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Committee:

1	A E	BILL	FOR	AN	ACT	relatin	g	to	revenue	and	tax	ation;	to	amen	d	sections
2		77	-2701	-,	77-27	01.04,	77	-27	01.41,	77-27	'11,	77-271	.3,	and	77	7-27,223,

3 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to exempt certain sales of

clothing and footwear from sales and use taxes as prescribed; to

5 harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the

original sections; and to declare an emergency.

7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 77-2701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 77-2701 Sections 77-2701 to 77-27,135.01, 77-27,222, 77-27,235,
- 4 77-27,236, and 77-27,238 and section 4 of this act shall be known and may
- 5 be cited as the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967.
- 6 Sec. 2. Section 77-2701.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 7 amended to read:
- 8 77-2701.04 For purposes of sections 77-2701.04 to 77-2713 <u>and</u>
- 9 section 4 of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the
- 10 definitions found in sections 77-2701.05 to 77-2701.55 shall be used.
- 11 Sec. 3. Section 77-2701.41, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 12 amended to read:
- 13 77-2701.41 Taxpayer means any person subject to a tax imposed by
- 14 sections 77-2701 to 77-2713 and section 4 of this act.
- 15 Sec. 4. (1) Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross
- 16 receipts from the sale, use, or other consumption in this state of the
- 17 <u>following items of tangible personal property, if sold between 12:01 a.m.</u>
- 18 on the first Friday of August and 11:59 p.m. the following Saturday:
- 19 (a) Clothing with a sales price of one hundred dollars or less per
- 20 <u>item; and</u>
- 21 (b) Footwear with a sales price of one hundred fifty dollars or less
- 22 per item.
- 23 (3) The exemption provided by this section does not apply to the
- 24 <u>following:</u>
- 25 (a) Clothing accessories or equipment;
- 26 (b) Protective equipment;
- 27 <u>(c) Sport or recreational equipment;</u>
- 28 <u>(d) Any item for use in a trade or business;</u>
- 29 (e) The sale of any item in a theme park, entertainment complex,
- 30 public lodging establishment, or airport; or
- 31 (f) The lease or rental of any item.

1 (4) Each retailer making exempt sales under this section shall

- 2 <u>report the amount of such sales to the Tax Commissioner on the retailer's</u>
- 3 sales and use tax returns.
- 4 (5) The exemption provided in this section shall be subject to the
- 5 <u>following provisions:</u>
- 6 (a) A sale of eligible property under a layaway sale qualifies for
- 7 exemption if:
- 8 (i) Final payment on a layaway order is made by, and the property is
- 9 given to, the purchaser during the exemption period; or
- 10 (ii) The purchaser selects the property and the retailer accepts the
- 11 <u>order for the item during the exemption period, for immediate delivery</u>
- 12 upon full payment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period;
- 13 (b) If a discount by the seller reduces the sales price of the
- 14 eligible property, then the discounted sales price determines whether the
- 15 <u>sales price is within the price threshold. A coupon that reduces the</u>
- 16 sales price is treated as a discount if the seller is not reimbursed for
- 17 the coupon amount by a third party. If a discount applies to the total
- 18 <u>amount paid by a purchaser, rather than to the sales price of a</u>
- 19 particular item, and the purchaser has purchased both eligible property
- 20 and taxable property, the seller should allocate the discount based on
- 21 the total sales price of the taxable property compared to the total sales
- 22 price of all property sold in that same transaction;
- 23 (c) Articles that are normally sold as a single unit shall continue
- 24 to be sold in that manner. Such articles cannot be priced separately and
- 25 sold as individual items in order to obtain the exemption;
- 26 (d) Eliqible property that customers purchase during the exemption
- 27 period with use of a rain check shall qualify for the exemption,
- 28 regardless of when the rain check was issued. Issuance of a rain check
- 29 during the exemption period shall not qualify eligible property for the
- 30 exemption if the property is purchased after the exemption period;
- 31 (e) The procedure for an exchange is as follows:

