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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2862

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-111, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ESTABLISH A SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY ON
3 THE THIRD FRIDAY AND THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY, DURING
4 WHICH RETAIL SALES OF CERTAIN ITEMS TO BE USED FOR SEVERE WEATHER
5 PREPAREDNESS WILL BE EXEMPT FROM THE STATE SALES TAX; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

(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.

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



(r) Sales of tangible personal property or services to 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



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

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

- 194 1. Backpacks;
- 195 2. Binder pockets;
- 196 3. Binders;
- 197 4. Blackboard chalk;
- 198 5. Book bags;
- 199 6. Calculators;
- 200 7. Cellophane tape;
- 201 8. Clays and glazes;
- 202 9. Compasses;
- 203 10. Composition books;
- 204 11. Crayons;
- 205 12. Dictionaries and thesauruses;
- 206 13. Dividers;
- 207 14. Erasers;
- 208 15. Folders: expandable, pocket, plastic and
209 manila;
- 210 16. Glue, paste and paste sticks;
- 211 17. Highlighters;
- 212 18. Index card boxes;
- 213 19. Index cards;



214 20. Legal pads;
215 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.



(iii) From and after January 1, 2010, the governing authorities of a municipality, for retail sales occurring within the corporate limits of the municipality, may suspend the application of the exemption provided for in this paragraph (ab) by adoption of a resolution to that effect stating the date upon which the suspension shall take effect. A certified copy of the resolution shall be furnished to the department * * * at least ninety (90) days prior to the date upon which the municipality desires such suspension to take effect.

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

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

(ad) Sales of durable medical equipment and home medical supplies when ordered or prescribed by a licensed physician for medical purposes of a patient. As used in this paragraph (ad), "durable medical equipment" and "home medical supplies" mean equipment, including repair and replacement parts for the equipment or supplies listed under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act or under the state plan for medical assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, prosthetics, orthotics, hearing aids, hearing devices, prescription eyeglasses, oxygen and oxygen equipment. Payment does not have to be made, in



whole or in part, by any particular person to be eligible for this 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(am) Sales of tangible personal property and services to the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi and the Mississippi 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 1,
341 2025.

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 (bb) (i) Retail sales of covered items taking place
376 during a period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the third Friday in
377 February and ending at 12:00 midnight the following Sunday.

378 (ii) For purposes of this paragraph (bb), "covered
379 items" means any portable generator, with associated power cords,
380 used to provide light or communications or preserve food in the
381 event of a power outage selling for One Thousand Dollars
382 (\$1,000.00) or less per item, as well as the following selling for
383 Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) or less per item:



- 384 1. Any package of AAA-cell, AA-cell, C-cell,
385 D-cell, 6-volt or 9-volt batteries, excluding coin batteries and
386 automobile and boat batteries;
- 387 2. Any cell phone battery or cell phone
388 charger;
- 389 3. Any portable self-powered or
390 battery-powered radio, two-way radio, weatherband radio or NOAA
391 weather radio;
- 392 4. Any portable self-powered light source,
393 including, but not limited to, battery-powered flashlights,
394 lanterns and emergency glow sticks;
- 395 5. Any tarpaulin, plastic sheeting, plastic
396 drop cloths or other flexible, waterproof sheeting;
- 397 6. Any ground anchor system, such as bungee
398 cords or rope, or tie-down kit;
- 399 7. Any duct tape;
- 400 8. Any storm shutter device, meaning
401 materials and products manufactured, rated and marketed
402 specifically for the purpose of preventing window damage from
403 storms;
- 404 9. Any nonelectric food storage cooler or
405 water storage container;
- 406 10. Any nonelectric can opener;
- 407 11. Any artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs
408 or reusable ice;



409 12. Any self-contained first aid kit;
410 13. Any fire extinguisher, smoke detector or
411 carbon monoxide detector; and
412 14. Any gas or diesel fuel tank or container.

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

