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SYNOPSIS

Exempts storage facility space furnished to active duty military personnel from sales and use tax.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** exempting storage facility space furnished to active duty
2 military personnel from the sales and use tax, amending
3 P.L.1966, c.30.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Section 3 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 3. There is imposed and there shall be paid a tax of 7% on or
11 before December 31, 2016, 6.875% on and after January 1, 2017 but
12 before January 1, 2018, and 6.625% on and after January 1, 2018
13 upon:

14 (a) The receipts from every retail sale of tangible personal
15 property or a specified digital product for permanent use or less
16 than permanent use, and regardless of whether continued payment is
17 required, except as otherwise provided in P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-
18 1 et seq.).

19 (b) The receipts from every sale, except for resale, of the
20 following services:

21 (1) Producing, fabricating, processing, printing, or imprinting
22 tangible personal property or a specified digital product, performed
23 for a person who directly or indirectly furnishes the tangible
24 personal property or specified digital product, not purchased by the
25 person for resale, upon which these services are performed.

26 (2) Installing tangible personal property or a specified digital
27 product, or maintaining, servicing, repairing tangible personal
28 property or a specified digital product not held for sale in the
29 regular course of business, whether or not the services are
30 performed directly or by means of coin-operated equipment or by
31 any other means, and whether or not any tangible personal property
32 or specified digital product is transferred in conjunction therewith,
33 except (i) such services rendered by an individual who is engaged
34 directly by a private homeowner or lessee in or about his residence
35 and who is not in a regular trade or business offering his services to
36 the public, (ii) such services rendered with respect to personal
37 property exempt from taxation hereunder pursuant to section 13 of
38 P.L.1980, c.105 (C.54:32B-8.1), (iii) (Deleted by amendment,
39 P.L.1990, c.40), (iv) any receipts from laundering, dry cleaning,
40 tailoring, weaving, or pressing clothing, and shoe repairing and
41 shoeshining, and (v) services rendered in installing property which,
42 when installed, will constitute an addition or capital improvement to
43 real property, property or land, other than landscaping services and
44 other than installing carpeting and other flooring.

45 (3) Storing all tangible personal property not held for sale in the
46 regular course of business; the rental of safe deposit boxes or

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 similar space; and the furnishing of space for storage of tangible
2 personal property by a person engaged in the business of furnishing
3 space for such storage, except for receipts from sales to a member
4 of the armed forces or the reserve components thereof who is on
5 active duty or active duty for training, as defined in N.J.S.38A:1-1,
6 of space for storage furnished during the period lasting from three
7 months before the period of active duty or active duty for training
8 until three months after the period of active duty or active duty for
9 training.

10 "Space for storage" means secure areas, such as rooms, units,
11 compartments, or containers, whether accessible from outside or
12 from within a building, that are designated for the use of a customer
13 and wherein the customer has free access within reasonable
14 business hours, or upon reasonable notice to the furnisher of space
15 for storage, to store and retrieve property. Space for storage shall
16 not include the lease or rental of an entire building, such as a
17 warehouse or airplane hangar.

18 (4) Maintaining, servicing, or repairing real property, other than
19 a residential heating system unit serving not more than three
20 families living independently of each other and doing their cooking
21 on the premises, whether the services are performed in or outside of
22 a building, as distinguished from adding to or improving the real
23 property by a capital improvement, but excluding services rendered
24 by an individual who is not in a regular trade or business offering
25 his services to the public, and excluding garbage removal and sewer
26 services performed on a regular contractual basis for a term not less
27 than 30 days.

28 (5) Mail processing services for printed advertising material,
29 except for mail processing services in connection with distribution
30 of printed advertising material to out-of-State recipients.

31 (6) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1995, c.184)

32 (7) Utility service provided to persons in this State, any right or
33 power over which is exercised in this State.

34 (8) Tanning services, including the application of a temporary
35 tan provided by any means.

36 (9) Massage, bodywork, or somatic services, except such
37 services provided pursuant to a doctor's prescription.

38 (10) Tattooing, including all permanent body art and permanent
39 cosmetic make-up applications, except such services provided
40 pursuant to a doctor's prescription in conjunction with
41 reconstructive breast surgery.

42 (11) Investigation and security services.

43 (12) Information services.

44 (13) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2017, c.27)

45 (14) Telephone answering services.

46 (15) Radio subscription services.

47 Wages, salaries, and other compensation paid by an employer to
48 an employee for performing as an employee the services described

1 in this subsection are not receipts subject to the taxes imposed
2 under subsection (b) of this section.

3 Services otherwise taxable under paragraph (1) or (2) of
4 subsection (b) of this section are not subject to the taxes imposed
5 under this subsection, where the tangible personal property or
6 specified digital product upon which the services were performed is
7 delivered to the purchaser outside this State for use outside this
8 State.

9 (c) (1) Receipts from the sale of prepared food in or by
10 restaurants, taverns, or other establishments in this State, or by
11 caterers, including in the amount of such receipts any cover,
12 minimum, entertainment, or other charge made to patrons or
13 customers, except for meals especially prepared for and delivered to
14 homebound elderly, age 60 or older, and to persons with
15 disabilities, or meals prepared and served at a group-sitting at a
16 location outside of the home to otherwise homebound elderly
17 persons, age 60 or older, and otherwise homebound persons with
18 disabilities, as all or part of any food service project funded in
19 whole or in part by government or as part of a private, nonprofit
20 food service project available to all such elderly or persons with
21 disabilities residing within an area of service designated by the
22 private nonprofit organization; and

23 (2) Receipts from sales of food and beverages sold through
24 vending machines, at the wholesale price of such sale, which shall
25 be defined as 70% of the retail vending machine selling price,
26 except sales of milk, which shall not be taxed. Nothing herein
27 contained shall affect other sales through coin-operated vending
28 machines taxable pursuant to subsection (a) above or the exemption
29 thereto provided by section 21 of P.L.1980, c.105 (C.54:32B-8.9).

