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3 SENATE BILL 51

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to sales tax; amending 68 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 1357, as last amended by Section 18, Chapter
9 54, O.S.L. 2015 (68 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1357),
which relates to exemptions; providing exemption for
forestry equipment; and providing an effective date.

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 1357, as
13 last amended by Section 18, Chapter 54, O.S.L. 2015 (68 O.S. Supp.
14 2016, Section 1357), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1357. Exemptions - General.

16 There are hereby specifically exempted from the tax levied by
17 the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code:

18 1. Transportation of school pupils to and from elementary
19 schools or high schools in motor or other vehicles;

20 2. Transportation of persons where the fare of each person does
21 not exceed One Dollar (\$1.00), or local transportation of persons
22 within the corporate limits of a municipality except by taxicabs;

23 3. Sales for resale to persons engaged in the business of
24 reselling the articles purchased, whether within or without the

1 state, provided that such sales to residents of this state are made
2 to persons to whom sales tax permits have been issued as provided in
3 the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code. This exemption shall not apply to the
4 sales of articles made to persons holding permits when such persons
5 purchase items for their use and which they are not regularly
6 engaged in the business of reselling; neither shall this exemption
7 apply to sales of tangible personal property to peddlers, solicitors
8 and other salespersons who do not have an established place of
9 business and a sales tax permit. The exemption provided by this
10 paragraph shall apply to sales of motor fuel or diesel fuel to a
11 Group Five vendor, but the use of such motor fuel or diesel fuel by
12 the Group Five vendor shall not be exempt from the tax levied by the
13 Oklahoma Sales Tax Code. The purchase of motor fuel or diesel fuel
14 is exempt from sales tax when the motor fuel is for shipment outside
15 this state and consumed by a common carrier by rail in the conduct
16 of its business. The sales tax shall apply to the purchase of motor
17 fuel or diesel fuel in Oklahoma by a common carrier by rail when
18 such motor fuel is purchased for fueling, within this state, of any
19 locomotive or other motorized flanged wheel equipment;

20 4. Sales of advertising space in newspapers and periodicals;

21 5. Sales of programs relating to sporting and entertainment
22 events, and sales of advertising on billboards (including signage,
23 posters, panels, marquees, or on other similar surfaces, whether
24 indoors or outdoors) or in programs relating to sporting and

1 entertainment events, and sales of any advertising, to be displayed
2 at or in connection with a sporting event, via the Internet,
3 electronic display devices, or through public address or broadcast
4 systems. The exemption authorized by this paragraph shall be
5 effective for all sales made on or after January 1, 2001;

6 6. Sales of any advertising, other than the advertising
7 described by paragraph 5 of this section, via the Internet,
8 electronic display devices, or through the electronic media,
9 including radio, public address or broadcast systems, television
10 (whether through closed circuit broadcasting systems or otherwise),
11 and cable and satellite television, and the servicing of any
12 advertising devices;

13 7. Eggs, feed, supplies, machinery and equipment purchased by
14 persons regularly engaged in the business of raising worms, fish,
15 any insect or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic animal life
16 and used for the purpose of raising same for marketing. This
17 exemption shall only be granted and extended to the purchaser when
18 the items are to be used and in fact are used in the raising of
19 animal life as set out above. Each purchaser shall certify, in
20 writing, on the invoice or sales ticket retained by the vendor that
21 the purchaser is regularly engaged in the business of raising such
22 animal life and that the items purchased will be used only in such
23 business. The vendor shall certify to the Oklahoma Tax Commission
24 that the price of the items has been reduced to grant the full

1 benefit of the exemption. Violation hereof by the purchaser or
2 vendor shall be a misdemeanor;

3 8. Sale of natural or artificial gas and electricity, and
4 associated delivery or transmission services, when sold exclusively
5 for residential use. Provided, this exemption shall not apply to
6 any sales tax levied by a city or town, or a county, or any other
7 jurisdiction in this state;

8 9. In addition to the exemptions authorized by Section 1357.6
9 of this title, sales of drugs sold pursuant to a prescription
10 written for the treatment of human beings by a person licensed to
11 prescribe the drugs, and sales of insulin and medical oxygen.
12 Provided, this exemption shall not apply to over-the-counter drugs;

13 10. Transfers of title or possession of empty, partially
14 filled, or filled returnable oil and chemical drums to any person
15 who is not regularly engaged in the business of selling, reselling
16 or otherwise transferring empty, partially filled, or filled
17 returnable oil drums;

