

Bill Introduction
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AN ACT concerning sales and use taxation; relating to nexus; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 79-3702 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) If any person sells or leases tangible personal property to the state, a state department, a state agency or an agent thereof, that person and any affiliated person shall, as a prerequisite for any such sale or lease, register with the department of revenue as a retailer and comply with all legal requirements imposed on a retailer, including the requirement to collect and remit sales or use tax on all taxable sales of tangible personal property to customers in this state.

(b) Any ruling, agreement or contract, whether written or oral, express or implied, between a retailer and this state's executive branch, or any other state agency or department, stating, agreeing or ruling that the retailer is not required to collect sales and use tax in this state despite the presence of a warehouse, distribution center or fulfillment center in the state that is owned or operated by the retailer or an affiliated person of the retailer shall be null and void unless it is specifically approved by a majority vote of each of the houses of the Kansas legislature.

(c) As used in this section, "affiliated person" means any person that is a member of the same "controlled group of corporations" as defined in section 1563(a) of the federal internal revenue code as the retailer or any other entity that, notwithstanding its form of organization, bears the same ownership relationship to the retailer as a corporation that is a member of the same "controlled group of corporations" as defined in section 1563(a) of the federal internal revenue code.

Sec. 2 K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 79-3702 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-3702. For the purposes of this act: (a) "Purchase price" means the consideration paid or given or contracted to be paid or given by any person to the seller of an article of tangible personal property for the article purchased. The term shall include, in addition to the consideration paid or given or contracted to be paid or given, the actual cost of transportation from the place where the article was purchased to the person using the same in this state. If a cash discount is allowed and taken on the sale it shall be deducted in arriving at the purchase price.

(b) The meaning ascribed to words and phrases in K.S.A. 79-3602, and amendments thereto, insofar as is practicable, shall be applicable herein unless otherwise provided. The provisions of K.S.A. 79-3601 to 79-3625, inclusive, 79-3650, K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 79-3693 and 79-3694, and amendments thereto, relating to enforcement, collection and administration, insofar as practicable, shall have full force and effect with respect to taxes imposed under the provisions of this act.

(c) "Use" means the exercise within this state by any person of any right or power over tangible personal property incident to the ownership of that property, except that it shall not include processing, or the sale of the property in the regular course of business, and except storage as hereinafter defined.

(d) "Storage" means any keeping or retaining in this state for any purpose except sale in the regular course of business or subsequent use solely outside this state of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer.

(e) "Storage" and "use" do not include the keeping, retaining or exercising of any right or power over tangible personal property shipped or brought into this state for the purpose of subsequently transporting it outside the state for use thereafter solely outside the state, or for the purpose of being processed, fabricated, or manufactured into, attached to or incorporated into, other tangible personal property to be transported outside the state and used solely outside the state.

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(f) "Property used in processing" means: (1) Any tangible personal property which, when used in fabrication, compounding, manufacturing or germination, becomes an integral part of the new article resulting from such fabrication, compounding, manufacturing, or germination, and intended to be sold ultimately at retail; (2) fuel which is consumed in creating power, heat, or steam for processing or for generating electric current.

(g) "Retailer" means every person engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property for use within the meaning of this act, except that, when in the opinion of the director it is necessary for the efficient administration of this act to regard any salesperson, representatives, truckers, peddlers or canvassers as the agents of the dealers, distributors, supervisors, employers or persons under whom they operate or from whom they obtain the tangible personal property sold by them, irrespective of whether they are making sales on their own behalf or on behalf of such dealers, distributors, supervisors, employers, or persons, the director may so regard them and may regard the dealers, distributors, supervisors, employers, or persons as retailers for the purposes of this act.