30 The tax imposed by subsection (c) of this section shall not apply
31 to food or drink which is sold to an airline for consumption while in
32 flight.

33 (3) For the purposes of this subsection:

34 "Food and beverages sold through vending machines" means
35 food and beverages dispensed from a machine or other mechanical
36 device that accepts payment; and

37 "Prepared food" means:

38 (i) A. food sold in a heated state or heated by the seller; or

39 B. two or more food ingredients mixed or combined by the
40 seller for sale as a single item, but not including food that is only
41 cut, repackaged, or pasteurized by the seller, and eggs, fish, meat,
42 poultry, and foods containing these raw animal foods requiring
43 cooking by the consumer as recommended by the Food and Drug
44 Administration in Chapter 3, part 401.11 of its Food Code so as to
45 prevent food borne illnesses; or

46 C. food sold with eating utensils provided by the seller,
47 including plates, knives, forks, spoons, glasses, cups, napkins, or

1 straws. A plate does not include a container or packaging used to
2 transport the food;

3 provided however, that

4 (ii) "prepared food" does not include the following sold without
5 eating utensils:

6 A. food sold by a seller whose proper primary NAICS
7 classification is manufacturing in section 311, except subsector
8 3118 (bakeries);

9 B. food sold in an unheated state by weight or volume as a
10 single item; or

11 C. bakery items, including bread, rolls, buns, biscuits, bagels,
12 croissants, pastries, donuts, danish, cakes, tortes, pies, tarts,
13 muffins, bars, cookies, and tortillas.

14 (d) The rent for every occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel
15 or transient accommodation in this State, except that the tax shall
16 not be imposed upon a permanent resident.

17 (e) (1) Any admission charge to or for the use of any place of
18 amusement in the State, including charges for admission to race
19 tracks, baseball, football, basketball or exhibitions, dramatic or
20 musical arts performances, motion picture theaters, except charges
21 for admission to boxing, wrestling, kick boxing, or combative
22 sports exhibitions, events, performances, or contests which charges
23 are taxed under any other law of this State or under section 20 of
24 P.L.1985, c.83 (C.5:2A-20), and, except charges to a patron for
25 admission to, or use of, facilities for sporting activities in which the
26 patron is to be a participant, such as bowling alleys and swimming
27 pools. For any person having the permanent use or possession of a
28 box or seat or lease or a license, other than a season ticket, for the
29 use of a box or seat at a place of amusement, the tax shall be upon
30 the amount for which a similar box or seat is sold for each
31 performance or exhibition at which the box or seat is used or
32 reserved by the holder, licensee, or lessee, and shall be paid by the
33 holder, licensee, or lessee.

34 (2) The amount paid as charge of a roof garden, cabaret, or other
35 similar place in this State, to the extent that a tax upon these
36 charges has not been paid pursuant to subsection (c) hereof.

37 (f) (1) The receipts from every sale, except for resale, of
38 intrastate, interstate, or international telecommunications services
39 and ancillary services sourced to this State in accordance with
40 section 29 of P.L.2005, c.126 (C.54:32B-3.4).

41 (2) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123)

42 (g) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123)

43 (h) Charges in the nature of initiation fees, membership fees or
44 dues for access to or use of the property or facilities of a health and
45 fitness, athletic, sporting, or shopping club or organization in this
46 State, except for: (1) membership in a club or organization whose
47 members are predominantly age 18 or under; and (2) charges in the
48 nature of membership fees or dues for access to or use of the

1 property or facilities of a health and fitness, athletic, sporting, or
2 shopping club or organization that is exempt from taxation pursuant
3 to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of section 9 of P.L.1966, c.30
4 (C.54:32B-9), or that is exempt from taxation pursuant to paragraph
5 (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of section 9 of P.L.1966, c.30
6 (C.54:32B-9) and that has complied with subsection (d) of section 9
7 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-9).

8 (i) The receipts from parking, storing, or garaging a motor
9 vehicle, excluding charges for the following: residential parking;
10 employee parking, when provided by an employer or at a facility
11 owned or operated by the employer; municipal parking, storing, or
12 garaging; receipts from charges or fees imposed pursuant to section
13 3 of P.L.1993, c.159 (C.5:12-173.3) or pursuant to an agreement
14 between the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority and a
15 casino operator in effect on the date of enactment of P.L.2007,
16 c.105; and receipts from parking, storing, or garaging a motor
17 vehicle subject to tax pursuant to any other law or ordinance.

18 For the purposes of this subsection, "municipal parking, storing,
19 or garaging" means any motor vehicle parking, storing, or garaging
20 provided by a municipality or county, or a parking authority
21 thereof.

22 (cf:P.L.2018, c.49, s.20)

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to all sales
25 or uses occurring on or after the first day of the second month next
26 following the date of enactment.

27 28 29 STATEMENT

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31 This bill provides a sales and use tax exemption for sales of
32 storage facility space that is furnished to active duty military
33 personnel to assist those individuals who rely on storage space
34 while serving in the United States armed forces. The bill provides
35 that the exemption from tax applies to space for storage furnished
36 during the period lasting from three months before the period of
37 active duty or active duty for training until three months after the
38 period of active duty or active duty for training.

39 The State of New Jersey recognizes that military personnel
40 dedicate their lives to ensuring the freedom and safety of the
41 residents of this State and the nation. This bill aims to assist
42 military personnel by easing the financial burden of their service.