18 11. Sales of one-way utensils, paper napkins, paper cups,
19 disposable hot containers and other one-way carry out materials to a
20 vendor of meals or beverages;

21 12. Sales of food or food products for home consumption which
22 are purchased in whole or in part with coupons issued pursuant to
23 the federal food stamp program as authorized by Sections 2011
24 through 2029 of Title 7 of the United States Code, as to that

1 portion purchased with such coupons. The exemption provided for
2 such sales shall be inapplicable to such sales upon the effective
3 date of any federal law that removes the requirement of the
4 exemption as a condition for participation by the state in the
5 federal food stamp program;

6 13. Sales of food or food products, or any equipment or
7 supplies used in the preparation of the food or food products to or
8 by an organization which:

9 a. is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of
10 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26
11 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and which provides and
12 delivers prepared meals for home consumption to
13 elderly or homebound persons as part of a program
14 commonly known as "Meals on Wheels" or "Mobile Meals",
15 or

16 b. is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of
17 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26
18 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and which receives federal
19 funding pursuant to the Older Americans Act of 1965,
20 as amended, for the purpose of providing nutrition
21 programs for the care and benefit of elderly persons;

22 14. a. Sales of tangible personal property or services to or
23 by organizations which are exempt from taxation
24 pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the

1 Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3),
2 and:

3 (1) are primarily involved in the collection and
4 distribution of food and other household products
5 to other organizations that facilitate the
6 distribution of such products to the needy and
7 such distributee organizations are exempt from
8 taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section
9 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26
10 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), or

11 (2) facilitate the distribution of such products to
12 the needy.

13 b. Sales made in the course of business for profit or
14 savings, competing with other persons engaged in the
15 same or similar business shall not be exempt under
16 this paragraph;

17 15. Sales of tangible personal property or services to
18 children's homes which are located on church-owned property and are
19 operated by organizations exempt from taxation pursuant to the
20 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section
21 501(c)(3);

22 16. Sales of computers, data processing equipment, related
23 peripherals and telephone, telegraph or telecommunications service
24 and equipment for use in a qualified aircraft maintenance or

1 manufacturing facility. For purposes of this paragraph, "qualified
2 aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility" means a new or
3 expanding facility primarily engaged in aircraft repair, building or
4 rebuilding whether or not on a factory basis, whose total cost of
5 construction exceeds the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00)
6 and which employs at least two hundred fifty (250) new full-time-
7 equivalent employees, as certified by the Oklahoma Employment
8 Security Commission, upon completion of the facility. In order to
9 qualify for the exemption provided for by this paragraph, the cost
10 of the items purchased by the qualified aircraft maintenance or
11 manufacturing facility shall equal or exceed the sum of Two Million
12 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00);

13 17. Sales of tangible personal property consumed or
14 incorporated in the construction or expansion of a qualified
15 aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility as defined in
16 paragraph 16 of this section. For purposes of this paragraph, sales
17 made to a contractor or subcontractor that has previously entered
18 into a contractual relationship with a qualified aircraft
19 maintenance or manufacturing facility for construction or expansion
20 of such a facility shall be considered sales made to a qualified
21 aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility;

22 18. Sales of the following telecommunications services:

23 a. Interstate and International "800 service". "800
24 service" means a "telecommunications service" that

1 allows a caller to dial a toll-free number without
2 incurring a charge for the call. The service is
3 typically marketed under the name "800", "855", "866",
4 "877", and "888" toll-free calling, and any subsequent
5 numbers designated by the Federal Communications
6 Commission, or

7 b. Interstate and International "900 service". "900
8 service" means an inbound toll "telecommunications
9 service" purchased by a subscriber that allows the
10 subscriber's customers to call in to the subscriber's
11 prerecorded announcement or live service. "900
12 service" does not include the charge for: collection
13 services provided by the seller of the
14 "telecommunications services" to the subscriber, or
15 service or product sold by the subscriber to the
16 subscriber's customer. The service is typically
17 marketed under the name "900" service, and any
18 subsequent numbers designated by the Federal
19 Communications Commission,

20 c. Interstate and International "private communications
21 service". "Private communications service" means a
22 "telecommunications service" that entitles the
23 customer to exclusive or priority use of a
24 communications channel or group of channels between or

1 among termination points, regardless of the manner in
2 which such channel or channels are connected, and
3 includes switching capacity, extension lines,
4 stations, and any other associated services that are
5 provided in connection with the use of such channel or
6 channels,

