Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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HOUSE BILL 1029

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE A BACK-TO-SCHOOL TAX-FREE
HOLIDAY BY EXEMPTING ITEMS OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR,
AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES FROM SALES AND USE TAX DURING
A LIMITED TIME PERIOD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO CREATE A BACK-TO-SCHOOL TAX-FREE HOLIDAY BY EXEMPTING I TEMS OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR, AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES FROM SALES AND USE TAX DURING A LI MITED TIME PERIOD.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEmBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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    SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 52, Subchapter 4 is amended
    to add an additional section to read as follows:
26-52-441. Sales tax holiday.
(a) As used in this section:
(1) "Clothing" means all human wearing apparel suitable for
general use including footwear;
(2) "Clothing accessory or equipment" means an incidental item
that is not clothing worn on the person or in conjunction with clothingi

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    (3) "Computer" means an electronic device that accepts
information in digital or similar form and manipulates it for a result based
on a sequence of instructions;
    (4) "Computer software" means a set of coded instructions
designed to cause a computer or automatic data processing equi pment to
perform a task;
    (5) "Protective equipment" means an item for human wear designed
for protection of the wearer against injury or disease or as protection
against damage or injury of other persons or property but not suitable for
general use;
    (6) "School computer supply" means an item commonly used by a
student in a course of study in which a computer is used;
    (7) "School instructional material" means written material or a
book commonly used by a student in a course of study as a reference to | earn
the subject being taught;
    (8) "School supply" means an item commonly used by a student in
a course of study; and
    (9) "Sport or recreational equipment" means an item designed for
human use and worn in conjunction with an athletic or recreational activity
that is not suitable for general use.
    (b) Except as I imited under subsection (c) of this section, the
following i tems are exempt from the excise tax i mposed by this chapter every
year for a seventy-two hour (72-hour) period beginning at 12:00 a.m. on the
first Friday in August and ending at 12:00 a.m. on the following Monday:
            (1) Clothingi
            (2) A school supply;
            (3) A computer, computer software, and school computer supply;
and
            (4) School instructional material.
    (c) Subsection (b) of this section does not apply to:
                            (1) A single item of clothing with a sales price exceeding one
hundred dollars ($100):
    (2) A single school supply with a sales price that exceeds one
hundred dollars ($100);
    (3) Clothing accessory or equipment;
    (4) Sport or recreational equipment;
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    (5) Protective equipment;
    (6) The rental of clothing; and
    (7) A single purchase of a computer, computer software, and any
school computer supply with a sales price exceeding seven hundred fifty
dol|ars ($750).
    (d) The Department of Finance and Admi nistration shall promulgate
rules that do not conflict with the Streamlined Sal es and Use Tax Agreement
to implement this section including without limitation a list of specific
articles and items qualifying for the exemption pursuant to this section.
    SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that preparing children to return
to school i s very costly and that to help defray the cost a sales tax holiday
on the sale of clothing, footwear, and school supplies is necessary.
Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for
the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
effective on July 1, 2007.
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