged or destroyed as a result 1035 of such disaster, including, but not limited to, manufacturing or 1036 processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached 1037 to the ground or to a permanent foundation and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a building structure, to 1038

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enterprises that were eligible for the partial exemptions provided for in subsections (2), (3) and (4) of this section during initial construction of the building that was destroyed or damaged, which enterprises are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the partial exemption granted in this subsection, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.

1046 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 1047 and after July 1, 2025.

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