7 d. "Value-added nonvoice data service". "Value-added
8 nonvoice data service" means a service that otherwise
9 meets the definition of "telecommunications services"
10 in which computer processing applications are used to
11 act on the form, content, code, or protocol of the
12 information or data primarily for a purpose other than
13 transmission, conveyance or routing,

14 e. Interstate and International telecommunications
15 service which is:

16 (1) rendered by a company for private use within its
17 organization, or

18 (2) used, allocated, or distributed by a company to
19 its affiliated group,

20 f. Regulatory assessments and charges, including charges
21 to fund the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund, the
22 Oklahoma Lifeline Fund and the Oklahoma High Cost
23 Fund, and
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1 g. Telecommunications nonrecurring charges, including but
2 not limited to the installation, connection, change or
3 initiation of telecommunications services which are
4 not associated with a retail consumer sale;

5 19. Sales of railroad track spikes manufactured and sold for
6 use in this state in the construction or repair of railroad tracks,
7 switches, sidings and turnouts;

8 20. Sales of aircraft and aircraft parts provided such sales
9 occur at a qualified aircraft maintenance facility. As used in this
10 paragraph, "qualified aircraft maintenance facility" means a
11 facility operated by an air common carrier, including one or more
12 component overhaul support buildings or structures in an area owned,
13 leased or controlled by the air common carrier, at which there were
14 employed at least two thousand (2,000) full-time-equivalent
15 employees in the preceding year as certified by the Oklahoma
16 Employment Security Commission and which is primarily related to the
17 fabrication, repair, alteration, modification, refurbishing,
18 maintenance, building or rebuilding of commercial aircraft or
19 aircraft parts used in air common carriage. For purposes of this
20 paragraph, "air common carrier" shall also include members of an
21 affiliated group as defined by Section 1504 of the Internal Revenue
22 Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 1504. Beginning July 1, 2012, sales of
23 machinery, tools, supplies, equipment and related tangible personal
24 property and services used or consumed in the repair, remodeling or

1 maintenance of aircraft, aircraft engines, or aircraft component
2 parts which occur at a qualified aircraft maintenance facility;

3 21. Sales of machinery and equipment purchased and used by
4 persons and establishments primarily engaged in computer services
5 and data processing:

6 a. as defined under Industrial Group Numbers 7372 and
7 7373 of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)
8 Manual, latest version, which derive at least fifty
9 percent (50%) of their annual gross revenues from the
10 sale of a product or service to an out-of-state buyer
11 or consumer, and

12 b. as defined under Industrial Group Number 7374 of the
13 SIC Manual, latest version, which derive at least
14 eighty percent (80%) of their annual gross revenues
15 from the sale of a product or service to an out-of-
16 state buyer or consumer.

17 Eligibility for the exemption set out in this paragraph shall be
18 established, subject to review by the Tax Commission, by annually
19 filing an affidavit with the Tax Commission stating that the
20 facility so qualifies and such information as required by the Tax
21 Commission. For purposes of determining whether annual gross
22 revenues are derived from sales to out-of-state buyers or consumers,
23 all sales to the federal government shall be considered to be to an
24 out-of-state buyer or consumer;

1 22. Sales of prosthetic devices to an individual for use by
2 such individual. For purposes of this paragraph, "prosthetic
3 device" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 1357.6 of
4 this title, but shall not include corrective eye glasses, contact
5 lenses or hearing aids;

6 23. Sales of tangible personal property or services to a motion
7 picture or television production company to be used or consumed in
8 connection with an eligible production. For purposes of this
9 paragraph, "eligible production" means a documentary, special, music
10 video, or a television commercial or television program that will
11 serve as a pilot for or be a segment of an ongoing dramatic or
12 situation comedy series filmed or taped for network or national or
13 regional syndication or a feature-length motion picture intended for
14 theatrical release or for network or national or regional
15 syndication or broadcast. The provisions of this paragraph shall
16 apply to sales occurring on or after July 1, 1996. In order to
17 qualify for the exemption, the motion picture or television
18 production company shall file any documentation and information
19 required to be submitted pursuant to rules promulgated by the Tax
20 Commission;

21 24. Sales of diesel fuel sold for consumption by commercial
22 vessels, barges and other commercial watercraft;

23 25. Sales of tangible personal property or services to tax-
24 exempt independent nonprofit biomedical research foundations that

1 provide educational programs for Oklahoma science students and
2 teachers and to tax-exempt independent nonprofit community blood
3 banks headquartered in this state;