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- 1 (i) If a customer purchases an item of eligible property during the
- 2 exemption period but later exchanges the item for a similar eligible
- 3 <u>item, no additional tax is due, even if the exchange is made after the</u>
- 4 exemption period;
- 5 (ii) If a customer purchases an item of eligible property during the
- 6 exemption period but, after the exemption period has ended, the customer
- 7 returns the item and receives credit on the purchase of a different item,
- 8 the appropriate sales tax is due on the sale of the newly purchased item;
- 9 and
- 10 <u>(iii) If a customer purchases an item of eligible property before</u>
- 11 the exemption period but during the exemption period the customer returns
- 12 the item and receives credit on the purchase of a different item of
- 13 <u>eligible property, no sales tax is due on the sale of the new item if the</u>
- 14 <u>new item is purchased during the exemption period;</u>
- 15 (f) Delivery charges, including shipping, handling, and service
- 16 charges, are part of the sales price of eligible property. For the
- 17 purpose of determining the price threshold, if all the property in a
- 18 shipment qualifies as eligible property and the sales price for each item
- 19 in the shipment is within the price threshold, then the seller does not
- 20 have to allocate the delivery, handling, or service charge to determine
- 21 if the price threshold is exceeded. The shipment shall be considered a
- 22 sale of eligible products. If the shipment includes eligible property and
- 23 taxable property, including an eligible item with a sales price in excess
- 24 of the price threshold, the seller should allocate the delivery charge by
- 25 using:
- 26 (i) A percentage based on the total sales prices of the taxable
- 27 property compared to the total sales prices of all property in the
- 28 <u>shipment; or</u>
- 29 (ii) A percentage based on the total weight of the taxable property
- 30 compared to the total weight of all property in the shipment. The seller
- 31 shall tax the percentage of the delivery charge allocated to the taxable

1 property, but does not have to tax the percentage allocated to the

- 2 eligible property;
- 3 (q) For the purpose of this section, eligible property qualifies for
- 4 exemption if:
- 5 (i) The item is both delivered to and paid for by the customer
- 6 during the exemption period; or
- 7 <u>(ii) The customer orders and pays for the item and the seller</u>
- 8 accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment,
- 9 even if delivery is made after the exemption period. The seller accepts
- 10 an order when the seller has taken action to fill the order for immediate
- 11 <u>shipment</u>. Actions to fill an order include placement of an "in date"
- 12 <u>stamp on a mail order or assignment of an "order number" to a telephone</u>
- 13 <u>order. An order is for immediate shipment when the customer does not</u>
- 14 request delayed shipment. An order is for immediate shipment
- 15 notwithstanding that the shipment may be delayed because of a backlog of
- 16 <u>orders or because stock is currently unavailable to or on back order by</u>
- 17 the seller;
- (h) For the sixty-day period immediately after the exemption period,
- 19 when a customer returns an item that would qualify for the exemption, no
- 20 <u>credit for or refund of sales tax shall be given unless the customer</u>
- 21 provides a receipt or invoice that shows tax was paid or the seller has
- 22 sufficient documentation to show that tax was paid on the specific item.
- 23 The sixty-day period is set solely for the purpose of designating a time
- 24 <u>period during which the customer shall provide documentation that shows</u>
- 25 that sales tax was paid on returned merchandise. The sixty-day period is
- 26 <u>not intended to change a seller's policy on the time period during which</u>
- 27 the seller will accept returns; and
- 28 (i) The time zone of the seller's location determines the time of
- 29 the exemption period when the purchaser is located in one time zone and
- 30 <u>the seller is located in another.</u>
- 31 Sec. 5. Section 77-2711, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 1 amended to read:
- 2 77-2711 (1)(a) The Tax Commissioner shall enforce sections
- 3 77-2701.04 to 77-2713 and section 4 of this act and may prescribe, adopt,
- 4 and enforce rules and regulations relating to the administration and
- 5 enforcement of such sections.
- 6 (b) The Tax Commissioner may prescribe the extent to which any 7 ruling or regulation shall be applied without retroactive effect.
- 8 (2) The Tax Commissioner may employ accountants, auditors,
- 9 investigators, assistants, and clerks necessary for the efficient
- 10 administration of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and may delegate
- 11 authority to his or her representatives to conduct hearings, prescribe
- 12 regulations, or perform any other duties imposed by such act.
- 13 (3)(a) Every seller, every retailer, and every person storing,
- 14 using, or otherwise consuming in this state property purchased from a
- 15 retailer shall keep such records, receipts, invoices, and other pertinent
- 16 papers in such form as the Tax Commissioner may reasonably require.
- 17 (b) Every such seller, retailer, or person shall keep such records
- 18 for not less than three years from the making of such records unless the
- 19 Tax Commissioner in writing sooner authorized their destruction.
- 20 (4) The Tax Commissioner or any person authorized in writing by him
- 21 or her may examine the books, papers, records, and equipment of any
- 22 person selling property and any person liable for the use tax and may
- 23 investigate the character of the business of the person in order to
- 24 verify the accuracy of any return made or, if no return is made by the
- 25 person, to ascertain and determine the amount required to be paid. In the
- 26 examination of any person selling property or of any person liable for
- 27 the use tax, an inquiry shall be made as to the accuracy of the reporting
- 28 of city sales and use taxes for which the person is liable under the
- 29 Local Option Revenue Act or sections 13-319, 13-324, and 13-2813 and the
- 30 accuracy of the allocation made between the various counties, cities,
- 31 villages, and municipal counties of the tax due. The Tax Commissioner may

