

# HOUSE BILL No. 1351

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 6-1.1-2-7; IC 6-2.5-1-5; IC 6-6-15; IC 6-8.1-1-1.

**Synopsis:** Motorized equipment vehicle rental excise tax. Excludes certain motorized equipment vehicles from the assessment of the personal property tax. Imposes an excise tax on the rental of those motorized equipment vehicles (excise tax). Provides procedures for the sourcing, collection, and distribution of the excise tax. Provides that the excise tax is apportioned and distributed to local governmental units in the same manner that property taxes are apportioned and distributed.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2009,  
2 SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "nonbusiness  
4 personal property" means personal property that is not:  
5 (1) held for sale in the ordinary course of a trade or business;  
6 (2) held, used, or consumed in connection with the production of  
7 income; or  
8 (3) held as an investment.  
9 (b) The following property is not subject to assessment and taxation  
10 under this article:  
11 (1) A commercial vessel that is subject to the net tonnage tax  
12 imposed under IC 6-6-6.  
13 (2) A motor vehicle that is subject to the annual license excise tax  
14 imposed under IC 6-6-5.  
15 (3) A motorized boat or sailboat that is subject to the boat excise  
16 tax imposed under IC 6-6-11.  
17 (4) Property used by a cemetery (as defined in IC 23-14-33-7) if



- 1 the cemetery:
- 2 (A) does not have a board of directors, board of trustees, or
- 3 other governing authority other than the state or a political
- 4 subdivision; and
- 5 (B) has had no business transaction during the preceding
- 6 calendar year.
- 7 (5) A commercial vehicle that is subject to the annual excise tax
- 8 imposed under IC 6-6-5.5.
- 9 (6) Inventory.
- 10 (7) A recreational vehicle or truck camper that is subject to the
- 11 annual excise tax imposed under IC 6-6-5.1.
- 12 (8) The following types of nonbusiness personal property:
- 13 (A) All-terrain vehicles.
- 14 (B) Snowmobiles.
- 15 (C) Rowboats, canoes, kayaks, and other human powered
- 16 boats.
- 17 (D) Invalid chairs.
- 18 (E) Yard and garden tractors.
- 19 (F) Trailers that are not subject to an excise tax under:
- 20 (i) IC 6-6-5-5.5;
- 21 (ii) IC 6-6-5.1; or
- 22 (iii) IC 6-6-5.5.
- 23 **(9) For an assessment date after December 31, 2017, a**
- 24 **motorized equipment vehicle (as defined in IC 6-6-15-2) that**
- 25 **is rented or held in inventory for rental or sale, the rental of**
- 26 **which is or would be subject to the motorized equipment**
- 27 **vehicle rental excise tax under IC 6-6-15.**
- 28 SECTION 2. IC 6-2.5-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.265-2013,
- 29 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 30 JANUARY 1, 2018]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),
- 31 "gross retail income" means the total amount of consideration,
- 32 including cash, credit, property, and services, for which tangible
- 33 personal property is sold, leased, or rented, valued in money, whether
- 34 received in money or otherwise, without any deduction for:
- 35 (1) the seller's cost of the property sold;
- 36 (2) the cost of materials used, labor or service cost, interest,
- 37 losses, all costs of transportation to the seller, all taxes imposed
- 38 on the seller, and any other expense of the seller;
- 39 (3) charges by the seller for any services necessary to complete
- 40 the sale, other than delivery and installation charges;
- 41 (4) delivery charges; or
- 42 (5) consideration received by the seller from a third party if:



- 1 (A) the seller actually receives consideration from a party  
 2 other than the purchaser and the consideration is directly  
 3 related to a price reduction or discount on the sale;  
 4 (B) the seller has an obligation to pass the price reduction or  
 5 discount through to the purchaser;  
 6 (C) the amount of the consideration attributable to the sale is  
 7 fixed and determinable by the seller at the time of the sale of  
 8 the item to the purchaser; and  
 9 (D) the price reduction or discount is identified as a third party  
 10 price reduction or discount on the invoice received by the  
 11 purchaser or on a coupon, certificate, or other documentation  
 12 presented by the purchaser.

13 For purposes of subdivision (4), delivery charges are charges by the  
 14 seller for preparation and delivery of the property to a location  
 15 designated by the purchaser of property, including but not limited to  
 16 transportation, shipping, postage charges that are not separately stated  
 17 on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document, handling, crating, and  
 18 packing. Delivery charges do not include postage charges that are  
 19 separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document.