4 26. Effective May 6, 1992, sales of wireless telecommunications
5 equipment to a vendor who subsequently transfers the equipment at no
6 charge or for a discounted charge to a consumer as part of a
7 promotional package or as an inducement to commence or continue a
8 contract for wireless telecommunications services;

9 27. Effective January 1, 1991, leases of rail transportation
10 cars to haul coal to coal-fired plants located in this state which
11 generate electric power;

12 28. Beginning July 1, 2005, sales of aircraft engine repairs,
13 modification, and replacement parts, sales of aircraft frame repairs
14 and modification, aircraft interior modification, and paint, and
15 sales of services employed in the repair, modification and
16 replacement of parts of aircraft engines, aircraft frame and
17 interior repair and modification, and paint;

18 29. Sales of materials and supplies to the owner or operator of
19 a ship, motor vessel or barge that is used in interstate or
20 international commerce if the materials and supplies:

21 a. are loaded on the ship, motor vessel or barge and used
22 in the maintenance and operation of the ship, motor
23 vessel or barge, or
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1 b. enter into and become component parts of the ship,
2 motor vessel or barge;

3 30. Sales of tangible personal property made at estate sales at
4 which such property is offered for sale on the premises of the
5 former residence of the decedent by a person who is not required to
6 be licensed pursuant to the Transient Merchant Licensing Act, or who
7 is not otherwise required to obtain a sales tax permit for the sale
8 of such property pursuant to the provisions of Section 1364 of this
9 title; provided:

10 a. such sale or event may not be held for a period
11 exceeding three (3) consecutive days,

12 b. the sale must be conducted within six (6) months of
13 the date of death of the decedent, and

14 c. the exemption allowed by this paragraph shall not be
15 allowed for property that was not part of the
16 decedent's estate;

17 31. Beginning January 1, 2004, sales of electricity and
18 associated delivery and transmission services, when sold exclusively
19 for use by an oil and gas operator for reservoir dewatering projects
20 and associated operations commencing on or after July 1, 2003, in
21 which the initial water-to-oil ratio is greater than or equal to
22 five-to-one water-to-oil, and such oil and gas development projects
23 have been classified by the Corporation Commission as a reservoir
24 dewatering unit;

1 32. Sales of prewritten computer software that is delivered
2 electronically. For purposes of this paragraph, "delivered
3 electronically" means delivered to the purchaser by means other than
4 tangible storage media;

5 33. Sales of modular dwelling units when built at a production
6 facility and moved in whole or in parts, to be assembled on-site,
7 and permanently affixed to the real property and used for
8 residential or commercial purposes. The exemption provided by this
9 paragraph shall equal forty-five percent (45%) of the total sales
10 price of the modular dwelling unit. For purposes of this paragraph,
11 "modular dwelling unit" means a structure that is not subject to the
12 motor vehicle excise tax imposed pursuant to Section 2103 of this
13 title;

14 34. Sales of tangible personal property or services to persons
15 who are residents of Oklahoma and have been honorably discharged
16 from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United
17 States or Oklahoma National Guard and who have been certified by the
18 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor to be
19 in receipt of disability compensation at the one-hundred-percent
20 rate and the disability shall be permanent and have been sustained
21 through military action or accident or resulting from disease
22 contracted while in such active service or the surviving spouse of
23 such person if the person is deceased and the spouse has not
24 remarried; provided, sales for the benefit of the person to a spouse

1 of the eligible person or to a member of the household in which the
2 eligible person resides and who is authorized to make purchases on
3 the person's behalf, when such eligible person is not present at the
4 sale, shall also be exempt for purposes of this paragraph. The
5 Oklahoma Tax Commission shall issue a separate exemption card to a
6 spouse of an eligible person or to a member of the household in
7 which the eligible person resides who is authorized to make
8 purchases on the person's behalf, if requested by the eligible
9 person. Sales qualifying for the exemption authorized by this
10 paragraph shall not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)
11 per year per individual while the disabled veteran is living. Sales
12 qualifying for the exemption authorized by this paragraph shall not
13 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year for an unremarried
14 surviving spouse. Upon request of the Tax Commission, a person
15 asserting or claiming the exemption authorized by this paragraph
16 shall provide a statement, executed under oath, that the total sales
17 amounts for which the exemption is applicable have not exceeded
18 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year per living
19 disabled veteran or One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year for an
20 unremarried surviving spouse. If the amount of such exempt sales
21 exceeds such amount, the sales tax in excess of the authorized
22 amount shall be treated as a direct sales tax liability and may be
23 recovered by the Tax Commission in the same manner provided by law
24 for other taxes, including penalty and interest;