- 1 make or cause to be made copies of resale or exemption certificates and
- 2 may pay a reasonable amount to the person having custody of the records
- 3 for providing such copies.
- 4 (5) The taxpayer shall have the right to keep or store his or her
- 5 records at a point outside this state and shall make his or her records
- 6 available to the Tax Commissioner at all times.
- 7 (6) In administration of the use tax, the Tax Commissioner may
- 8 require the filing of reports by any person or class of persons having in
- 9 his, her, or their possession or custody information relating to sales of
- 10 property, the storage, use, or other consumption of which is subject to
- 11 the tax. The report shall be filed when the Tax Commissioner requires and
- 12 shall set forth the names and addresses of purchasers of the property,
- 13 the sales price of the property, the date of sale, and such other
- 14 information as the Tax Commissioner may require.
- 15 (7) It shall be a Class I misdemeanor for the Tax Commissioner or
- 16 any official or employee of the Tax Commissioner, the State Treasurer, or
- 17 the Department of Administrative Services to make known in any manner
- 18 whatever the business affairs, operations, or information obtained by an
- 19 investigation of records and activities of any retailer or any other
- 20 person visited or examined in the discharge of official duty or the
- 21 amount or source of income, profits, losses, expenditures, or any
- 22 particular thereof, set forth or disclosed in any return, or to permit
- 23 any return or copy thereof, or any book containing any abstract or
- 24 particulars thereof to be seen or examined by any person not connected
- 25 with the Tax Commissioner. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
- 26 prohibit (a) the delivery to a taxpayer, his or her duly authorized
- 27 representative, or his or her successors, receivers, trustees, executors,
- 28 administrators, assignees, or guarantors, if directly interested, of a
- 29 certified copy of any return or report in connection with his or her tax,
- 30 (b) the publication of statistics so classified as to prevent the
- 31 identification of particular reports or returns and the items thereof,