(h) (1) "Retailer doing business in this state" or any like term, means:

(A) Any retailer maintaining in this state, permanently, temporarily, directly or indirectly through a subsidiary, agent or representative, an office, distribution house, sales house, warehouse or other place of business;

(B) any retailer using an employee, independent contractor, agent, representative, salesperson, canvasser, solicitor, or other person operating in this state either permanently or temporarily, for the purpose of selling, delivering, installing, assembling, servicing, repairing, soliciting sales or the taking of orders for tangible personal property;

(C) any retailer, including a contractor, repair person or other service provider, who enters this state to perform services that are enumerated in K.S.A. 79-3603, and amendments thereto, and who is required to secure a retailer's sales tax registration certificate before performing those services;

(D) any retailer deriving rental receipts from a lease of tangible personal property situated in this state;

(E) any person regularly maintaining a stock of tangible personal property in this state for sale in the normal course of business; and

(F) any retailer who has any other contact with this state that would allow this state to require the retailer to collect and remit tax under the provisions of the constitution and laws of the United States.

(2) A retailer shall be presumed to be doing business in this state if any of the following occur:

(A) any person, other than a common carrier acting in its capacity as such, that has nexus with the state sufficient to require such person to collect and remit tax under the provisions of the constitution and laws of the United States if such person were making taxable retail sales of tangible personal property or services in this state:

(i) sells the same or a substantially similar line of products as the retailer and does so under the same or a substantially similar business name.

(ii) maintains a distribution house, sales house, warehouse or similar place of business in Kansas that delivers or facilitates the sale or delivery of property sold by the retailer to consumers.

(iii) uses trademarks, service marks, or trade names in the state that are the same or substantially similar to those used by the retailer;

(iv) delivers, installs, assembles, or performs maintenance services for the retailer's customers within the state;

(v) facilitates the retailer's delivery of property to customers in the state by allowing the retailer's customers to pick up property sold by the retailer at an office, distribution facility, warehouse, storage place, or similar place of business maintained by the person in the state;

(vi) has a franchisee or licensee operating under its trade name if the franchisee or the licensee is required to

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collect the tax under the Kansas retailers' sales tax act; or

(vii) conducts any other activities in the state that are significantly associated with the retailer's ability to establish and maintain a market in the state for the retailer's sales,

(B) any affiliated person conducting activities in this state described in (A) or (C) has nexus with this state sufficient to require such person to collect and remit tax under the provisions of the constitution and laws of the United States if such person were making taxable retail sales of tangible personal property or services in this state; or

(C) The retailer enters into an agreement with one or more residents of this state under which the resident, for a commission or other consideration, directly or indirectly refers potential customers, whether by a link on an internet website, by telemarketing, by an in-person oral presentation, or otherwise, to the retailer, if the cumulative gross receipts from sales by the retailer to customers in the state who are referred to the retailer by all residents with this type of an agreement with the retailer is in excess of \$10,000 during the preceding 12 months. This presumption may be rebutted by submitting proof that the residents with whom the retailer has an agreement did not engage in any activity within the state that was significantly associated with the retailer's ability to establish or maintain the retailer's market in the state during the preceding 12 months. Such proof may consist of sworn written statements from all of the residents with whom the retailer has an agreement stating that they did not engage in any solicitation in the state on behalf of the retailer during the preceding year, provided that such statements were provided and obtained in good faith. This subparagraph shall take effect 90 days after the enactment of this statute and shall apply to sales made and uses occurring on or after the effective date of this subparagraph and without regard to the date the retailer and the resident entered into the agreement described in this subparagraph. The term "preceding 12 months" as used in this subparagraph includes the 12 months commencing prior to the effective date of this subparagraph.

(D) The presumptions in subparagraphs (A) and (B) may be rebutted by demonstrating that the activities of the person or affiliated person in the state are not significantly associated with the retailer's ability to establish or maintain a market in this state for the retailer's sales.

(3) The processing of orders electronically, by fax, telephone, the internet or other electronic ordering process, does not relieve a retailer of responsibility for collection of the tax from the purchaser if the retailer is doing business in this state pursuant to this section.

(i) "Director" means the director of taxation.

(j) As used in this section, "affiliated person" means: any person that is a member of the same "controlled group of corporations" as defined in section 1563(a) of the federal internal revenue code as the retailer or any other entity that, notwithstanding its form of organization, bears the same ownership relationship to the retailer as a corporation that is a member of the same "controlled group of corporations" as defined in section 1563(a) of the federal internal revenue code.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 79-3702 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

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