1 35. Sales of electricity to the operator, specifically
2 designated by the Corporation Commission, of a spacing unit or lease
3 from which oil is produced or attempted to be produced using
4 enhanced recovery methods, including, but not limited to, increased
5 pressure in a producing formation through the use of water or
6 saltwater if the electrical usage is associated with and necessary
7 for the operation of equipment required to inject or circulate
8 fluids in a producing formation for the purpose of forcing oil or
9 petroleum into a wellbore for eventual recovery and production from
10 the wellhead. In order to be eligible for the sales tax exemption
11 authorized by this paragraph, the total content of oil recovered
12 after the use of enhanced recovery methods shall not exceed one
13 percent (1%) by volume. The exemption authorized by this paragraph
14 shall be applicable only to the state sales tax rate and shall not
15 be applicable to any county or municipal sales tax rate;

16 36. Sales of intrastate charter and tour bus transportation.
17 As used in this paragraph, "intrastate charter and tour bus
18 transportation" means the transportation of persons from one
19 location in this state to another location in this state in a motor
20 vehicle which has been constructed in such a manner that it may
21 lawfully carry more than eighteen persons, and which is ordinarily
22 used or rented to carry persons for compensation. Provided, this
23 exemption shall not apply to regularly scheduled bus transportation
24 for the general public;

1 37. Sales of vitamins, minerals and dietary supplements by a
2 licensed chiropractor to a person who is the patient of such
3 chiropractor at the physical location where the chiropractor
4 provides chiropractic care or services to such patient. The
5 provisions of this paragraph shall not be applicable to any drug,
6 medicine or substance for which a prescription by a licensed
7 physician is required;

8 38. Sales of goods, wares, merchandise, tangible personal
9 property, machinery and equipment to a web search portal located in
10 this state which derives at least eighty percent (80%) of its annual
11 gross revenue from the sale of a product or service to an out-of-
12 state buyer or consumer. For purposes of this paragraph, "web
13 search portal" means an establishment classified under NAICS code
14 519130 which operates websites that use a search engine to generate
15 and maintain extensive databases of Internet addresses and content
16 in an easily searchable format;

17 39. Sales of tangible personal property consumed or
18 incorporated in the construction or expansion of a facility for a
19 corporation organized under Section 437 et seq. of Title 18 of the
20 Oklahoma Statutes as a rural electric cooperative. For purposes of
21 this paragraph, sales made to a contractor or subcontractor that has
22 previously entered into a contractual relationship with a rural
23 electric cooperative for construction or expansion of a facility
24 shall be considered sales made to a rural electric cooperative;

1 40. Sales of tangible personal property or services to a
2 business primarily engaged in the repair of consumer electronic
3 goods, including, but not limited to, cell phones, compact disc
4 players, personal computers, MP3 players, digital devices for the
5 storage and retrieval of information through hard-wired or wireless
6 computer or Internet connections, if the devices are sold to the
7 business by the original manufacturer of such devices and the
8 devices are repaired, refitted or refurbished for sale by the entity
9 qualifying for the exemption authorized by this paragraph directly
10 to retail consumers or if the devices are sold to another business
11 entity for sale to retail consumers;

12 41. Before July 1, 2019, sales of rolling stock when sold or
13 leased by the manufacturer, regardless of whether the purchaser is a
14 public services corporation engaged in business as a common carrier
15 of property or passengers by railway, for use or consumption by a
16 common carrier directly in the rendition of public service. For
17 purposes of this paragraph, "rolling stock" means locomotives,
18 autocars and railroad cars; ~~and~~

19 42. Sales of gold, silver, platinum, palladium or other bullion
20 items such as coins and bars and legal tender of any nation, which
21 legal tender is sold according to its value as precious metal or as
22 an investment. As used in the paragraph, "bullion" means any
23 precious metal, including, but not limited to, gold, silver,
24 platinum and palladium, that is in such a state or condition that

1 its value depends upon its precious metal content and not its form.
2 The exemption authorized by this paragraph shall not apply to
3 fabricated metals that have been processed or manufactured for
4 artistic use or as jewelry; and

5 43. Sales of commercial forestry service equipment, including,
6 but not limited to, forwarders, fellers, bunchers, track skidders,
7 wheeled skidders, hydraulic excavators, delimiters, soil compactors
8 and skid steer loaders, to businesses engaged in logging, timber and
9 tree farming.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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