- 1 (c) the inspection by the Attorney General, other legal representative of 2 the state, or county attorney of the reports or returns of any taxpayer when either (i) information on the reports or returns is considered by 3 4 the Attorney General to be relevant to any action or proceeding 5 instituted by the taxpayer or against whom an action or proceeding is being considered or has been commenced by any state agency or the county 6 7 or (ii) the taxpayer has instituted an action to review the tax based thereon or an action or proceeding against the taxpayer for collection of 8 9 tax or failure to comply with the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 is being considered or has been commenced, (d) the furnishing of any information 10 to the United States Government or to states allowing similar privileges 11 to the Tax Commissioner, (e) the disclosure of information and records to 12 13 a collection agency contracting with the Tax Commissioner pursuant to sections 77-377.01 to 77-377.04, (f) the disclosure to another party to a 14 transaction of information and records concerning the transaction between 15 16 the taxpayer and the other party, (g) the disclosure of information 17 pursuant to section 77-27,195 or 77-5731, or (h) the disclosure of information to the Department of Labor necessary for the administration 18 of the Employment Security Law, the Contractor Registration Act, or the 19 Employee Classification Act. 20
- (8) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (7) of this 21 22 section, the Tax Commissioner may permit the Postal Inspector of the United States Postal Service or his or her delegates to inspect the 23 24 reports or returns of any person filed pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue 25 Act of 1967 when information on the reports or returns is relevant to any action or proceeding instituted or being considered by the United States 26 Postal Service against such person for the fraudulent use of the mails to 27 28 carry and deliver false and fraudulent tax returns to the Tax Commissioner with the intent to defraud the State of Nebraska or to evade 29 the payment of Nebraska state taxes. 30
- 31 (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (7) of this

- 1 section, the Tax Commissioner may permit other tax officials of this
- 2 state to inspect the tax returns, reports, and applications filed under
- 3 sections 77-2701.04 to 77-2713 and section 4 of this act, but such
- 4 inspection shall be permitted only for purposes of enforcing a tax law
- 5 and only to the extent and under the conditions prescribed by the rules
- 6 and regulations of the Tax Commissioner.
- 7 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (7) of this
- 8 section, the Tax Commissioner may, upon request, provide the county board
- 9 of any county which has exercised the authority granted by section
- 10 81-3716 with a list of the names and addresses of the hotels located
- 11 within the county for which lodging sales tax returns have been filed or
- 12 for which lodging sales taxes have been remitted for the county's County
- 13 Visitors Promotion Fund under the Nebraska Visitors Development Act.
- The information provided by the Tax Commissioner shall indicate only
- 15 the names and addresses of the hotels located within the requesting
- 16 county for which lodging sales tax returns have been filed for a
- 17 specified period and the fact that lodging sales taxes remitted by or on
- 18 behalf of the hotel have constituted a portion of the total sum remitted
- 19 by the state to the county for a specified period under the provisions of
- 20 the Nebraska Visitors Development Act. No additional information shall be
- 21 revealed.
- 22 (11)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (7) of this
- 23 section, the Tax Commissioner shall, upon written request by the Auditor
- 24 of Public Accounts or the office of Legislative Audit, make tax returns
- 25 and tax return information open to inspection by or disclosure to the
- 26 Auditor of Public Accounts or employees of the office of Legislative
- 27 Audit for the purpose of and to the extent necessary in making an audit
- 28 of the Department of Revenue pursuant to section 50-1205 or 84-304.
- 29 Confidential tax returns and tax return information shall be audited only
- 30 upon the premises of the Department of Revenue. All audit workpapers
- 31 pertaining to the audit of the Department of Revenue shall be stored in a

- 1 secure place in the Department of Revenue.
- 2 (b) No employee of the Auditor of Public Accounts or the office of
- 3 Legislative Audit shall disclose to any person, other than another
- 4 Auditor of Public Accounts or office employee whose official duties
- 5 require such disclosure, any return or return information described in
- 6 the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 in a form which can be associated with
- 7 or otherwise identify, directly or indirectly, a particular taxpayer.
- 8 (c) Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection shall
- 9 be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. For purposes of this subsection,
- 10 employee includes a former Auditor of Public Accounts or office of
- 11 Legislative Audit employee.
- 12 (12) For purposes of this subsection and subsections (11) and (14)
- 13 of this section:
- 14 (a) Disclosure means the making known to any person in any manner a
- 15 tax return or return information;
- 16 (b) Return information means:
- 17 (i) A taxpayer's identification number and (A) the nature, source,
- 18 or amount of his or her income, payments, receipts, deductions,
- 19 exemptions, credits, assets, liabilities, net worth, tax liability, tax
- 20 withheld, deficiencies, overassessments, or tax payments, whether the
- 21 taxpayer's return was, is being, or will be examined or subject to other
- 22 investigation or processing or (B) any other data received by, recorded
- 23 by, prepared by, furnished to, or collected by the Tax Commissioner with
- 24 respect to a return or the determination of the existence or possible
- 25 existence of liability or the amount of liability of any person for any
- 26 tax, penalty, interest, fine, forfeiture, or other imposition or offense;
- 27 and
- 28 (ii) Any part of any written determination or any background file
- 29 document relating to such written determination; and
- 30 (c) Tax return or return means any tax or information return or
- 31 claim for refund required by, provided for, or permitted under sections