20 (b) "Gross retail income" does not include that part of the gross  
 21 receipts attributable to:

- 22 (1) the value of any tangible personal property received in a like  
 23 kind exchange in the retail transaction, if the value of the property  
 24 given in exchange is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale,  
 25 or similar document given to the purchaser;  
 26 (2) the receipts received in a retail transaction which constitute  
 27 interest, finance charges, or insurance premiums on either a  
 28 promissory note or an installment sales contract;  
 29 (3) discounts, including cash, terms, or coupons that are not  
 30 reimbursed by a third party that are allowed by a seller and taken  
 31 by a purchaser on a sale;  
 32 (4) interest, financing, and carrying charges from credit extended  
 33 on the sale of personal property if the amount is separately stated  
 34 on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the  
 35 purchaser;  
 36 (5) any taxes legally imposed directly on the consumer that are  
 37 separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document  
 38 given to the purchaser, **including an excise tax imposed under**  
 39 **IC 6-6-15;**  
 40 (6) installation charges that are separately stated on the invoice,  
 41 bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser;  
 42 (7) telecommunications nonrecurring charges; or



- 1 (8) postage charges that are separately stated on the invoice, bill  
2 of sale, or similar document.
- 3 (c) A public utility's or a power subsidiary's gross retail income  
4 includes all gross retail income received by the public utility or power  
5 subsidiary, including any minimum charge, flat charge, membership  
6 fee, or any other form of charge or billing.
- 7 SECTION 3. IC 6-6-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
8 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
9 1, 2017]:
- 10 **Chapter 15. Motorized Equipment Vehicle Rental Excise Tax**
- 11 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies only after December 31, 2017, to the**  
12 **rental of taxable motorized equipment vehicles.**
- 13 **Sec. 2. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:**
- 14 (1) "Department" refers to the department of state revenue.
- 15 (2) "Gross retail income" has the meaning set forth in  
16 IC 6-2.5-1-5, except that the term does not include taxes  
17 imposed under IC 6-2.5 or the excise tax imposed under this  
18 chapter.
- 19 (3) "Motorized equipment vehicle" means a self-propelled  
20 motorized vehicle, including any attachment, that:
- 21 (A) is owned by a person that is a retail merchant in the  
22 business of renting motorized equipment vehicles;
- 23 (B) is not intended to be permanently affixed to any real  
24 property; and
- 25 (C) is not subject to registration under IC 9-18.1 for use on  
26 a public highway (as defined in IC 9-25-2-4).
- 27 However, the term does not include a motorized equipment  
28 vehicle that is rented for mining purposes or a motorized  
29 equipment vehicle that is eligible for a property tax abatement  
30 deduction under IC 6-1.1-12.1 during the calendar year.
- 31 (4) "Person" has the meaning set forth in IC 6-2.5-1-3.
- 32 (5) "Rental" means any transfer of possession or control of a  
33 motorized equipment vehicle for consideration:
- 34 (A) for a period not to exceed three hundred sixty-five  
35 (365) days; or
- 36 (B) for a period that is open ended under the terms of the  
37 rental contract with no specified end date.
- 38 (6) "Retail merchant" has the meaning set forth in  
39 IC 6-2.5-1-8.
- 40 **Sec. 3. (a) An excise tax, known as the motorized equipment**  
41 **vehicle rental excise tax, is imposed upon the rental of a motorized**  
42 **equipment vehicle from a retail merchant and from a location in**



1 **Indiana.**

2 (b) The motorized equipment vehicle rental excise tax imposed  
3 under this chapter is two and twenty-five hundredths percent  
4 (2.25%) of the gross retail income received by the retail merchant  
5 for the rental.

6 **Sec. 4. A transaction involving the rental of a motorized**  
7 **equipment vehicle is exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter**  
8 **if any of the following apply:**

- 9 (1) The rentee is:  
10 (A) the United States government;  
11 (B) the state;  
12 (C) a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13); or  
13 (D) an agency or instrumentality of an entity described in  
14 clauses (A) through (C).  
15 (2) The transaction is a subrent of the motorized equipment  
16 vehicle from a rentee to another person, and the rentee was  
17 liable for the tax imposed under this chapter.

18 **Sec. 5. A person that rents a motorized equipment vehicle is**  
19 **liable for the motorized equipment vehicle rental excise tax on the**  
20 **transaction. The person shall pay the tax to the retail merchant as**  
21 **a separate amount added to the consideration for the transaction.**  
22 **The retail merchant shall collect the tax as an agent for the state.**

23 **Sec. 6. (a) Subject to subsection (b), a retail merchant shall**  
24 **remit the motorized equipment vehicle rental excise tax that the**  
25 **retail merchant collects under this chapter in the same manner as**  
26 **the state gross retail tax is remitted under IC 6-2.5.**

27 (b) The motorized equipment vehicle rental excise tax imposed  
28 under this chapter shall be sourced to the business location of the  
29 retail merchant from which the motorized equipment vehicle is  
30 rented.

31 (c) The return to be filed for the payment of the motorized  
32 equipment vehicle rental excise tax may be either a separate return  
33 or may be combined with the return filed for the payment of the  
34 state gross retail tax, as prescribed by the department.

