Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/11/99		
2	82nd General Assembly	A BIII		
3	Regular Session, 1999		HOUSE BILL 228	6
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5	By: Representative Teague	,		
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	"AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN FOODS FROM STATE SALES AND			
10		TO PHASE IN THIS EXEMPTION OVER A PERI	OD OF	
11	FOUR (4)	YEARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."		
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13		Subtitle		
14	"ТО	EXEMPT CERTAIN FOODS FROM STATE SALES		
15	AND	USE TAX. "		
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKAN	SAS:	
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21	SECTION 1. (a) For purposes of this act, "eligible food and beverage"			
22	means any food as defined in Section 3 of the federal Food Stamp Act of 1977			
23	(P.L. 95-113), as amended, 7 U.S.C.S. 2012(g), as the Act existed on January			
24	<u>1, 1999.</u>			
25	(<u>b) The salles</u>	and use taxes levied by Chapters 52 and	<u>d 53 of Title 26 o</u>	f
26	the Arkansas Code on	eligible food and beverage sold for hu	<u>man consumption</u>	
27	shall be reduced to	three and one-half percent (3 1/2%) for	sales occurring	
28	between January 1, 20	000 and December 31, 2000.		
29	(c) The sales	and use taxes levied by Chapters 52 and	<u>d 53 of Title 26 o</u>	f
30	the Arkansas Code on	eligible food and beverage sold for hu	<u>man consumption</u>	
31	shall be reduced to	two and one-half percent (2 1/2%) for s	<u>ales occurring</u>	
32	between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2001.			
33	(d) The sales and use taxes levied by Chapters 52 and 53 of Title 26 of			f
34	the Arkansas Code on eligible food and beverage sold for human consumption			
35	shall be reduced to one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) for sales occurring			
36	between January 1, 20	<u>002 and December 31, 2002.</u>		



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1	<u>(e) Beginning January 1, 2003 eligible food and beverage sold for human</u>
2	consumption shall be exempt from the sales and use taxes levied by Chapters 52
3	and 53 of Title 26 of the Arkansas Code.
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5	SECTION 2. The exemption provided in this act shall not affect local
6	sales and use taxes levied in this state and food shall continue to be subject
7	to local sales and use taxes.
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9	SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
10	are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
11	Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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13	SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
14	any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
15	other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
16	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
17	act are declared to be severable.
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19	SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
20	hereby repealed.
21	/s/ Teague

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