- 1 77-2701 to 77-2713 and section 4 of this act which is filed with the Tax
- 2 Commissioner by, on behalf of, or with respect to any person and any
- 3 amendment or supplement thereto, including supporting schedules,
- 4 attachments, or lists which are supplemental to or part of the filed
- 5 return.
- 6 (13) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (7) of this
- 7 section, the Tax Commissioner shall, upon request, provide any
- 8 municipality which has adopted the local option sales tax under the Local
- 9 Option Revenue Act with a list of the names and addresses of the
- 10 retailers which have collected the local option sales tax for the
- 11 municipality. The request may be made annually and shall be submitted to
- 12 the Tax Commissioner on or before June 30 of each year. The information
- 13 provided by the Tax Commissioner shall indicate only the names and
- 14 addresses of the retailers. The Tax Commissioner may provide additional
- information to a municipality so long as the information does not include
- 16 any data detailing the specific revenue, expenses, or operations of any
- 17 particular business.
- 18 (14)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (7) of this
- 19 section, the Tax Commissioner shall, upon written request, provide an
- 20 individual certified under subdivision (b) of this subsection
- 21 representing a municipality which has adopted the local option sales and
- 22 use tax under the Local Option Revenue Act with confidential sales and
- 23 use tax returns and sales and use tax return information regarding
- 24 taxpayers that possess a sales tax permit and the amounts remitted by
- 25 such permitholders at locations within the boundaries of the requesting
- 26 municipality or with confidential business use tax returns and business
- 27 use tax return information regarding taxpayers that file a Nebraska and
- 28 Local Business Use Tax Return and the amounts remitted by such taxpayers
- 29 at locations within the boundaries of the requesting municipality. Any
- 30 written request pursuant to this subsection shall provide the Department
- 31 of Revenue with no less than ten business days to prepare the sales and

- 1 use tax returns and sales and use tax return information requested. Such
- 2 returns and return information shall be viewed only upon the premises of
- 3 the department.
- 4 (b) Each municipality that seeks to request information under
- 5 subdivision (a) of this subsection shall certify to the Department of
- 6 Revenue one individual who is authorized by such municipality to make
- 7 such request and review the documents described in subdivision (a) of
- 8 this subsection. The individual may be a municipal employee or an
- 9 individual who contracts with the requesting municipality to provide
- 10 financial, accounting, or other administrative services.
- 11 (c) No individual certified by a municipality pursuant to
- 12 subdivision (b) of this subsection shall disclose to any person any
- 13 information obtained pursuant to a review under this subsection. An
- 14 individual certified by a municipality pursuant to subdivision (b) of
- 15 this subsection shall remain subject to this subsection after he or she
- 16 (i) is no longer certified or (ii) is no longer in the employment of or
- 17 under contract with the certifying municipality.
- 18 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection shall
- 19 be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.
- 20 (e) The Department of Revenue shall not be held liable by any person
- 21 for an impermissible disclosure by a municipality or any agent or
- 22 employee thereof of any information obtained pursuant to a review under
- 23 this subsection.
- 24 (15) In all proceedings under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, the
- 25 Tax Commissioner may act for and on behalf of the people of the State of
- 26 Nebraska. The Tax Commissioner in his or her discretion may waive all or
- 27 part of any penalties provided by the provisions of such act or interest
- on delinquent taxes specified in section 45-104.02, as such rate may from
- 29 time to time be adjusted.
- 30 (16)(a) The purpose of this subsection is to set forth the state's
- 31 policy for the protection of the confidentiality rights of all

