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Abstract: Expands the state and local sales and use tax exclusion for certain funeral-related expenses to include payments made by a funeral establishment on behalf of a funeral consumer to a third party for a cash advance item.

<u>Present law</u> excludes funeral directing services from imposition of state and local sales and use taxes. Funeral directing services include the operation of a funeral home, management of funerals, and performance of services connected with funerals from the time of death until burial.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but adds payments made by funeral establishments on behalf of a funeral consumer to a third party for a cash advance. Further defines "cash advance items" pursuant to <u>present federal law</u> to include cemetery or crematory charges, flowers, obituary notices, death certificates, musicians or singers, and clergy honoraria.

Effective July 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 47:301(10)(s))