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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Exemption for Hearing Aid Products

- FOR the purpose of expanding an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of
 certain hearing aid products to include certain batteries, transmitter and receiver
 systems, in-ear monitors, supplies, and accessories; repealing as redundant a certain
 exemption from the sales and use tax for certain hearing aid products; and generally
 relating to a sales and use tax exemption for hearing aid products.
- 8 BY repealing
- 9 Article Tax General
- 10 Section 11–211(b)(10)
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2022 Replacement Volume)
- 13 BY renumbering
- 14 Article Tax General
- 15 Section 11–211(b)(11) through (25)
- 16 to be Section 11–211(b)(10) through (24), respectively
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2022 Replacement Volume)
- 19 BY adding to
- 20 Article Tax General
- 21 Section 11–211(d)
- 22 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 23 (2022 Replacement Volume)



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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That Section(s) 11–211(b)(10) of Article – Tax – General of the Annotated Code of Maryland
 be repealed.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 11–211(b)(11) 5 through (25) of Article – Tax – General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered 6 to be Section(s) 11–211(b)(10) through (24), respectively.

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read 8 as follows:

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Article – Tax – General

10 11-211.

11 (D) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE 12 MEANINGS INDICATED.

(II) 1. "HEARING AID ACCESSORY" MEANS AN ITEM THAT
 CONNECTS DIRECTLY TO A HEARING AID THAT IS MANUFACTURED BY A HEARING
 AID COMPANY FOR SPECIFIC USE WITH THE HEARING AID.

162. "HEARING AID ACCESSORY" INCLUDES A TV17STREAMER, REMOTE MICROPHONE, REMOTE CONTROL, OR PHONE CLIP.

18 (III) 1. "HEARING AID SUPPLY" MEANS AN ITEM ESSENTIAL
19 TO THE FUNCTION OF A HEARING AID.

20 **2.** "Hearing and supply" includes a receiver, 21 Microphone cover, a wax filter, an earhook, a dome, or earmold tubing.

- 22 (2) THE SALES AND USE TAX DOES NOT APPLY TO A SALE OF:
- 23 (I) A CUSTOM–MADE EARMOLD FOR A HEARING AID;
- 24 (II) A BATTERY OR BATTERY CHARGER FOR A HEARING AID;
- 25(III) A FREQUENCY MODULATED TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER26SYSTEM FOR A HEARING AID;
- 27 (IV) CUSTOM-MADE IN-EAR MUSICIAN MONITORS;
- 28 (V) A HEARING AID SUPPLY; OR
- 29 (VI) A HEARING AID ACCESSORY.

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1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 2 1, 2023.