1 participants in the system operated pursuant to the streamlined sales and

- 2 use tax agreement and of the privacy interests of consumers who deal with
- 3 model 1 sellers.
- 4 (b) For purposes of this subsection:
- 5 (i) Anonymous data means information that does not identify a 6 person;
- 7 (ii) Confidential taxpayer information means all information that is
- 8 protected under a member state's laws, regulations, and privileges; and
- 9 (iii) Personally identifiable information means information that
- 10 identifies a person.
- 11 (c) The state agrees that a fundamental precept for model 1 sellers
- 12 is to preserve the privacy of consumers by protecting their anonymity.
- 13 With very limited exceptions, a certified service provider shall perform
- 14 its tax calculation, remittance, and reporting functions without
- 15 retaining the personally identifiable information of consumers.
- 16 (d) The governing board of the member states in the streamlined
- 17 sales and use tax agreement may certify a certified service provider only
- 18 if that certified service provider certifies that:
- (i) Its system has been designed and tested to ensure that the
- 20 fundamental precept of anonymity is respected;
- 21 (ii) Personally identifiable information is only used and retained
- 22 to the extent necessary for the administration of model 1 with respect to
- 23 exempt purchasers;
- 24 (iii) It provides consumers clear and conspicuous notice of its
- 25 information practices, including what information it collects, how it
- 26 collects the information, how it uses the information, how long, if at
- 27 all, it retains the information, and whether it discloses the information
- 28 to member states. Such notice shall be satisfied by a written privacy
- 29 policy statement accessible by the public on the web site of the
- 30 certified service provider;
- 31 (iv) Its collection, use, and retention of personally identifiable

- 1 information is limited to that required by the member states to ensure
- 2 the validity of exemptions from taxation that are claimed by reason of a
- 3 consumer's status or the intended use of the goods or services purchased;
- 4 and
- 5 (v) It provides adequate technical, physical, and administrative
- 6 safeguards so as to protect personally identifiable information from
- 7 unauthorized access and disclosure.
- 8 (e) The state shall provide public notification to consumers,
- 9 including exempt purchasers, of the state's practices relating to the
- 10 collection, use, and retention of personally identifiable information.
- 11 (f) When any personally identifiable information that has been
- 12 collected and retained is no longer required for the purposes set forth
- in subdivision (16)(d)(iv) of this section, such information shall no
- 14 longer be retained by the member states.
- (g) When personally identifiable information regarding an individual
- 16 is retained by or on behalf of the state, it shall provide reasonable
- 17 access by such individual to his or her own information in the state's
- 18 possession and a right to correct any inaccurately recorded information.
- 19 (h) If anyone other than a member state, or a person authorized by
- 20 that state's law or the agreement, seeks to discover personally
- 21 identifiable information, the state from whom the information is sought
- 22 should make a reasonable and timely effort to notify the individual of
- 23 such request.
- (i) This privacy policy is subject to enforcement by the Attorney
- 25 General.
- 26 (j) All other laws and regulations regarding the collection, use,
- 27 and maintenance of confidential taxpayer information remain fully
- 28 applicable and binding. Without limitation, this subsection does not
- 29 enlarge or limit the state's authority to:
- 30 (i) Conduct audits or other reviews as provided under the agreement
- 31 and state law;