35 **Sec. 7. (a) All revenues collected from the motorized equipment**  
36 **vehicle rental excise tax must be deposited in a special account of**  
37 **the state general fund called the motorized equipment vehicle**  
38 **rental excise tax account.**

39 (b) On or before July 15 of each year, all amounts held in the  
40 motorized equipment vehicle rental excise tax account must be  
41 distributed to counties as provided by this section.

42 (c) The amount to be distributed to a county treasurer equals



1 the part of the total motorized equipment vehicle rental excise  
2 taxes being distributed that were initially imposed and collected  
3 from within that county treasurer's county. The department shall  
4 notify each county auditor of the amount of taxes to be distributed  
5 to the county treasurer. At the same time each distribution is made  
6 to a county treasurer, the department shall certify to the county  
7 auditor the taxing districts within the county where motorized  
8 equipment vehicle rental excise taxes were collected and the  
9 amount of the county distribution that was collected with respect  
10 to each taxing district.

11 (d) A county treasurer shall deposit motorized equipment  
12 vehicle rental excise tax distributions in a separate account for  
13 settlement at the same time as property taxes are accounted for  
14 and settled in June and December of each year.

15 (e) The county auditor shall apportion and the county treasurer  
16 shall distribute the motorized equipment vehicle rental excise taxes  
17 among the taxing units of the county in the same manner that  
18 property taxes are apportioned and distributed with respect to  
19 property located in the taxing district where the motorized  
20 equipment vehicle rental excise tax is sourced by the department  
21 under section 6(b) of this chapter. The motorized equipment  
22 vehicle rental excise taxes distributed to a taxing unit must be  
23 allocated among the taxing unit's funds in the same proportion that  
24 the taxing unit's property tax collections are allocated among those  
25 funds.

26 (f) Taxing units of a county may request and receive advances  
27 of motorized equipment vehicle rental excise tax revenues in the  
28 manner provided under IC 5-13-6-3.

29 (g) All distributions from the motorized equipment vehicle  
30 rental excise tax account must be made by warrants issued by the  
31 auditor of state to the treasurer of state ordering those  
32 distributions to the appropriate county treasurer.

33 SECTION 4. IC 6-8.1-1-1, AS AMENDED BY THE TECHNICAL  
34 CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS  
35 AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]:  
36 Sec. 1. "Listed taxes" or "taxes" includes only the pari-mutuel taxes  
37 (IC 4-31-9-3 through IC 4-31-9-5); the riverboat admissions tax  
38 (IC 4-33-12); the riverboat wagering tax (IC 4-33-13); the slot machine  
39 wagering tax (IC 4-35-8); the type II gambling game excise tax  
40 (IC 4-36-9); the gross income tax (IC 6-2.1) (repealed); the utility  
41 receipts and utility services use taxes (IC 6-2.3); the state gross retail  
42 and use taxes (IC 6-2.5); the adjusted gross income tax (IC 6-3); the



1 supplemental net income tax (IC 6-3-8) (repealed); the county adjusted  
2 gross income tax (IC 6-3.5-1.1) (*repealed*); the county option income  
3 tax (IC 6-3.5-6) (*repealed*); the county economic development income  
4 tax (IC 6-3.5-7) (*repealed*); *the local income tax (IC 6-3.6)*; the auto  
5 rental excise tax (IC 6-6-9); the financial institutions tax (IC 6-5.5); the  
6 gasoline tax (IC 6-6-1.1); the special fuel tax (IC 6-6-2.5); the motor  
7 carrier fuel tax (IC 6-6-4.1); a motor fuel tax collected under a  
8 reciprocal agreement under IC 6-8.1-3; the motor vehicle excise tax  
9 (IC 6-6-5); the aviation fuel excise tax (IC 6-6-13); the commercial  
10 vehicle excise tax (IC 6-6-5.5); the excise tax imposed on recreational  
11 vehicles and truck campers (IC 6-6-5.1); the hazardous waste disposal  
12 tax (IC 6-6-6.6) (repealed); **the motorized equipment vehicle rental**  
13 **excise tax (IC 6-6-15)**; the cigarette tax (IC 6-7-1); the beer excise tax  
14 (IC 7.1-4-2); the liquor excise tax (IC 7.1-4-3); the wine excise tax  
15 (IC 7.1-4-4); the hard cider excise tax (IC 7.1-4-4.5); the malt excise  
16 tax (IC 7.1-4-5); the petroleum severance tax (IC 6-8-1); the various  
17 innkeeper's taxes (IC 6-9); the various food and beverage taxes  
18 (IC 6-9); the county admissions tax (IC 6-9-13 and IC 6-9-28); the oil  
19 inspection fee (IC 16-44-2); the penalties assessed for oversize vehicles  
20 (IC 9-20-3 and ~~IC 9-30~~; *IC 9-20-18*); the fees and penalties assessed  
21 for overweight vehicles (IC 9-20-4 and ~~IC 9-30~~; *IC 9-20-18*); and any  
22 other tax or fee that the department is required to collect or administer.

