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SENATE BILL 1472

Short Title: Repeal Privilege License Taxes.

Sponsors: Senators Webster, Cochrane; Forrester, Carpenter, East, Davis, Allran, Smith, McDaniel, Simpson, Foxx, Kincaid, Carrington, Blackmon, Ballantine, Shaw, and Blust.

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1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO REP	EAL MOST STATE PRIVILEGE LICENSE TAXES.
3	The General Asser	mbly of North Carolina enacts:
4	Section	1. The following sections of Article 2 of Chapter 105 of the General
5	Statutes are repealed:	
6	G.S. 105-36	Amusements - Manufacturing, selling, leasing, or distributing moving
7		picture films.
8	G.S. 105-36.1	Amusements – Outdoor theatres.
9	G.S. 105-37	Amusements – Moving pictures – Admission.
10	G.S. 105-41	Attorneys-at-law and other professionals.
11	G.S. 105-42	Private detectives and investigators.
12	G.S. 105-45	Collecting agencies.
13	G.S. 105-46	Undertakers and retail dealers in coffins.
14	G.S. 105-50	Pawnbrokers.
15	G.S. 105-51.1	Alarm systems.
16	G.S. 105-53	Peddlers, itinerant merchants, and specialty market operators.
17	G.S. 105-54	Contractors and construction companies.
18	G.S. 105-55	Installing elevators and automatic sprinkler systems.
19	G.S. 105-58	Fortune tellers, palmists, etc.

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1	G.S. 105-60	Day-care facilities.
2	G.S. 105-61	Hotels, motels, tourist courts and tourist homes.
3	G.S. 105-62	Restaurants.
4	G.S. 105-65	Music machines.
5	G.S. 105-65.1	Merchandising dispensers and weighing machines.
6	G.S. 105-66.1	Electronic video games.
7	G.S. 105-70	Packinghouses.
8	G.S. 105-72	Persons, firms, or corporations selling certain oils.
9	G.S. 105-74	Pressing clubs, dry cleaning plants, and hat blockers.
10	G.S. 105-75.1	Municipal license tax on barbershops and beauty salons.
11	G.S. 105-77	Tobacco warehouses.
12	G.S. 105-80	Firearms dealers and dealers in other weapons.
13	G.S. 105-85	Laundries.
14	G.S. 105-86	Outdoor advertising.
15	G.S. 105-89	Automobiles, wholesale supply dealers and service stations.
16	G.S. 105-89.1	Motorcycle dealers.
17	G.S. 105-90	Emigrant and employment agents.
18	G.S. 105-91	Plumbers, heating contractors, and electricians.
19	G.S. 105-97	Manufacturers of ice cream.
20	G.S. 105-98	Branch or chain stores.
21	G.S. 105-99	Wholesale distributors of motor fuels.
22	G.S. 105-102.1	Certain cooperative associations.
23	G.S. 105-102.5	General business license.
24	Sec. 2.	G.S. 105-33(b) reads as rewritten:
25		usiness made taxable or the privilege to be exercised under this Article
26		vo or more separate places, a separate State license for each place is
27	_	ourpose of this Article, a specialty market is not considered a specialty market
28	vendor's place of bu	
29		G.S. 105-33(d) reads as rewritten:
30		te license issued under G.S. 105-41, 105-42, 105-45, 105-53, 105-54,
31		nd 105-91 shall be and constitute a personal privilege to conduct the
32	-	ness named in the State license, shall not be transferable to any other
33	A	rporation and shall be construed to limit the person, firm or corporation
34		se to conducting the profession or business and exercising the privilege
35		e license to the county and/or city and location specified in the State
36		erwise provided in this Article or schedule. Other <u>A</u> license issued for a
37		onduct of a business at a specified location shall upon a sale or transfer
38		be deemed a sufficient license for the succeeding purchaser for the
39		usiness specified at such location for the balance of the tax year:
40		he holder of a license under this schedule moves the business for which
41		paid to another location, a new license may be issued to the licensee at
42	a new location for	the balance of the license year, upon surrender of the original license