- 1 (ii) Provide records pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information
- 2 Act, disclosure laws with governmental agencies, or other regulations;
- 3 (iii) Prevent, consistent with state law, disclosure of confidential
- 4 taxpayer information;
- 5 (iv) Prevent, consistent with federal law, disclosure or misuse of
- 6 federal return information obtained under a disclosure agreement with the
- 7 Internal Revenue Service; and
- 8 (v) Collect, disclose, disseminate, or otherwise use anonymous data
- 9 for governmental purposes.
- 10 Sec. 6. Section 77-2713, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 11 amended to read:
- 12 77-2713 (1) Any person required under the provisions of sections
- 13 77-2701.04 to 77-2713 and section 4 of this act to collect, account for,
- 14 or pay over any tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 who
- 15 willfully fails to collect or truthfully account for or pay over such tax
- 16 and any person who willfully attempts in any manner to evade any tax
- 17 imposed by such provisions of such act or the payment thereof shall, in
- 18 addition to other penalties provided by law, be guilty of a Class IV
- 19 felony.
- 20 (2) Any person who willfully aids or assists in, procures, counsels,
- 21 or advises the preparation or presentation of a false or fraudulent
- 22 return, affidavit, claim, or document under or in connection with any
- 23 matter arising under sections 77-2701.04 to 77-2713 and section 4 of this
- 24 <u>act</u>shall, whether or not such falsity or fraud is with the knowledge or
- 25 consent of the person authorized or required to present such return,
- 26 affidavit, claim, or document, be quilty of a Class IV felony.
- 27 (3) A person who engages in business as a retailer in this state
- 28 without a permit or permits or after a permit has been suspended and each
- 29 officer of any corporation which so engages in business shall be guilty
- 30 of a Class IV misdemeanor. Each day of such operation shall constitute a
- 31 separate offense.

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a Class IV misdemeanor.

- 1 (4) Any person who gives a resale certificate to the seller for 2 property which he or she knows, at the time of purchase, is purchased for 3 the purpose of use rather than for the purpose of resale, lease, or 4 rental by him or her in the regular course of business shall be guilty of
- 6 (5) Any violation of the provisions of sections 77-2701.04 to 77-2713 and section 4 of this act, except as otherwise provided, shall be 8 a Class IV misdemeanor.
- 9 (6) Any prosecution under sections 77-2701.04 to 77-2713 and section 10 4 of this act shall be instituted within three years after the commission of the offense. If such offense is the failure to do an act required by 11 any of such sections to be done before a certain date, a prosecution for 12 13 such offense may be commenced not later than three years after such date. The failure to do any act required by sections 77-2701.04 to 77-2713 and 14 section 4 of this act shall be deemed an act committed in part at the 15 16 principal office of the Tax Commissioner. Any prosecution under the provisions of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 may be conducted in any 17 county where the person or corporation to whose liability the proceeding 18 19 relates resides or has a place of business or in any county in which such criminal act is committed. The Attorney General shall have concurrent 20 jurisdiction with the county attorney in the prosecution of any offenses 21 22 under the provisions of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967.
- Sec. 7. Section 77-27,223, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 25 77-27,223 A county may raise revenue by levying and collecting a 26 license or occupation tax on any person, partnership, limited liability 27 company, corporation, or business engaged in the sale of admissions to 28 recreational, cultural, entertainment, or concert events that are subject 29 to sales tax under sections 77-2701.04 to 77-2713 and section 4 of this 30 act that occur outside any incorporated municipality, but within the 31 boundary limits of the county. The tax shall be uniform in respect to the

1 class upon which it is imposed. The tax shall be based upon a certain

- 2 percentage of gross receipts from sales in the county of the person,
- 3 partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or business, and may
- 4 include sales of other goods and services at such locations and events,
- 5 not to exceed one and one-half percent. A county may not impose the tax
- 6 on sales that are within an incorporated city or village. No county shall
- 7 levy and collect a license or occupation tax under this section unless
- 8 approved by a majority of those voting on the question at a special,
- 9 primary, or general election.
- 10 Sec. 8. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2019.
- 11 Sec. 9. Original sections 77-2701, 77-2701.04, 77-2701.41, 77-2711,
- 12 77-2713, and 77-27,223, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are
- 13 repealed.
- 14 Sec. 10. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 15 passed and approved according to law.