1	for cancellation and the payment of a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each license
2	certificate reissued."
3	Sec. 4. G.S. 105-38(g) is repealed.
4	Sec. 5. G.S. 105-109.1 reads as rewritten:
5	"§ 105-109.1. Interest.
6	The taxes on gross receipts levied in G.S. 105-37.1(a), <u>105-37.1(a)</u> and G.S. <u>105-38(f)</u>,
7	and 105-65.1(b)(2), the tax on installment paper dealers levied in G.S. 105-83(b), and the
8	tax on publishers of newsprint publications levied in G.S. 105-102.6, shall bear interest at
9	the rate established under G.S. 105-241.1(i) from the time the taxes were due until the
10	taxes are paid."
11	Sec. 6. G.S. 153A-152 reads as rewritten:
12	"§ 153A-152. Privilege license taxes.
13	A county may levy privilege license taxes on trades, occupations, professions,
14	businesses, and franchises to the extent authorized by Schedule B of the Revenue Act
15	(Chapter 105, Subchapter I, Article 2) Article 2 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes and
16	any other acts of the General Assembly. <u>A county may levy privilege license taxes to the</u>
17	extent formerly authorized by the following sections of Article 2 of Chapter 105 of the
18	General Statutes before they were repealed:
19	G.S. 105-50 Pawnbrokers.
20	G.S. 105-53 Peddlers, itinerant merchants, and specialty market operators.
21	G.S. 105-55 Installing elevators and automatic sprinkler systems.
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25	G.S. 105-80 Firearms dealers and dealers in other weapons.
26	<u>G.S. 105-89</u> <u>Automobiles, wholesale supply dealers and service stations.</u>
27	G.S. 105-89.1 Motorcycle dealers.
28	G.S. 105-90 Emigrant and employment agents.
29	G.S. 105-102.5 General business license."
30	Sec. 7. G.S. 160A-211 reads as rewritten:
31	"§ 160A-211. Privilege license taxes.
32	(a) <u>Authority. – Except as otherwise provided by law, a city shall have power to</u>
33	levy privilege license taxes on all trades, occupations, professions, businesses, and
34	franchises carried on within the city. A city may levy privilege license taxes on the
35	businesses that were formerly taxed by the State under the following sections of Article 2
36	of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes only to the extent the sections authorized cities to
37	tax the businesses before the sections were repealed:
38	<u>G.S. 105-36</u> <u>Amusements – Manufacturing, selling, leasing, or distributing moving</u>
39	picture films.
40	<u>G.S. 105-36.1</u> <u>Amusements – Outdoor theatres.</u>
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28	(b) Barbers	hop and Salon Restriction. – A privilege license tax levied by a city on
29		beauty salon may not exceed two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for
30	each barber, man	icurist, cosmetologist, beautician, or other operator employed in the
31	barbershop or bea	
32	Sec. 8.	Chapter 66 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article
33	to read:	
34		" <u>ARTICLE 31.</u>
35		S, ITINERANT MERCHANTS, AND SPECIALTY MARKETS.
36	" <u>§ 66-230. Defini</u>	
37		definitions apply in this Article:
38		tinerant merchant A person, other than a merchant with an
39		established retail store in the county, who transports an inventory of
40		goods to a building, vacant lot, or other location in a county and who, at
41		hat location, displays the goods for sale and sells the goods at retail or
42	<u>(</u>	offers the goods for sale at retail.

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1	<u>(2)</u>	<u>Peddler. – A person who travels from place to place with an inventory</u>
2		of goods, who sells the goods at retail or offers the goods for sale at
3 4	(2)	retail, and who delivers the identical goods.
	<u>(3)</u>	<u>Person. – An individual, a firm, an association, a partnership, a limited</u>
5 6		liability company, a corporation, a unit of government, or another group acting as a unit.
0 7	(A)	
8	<u>(4)</u>	<u>Specialty market. – A location, other than a permanent retail store,</u> where space is rented to others for the purpose of selling goods at retail
8 9		or offering goods for sale at retail.
9 10	(5)	<u>Specialty market operator. – A person, other than the State or a unit of</u>
10	<u>(5)</u>	local government, who rents space, at a location other than a permanent
11		retail store, to others for the purpose of selling goods at retail or offering
12		goods for sale at retail.
13	(6)	<u>Specialty market vendor. – A person, other than a merchant with an</u>
14	<u>(0)</u>	established retail store in the county, who transports an inventory of
16		goods to a specialty market and, at that location, displays the goods for
17		sale and sells the goods at retail or offers the goods for sale at retail.
18	"8 66-231 It	<u>inerant merchant and peddler must have permission of property</u>
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20		merchant or a peddler who travels from place to place by vehicle must
21		statement signed by the owner or lessee of any property upon which the
22		ant or peddler offers goods for sale giving the owner's or lessee's
23		offer goods for sale upon the property of the owner or lessee. This
24	<u> </u>	clearly state the name of the owner or lessee, the location of the premises
25		ermission is granted, and the dates during which the permission is valid.
26	The statement must be conspicuously and prominently displayed, so as to be visible for	
27		atrons of the itinerant merchant or peddler, at the places or locations at
28		s are to be sold or offered for sale.
29	-	play and possession of retail sales tax license.
30		n Required. – An itinerant merchant must keep the merchant's retail sales
31		picuously and prominently displayed, so as to be visible for inspection by
32		tinerant merchant at the places or locations at which the goods are to be
33	sold or offered	for sale. A peddler must carry the peddler's retail sales tax license when
34	the peddler offe	ers goods for sale and must produce the license upon the request of any
35	customer, State	or local revenue agent, or law enforcement agent. A specialty market
36		ep the retail sales tax license conspicuously and prominently displayed, so
37		for inspection by patrons of the specialty market vendor at the places or
38	locations at wh	nich the goods are to be sold or offered for sale. A specialty market
39	operator must h	have its retail sales tax license, if any, available for inspection during all
40	times that the	specialty market is open and must produce it upon the request of any
41	customer, State	or local revenue agent, or law enforcement agent.
42	<u>(b)</u> <u>Com</u>	pliance The requirement that a retail sales tax license be displayed is
43	satisfied if the v	rendor displays either of the following:

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1	(1) A convert the license
1	$(1) \qquad \underline{\text{A copy of the license.}}$
2	(2) Evidence that the license has been applied for and the applicable license
3	fee has been paid within 30 days before the date the license was
4	required to be displayed.
5	" <u>§ 66-233. Display of identification upon request.</u>
6	Upon the request of any customer, State or local revenue agent, or law enforcement
7	agent, a peddler, an itinerant merchant, a specialty market operator, or a specialty market
8	vendor must provide its name and permanent address. If the peddler, itinerant merchant,
9	specialty market operator, or specialty market vendor is not a corporation, he or she must,
10	upon the request of any customer. State or local revenue agent, or law enforcement agent,
11	provide a valid drivers license, a special identification card issued under G.S. 20-37.7,
12	military identification, or a passport bearing a physical description of the person named
13	reasonably describing the peddler, itinerant merchant, specialty market operator, or
14	specialty market vendor. If the peddler, itinerant merchant, specialty market operator, or
15	specialty market vendor is a corporation, it must, upon the request of any customer, State
16 17	or local revenue agent, or law enforcement agent, give the name and registered agent of the corporation and the address of the registered office of the corporation ag filed with
17 18	the corporation and the address of the registered office of the corporation, as filed with
18 19	the Secretary of State.
20	" <u>§ 66-234. Records of source of new merchandise.</u> (a) Record Required. – Each peddler, itinerant merchant, and specialty market
20 21	vendor must keep a written record of the source of new merchandise the merchant offers
21	for sale. The record must be a receipt or an invoice from the person who sold the
22	merchandise to the merchant. The invoice or receipt must specifically identify the
23 24	product being sold by product name and quantity purchased and must contain the
2 4 25	complete business name of the seller and a description of the type of business. If the
23 26	seller was an individual, the receipt or invoice must contain the seller's drivers license
20 27	number, its state of issuance and expiration date, and the seller's date of birth. The
28	merchant must verify this information by comparing the seller's drivers license to the
29	invoice or receipt and signing the invoice or receipt. A special identification card issued
30	by the Division of Motor Vehicles may be used in place of the seller's drivers license for
31	the purposes of providing and verifying information required under this section. If the
32	seller was a corporation, the receipt or invoice must contain the corporation's federal tax
33	identification number, the state of incorporation, the name and address of the
34	corporation's registered agent in this State, if any, and the corporation's principal office
35	address.
36	(b) Keeping the Record. – Each peddler, itinerant merchant, and specialty market
37	vendor must keep the record required by subsection (a) of this section with the new
38	merchandise being offered for sale. Once the new merchandise is sold, the merchant
39	must keep the record for a period of three years after the date of the sale.
40	(c) Displaying Record or Affidavit. – Upon the request of a law enforcement
41	agent, a peddler, an itinerant merchant, or a specialty market vendor must produce either
42	of the following:

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1		record required by subsection (a) of this section of the source of
2		nerchandise the merchant offers for sale.
3		ffidavit under oath or affirmation identifying the source of new
4		nandise the merchant offers for sale, including the name and
5		ss of the seller, the license number of any auctioneer seller, and the
6	date a	and place of purchase of the merchandise.
7		are to produce the requested record or an affidavit within a
8	reasonable time of re	equest by a law enforcement agent is prima facie evidence of
9	possession of stolen	property. Pending the production of the requested record or
10	affidavit, the agent ma	ay take the merchandise into custody as evidence at the time the
11	request is made. Mer	chandise impounded under this subsection must be disposed of in
12	accordance with G.S. 1	<u>5-11.1.</u>
13	(d) Posted Notic	ce. – A specialty market operator must conspicuously post in plain
14	view of all specialty n	arket vendors a sign informing all vendors that failure to produce,
15	upon the request of a	law enforcement agent, either the records or affidavit required
16	under this section is pr	ima facie evidence of possession of stolen property.
17	" <u>§ 66-235. Specialty 1</u>	narket registration list.
18	· ·	t operator must maintain a daily registration list of all specialty
19	market vendors selling	or offering goods for sale at the specialty market. The registration
20	list must clearly and	legibly show each specialty market vendor's name, permanent
21	address, and retail sale	es and use tax registration number. The specialty market operator
22	must require each spe	cialty market vendor to exhibit a valid retail sales tax license for
23	visual inspection by the	ne specialty market operator at the time of registration, and must
24	require each specialty	market vendor to keep the retail sales tax license conspicuously
25	and prominently displa	ayed, so as to be visible for inspection by patrons of the specialty
26	market vendor at the	places or locations at which the goods are offered for sale. Each
27	daily registration list n	naintained pursuant to this section must be retained by the specialty
28	market operator for no	less than two years and must at any time be made available upon
29	request to any law enfo	
30	"§ 66-236. Exemption	<u>ns from Article.</u>
31	This Article does n	ot apply to the following:
32	<u>(1)</u> <u>A pe</u>	ddler or an itinerant merchant who meets any of the following
33	descr	i <u>ptions:</u>
34	<u>a.</u>	Sells farm or nursery products produced by the merchant.
35	<u>b.</u>	Sells crafts or goods made by the merchant or the merchant's
36		own household personal property.
37	<u>c.</u>	Is a nonprofit charitable, educational, religious, scientific, or
38		civic organization.
39	<u>d.</u>	Sells printed material, wood for fuel, ice, seafood, meat, poultry,
40	—	livestock, eggs, dairy products, bread, cakes, or pies.
41	<u>e.</u>	Is an authorized automobile dealer licensed pursuant to Chapter
42	—	20 of the General Statutes.

1	<u>(2</u>	A peddler who maintains a fixed permanent location from which at least
2		ninety percent (90%) of the peddler's sales are made but who sells some
3		goods in the county of the fixed location by peddling.
4	<u>(3</u>	<u>An itinerant merchant who meets any of the following descriptions:</u>
5		a. Locates at a farmer's market.
6		b. Is part of the State Fair or an agriculture fair that is licensed by
7		the Commissioner of Agriculture pursuant to G.S. 106-520.3.
8		c. <u>Sells goods at an auction conducted by an auctioneer licensed</u>
9		pursuant to Chapter 85B of the General Statutes.
10	<u>(4</u>	A peddler who complies with the requirements of G.S. 25A-38 through
11		G.S. 25A-42, or who complies with the requirements of G.S. 14-401.13.
12	" <u>§ 66-237.</u> I	Misdemeanor violations.
13	<u>(a)</u> <u>C</u>	ass 1 Misdemeanors. – A person who does any of the following commits a
14	Class 1 mise	lemeanor:
15	<u>(1</u>) Fails to keep a record of new merchandise offered for sale as required
16		by G.S. 66-234.
17	<u>(2</u>) Fails to produce a record or an affidavit pursuant to G.S. 66-234.
18	(3) Falsifies a record of new merchandise required by G.S. 66-234.
19	<u>(b)</u> <u>C</u>	lass 3 Misdemeanors A person who does any of the following commits a
20	Class 3 mise	lemeanor:
21	<u>(1</u>) Knowingly gives false information when registering pursuant to G.S.
22		<u>66-235.</u>
23	<u>(2</u>) If the person is an itinerant merchant or a specialty market vendor, fails
24		to display the retail sales tax license as required by G.S. 66-232.
25	<u>(3</u>) If the person is a peddler or specialty market operator, fails to produce
26		the retail sales tax license as required by G.S. 66-232.
27	<u>(4</u>) Fails to obtain the permission of the property owner as required by G.S.
28		66-231.
29	<u>(5</u>) Fails to provide name, address, or identification upon request as
30		required by G.S. 66-233 or provides false information in response to the
31		request.
32	<u>(6</u>) If the person is a specialty market operator, fails to maintain the daily
33		registration list as required by G.S. 66-235.
34	<u>(c)</u> <u>D</u>	efense. – Whenever satisfactory evidence is presented in any court of the fact
35	that a retail s	sales tax license was not displayed or produced as required by G.S. 66-232 or
36	that permiss	ion to use property was not displayed as required by G.S. 66-231, the person
37	charged may	not be found guilty of that violation if the person produces in court a valid
38	retail sales ta	ax license or valid permission, respectively, that had been issued prior to the
39	time the pers	son was charged.
40		Local regulation not affected.
41		icle does not affect the authority of a county or city to impose additional
42		s on peddlers, itinerant merchants, specialty market vendors, or specialty
43		ators by an ordinance adopted under G.S. 153A-125 or G.S. 160A-178."
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1 Sec. 9. This act does not affect the rights or liabilities of the State, a taxpayer, 2 or another person arising under a statute amended or repealed by this act before its 3 amendment or repeal; nor does it affect the right to any refund or credit of a tax that 4 would otherwise have been available under the amended or repealed statute before its 5 amendment or repeal.

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Sec. 10. This act becomes effective July 1, 1996.