



Initiative Measure 345

TO THE PEOPLE

Official Ballot Title:

Shall most food products be exempt from state and local retail sales and use taxes, effective July 1, 1978?

The Law as it now exists:

The State of Washington levies a sales tax on the retail sale of tangible personal property. The state rate for the sales tax is four and six-tenths percent. Local governments have an option to impose an additional sales tax of up to eight-tenths of one percent. The sale of certain tangible personal property is exempt from all sales taxes. Food products are not among those exemptions.

Statement for

REPEAL THE SALES TAX ON FOOD

The sales tax on food is an unfair, regressive tax. The food tax is hardest on senior citizens on fixed incomes, families on low incomes and large working families. These are the families hardest hit by inflation, the people most in need of tax relief.

THE FOOD TAX IS UNFAIR

Groceries are one of the largest monthly expenses, especially for individuals and families on tight budgets. Most moderate and low income families spend up to 40% of their income for food, leaving little for housing, transportation and other necessities.

Repeal of the sales tax on food could buy 17 to 19 days of food for these families, per year.

WASHINGTON'S TAX SYSTEM IS UNFAIR

National tax experts say Washington has the dubious distinction of having the country's most unfair tax system. Repeal of the food tax will begin to make our taxes *fairer for all* residents of the state.

THE LEGISLATURE HAS FAILED TO ACT

For the last three decades, the state's labor unions, churches, political organizations and the press have called for an end to the food tax. Governors Rosellini, Evans, Ray and most legislators have stated their opposition to the food tax. Yet the food tax not only remains, but also increases.

Since the food tax was first enacted, the Legislature has increased the tax seven times.

VOTE YES ON 345

The issue is simple: when you have an unfair tax, get rid of it. Vote yes on 345.

Rebuttal of Statement against

It is irresponsible to maintain the unfair tax on food. The time to repeal the sales tax on food is now.

Opponents of Initiative 345 cry that government services will be drastically cut, and that new taxes will be required. In fact, state government has a surplus currently estimated at 120 million dollars.

We can afford to eliminate this tax. Let's not accept any more weak excuses for an unfair tax. Let's vote for repeal.

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The effect of Initiative 345, if approved into Law:

The initiative would create a new exemption for "food products" from sales tax. The exemption would not apply, however, to food products prepared and served to patrons of restaurants, drive-ins and similar businesses. It is estimated that under this initiative total state and local sales tax revenues would be reduced by \$189.6 million in the fiscal year July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

NOTE: The ballot title and explanatory statement were written by the Attorney General as required by state law. The complete text of Initiative Measure 345 begins on Page 27.

Statement against

INITIATIVE 345 FAILS TO FACE THE CONSEQUENCES

Eliminating a tax without providing for replacement of the lost revenue is not a responsible choice. Most people agree that exempting food purchases from the sales tax would be a desirable improvement to Washington's tax system . . . but the individuals this measure is supposed to help may suffer more under the resulting alternatives.

ALTERNATIVE—REDUCED STATE SPENDING

Schools, institutions and public assistance account for 80% of State spending . . . the greatest reductions, by necessity, will come in these areas. Since fixed obligations, such as bond redemption, pension funding and the court system, cannot be reduced:

- Cuts of almost 25% could be required in all other State services;
- State funding of common schools would be reduced and the dependence upon special property tax levies would be increased.
- Even greater cuts will have to be made in the remaining State programs such as institutions and public assistance if the Supreme Court requires full funding of public schools in a case which is now before the Court for determination.

ALTERNATIVE—INCREASED TAXES

The magnitude of the revenue loss would require tax increases such as the following in order to maintain existing services:

- Increase the State sales tax on all other items by 1 cent;
- Extend the sales tax to services, including legal, medical and dental, plus a 10% increase in business taxes;
- Enact personal and corporate income taxes.

THE BETTER CHOICE

Vote NO on Initiative 345. Seek and support a balanced, reasonable and responsible program of State taxation and spending.

Rebuttal of Statement for

WHO BENEFITS? WHO GETS HURT? Although both high and low income families pay sales taxes on food, Initiative 345 gives greater tax relief to higher income groups. They will pay even less of their share of state services and would be less affected by possible budget cuts.

All recent legislatures have stated opposition to food taxes; responsible alternatives were presented to the public in 1970 and 1973 which would not have hurt low income families.

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chapter 94, Laws of 1927 and RCW 7.48.100 are each amended to read as follows:

~~((The proceeds of the sale of the personal property, as provided in RCW 7.48.090, shall be applied in payment of the costs of the action and abatement, and the penalty imposed upon the owners of such personal property, and the balance, if any, shall be paid to the person owning such property prior to said sale.))~~ The provisions of any criminal statutes with respect to the exhibition of, or the possession with the intent to exhibit, any obscene film shall not apply to a motion picture projectionist, usher, or ticket taker acting within the scope of his employment, if such projectionist, usher, or ticket taker (1) has no financial interest in the place wherein he is so employed, other than his salary, and (2) freely and willingly gives testimony regarding such employment in any judicial proceedings brought under RCW 7.48.050 through 7.48.100 as now or hereafter amended, including pretrial discovery proceedings incident thereto, when and if such is requested, and upon being granted immunity by the trial judge sitting in such matters.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. If any provision of this 1977 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.



AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; amending section 82.08.030, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 10, chapter 291, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.08.030; amending section 82.12.030, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 11, chapter 291, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.12.030; and prescribing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 82.08.030, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 10, chapter 291, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.08.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The tax hereby levied shall not apply to the following sales:

(1) Casual and isolated sales of property or service, unless made by a person who is engaged in a business activity taxable under chapters 82.04, 82.16 or 82.28 RCW: PROVIDED, That the exemption provided by this paragraph shall not be construed as providing any exemption from the tax imposed by chapter 82.12 RCW;

(2) Sales made by persons in the course of business activities with respect to which tax liability is specifically imposed under chapter 82.16 RCW, when the gross proceeds from such sales must be included in the measure of the tax imposed under said chapter;

(3) The distribution and newsstand sale of newspapers;

(4) Sales which the state is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution of this state or the Constitution or laws of the United States;

(5) Sales of motor vehicle fuel used in aircraft by the manufacturer thereof for research, development, and testing purposes and sales of motor vehicle fuel taxable under chapter 82.36 RCW: PROVIDED, That the use of any such fuel upon which a refund of the motor vehicle fuel tax has been obtained shall be subject to the tax imposed by chapter 82.12 RCW;

(6) Sales (including transfers of title through decree of appropriation) heretofore or hereafter made of the entire operating property of a publicly or privately owned public utility, or of a complete operating integral section thereof, to the state or a political subdivision thereof for use in conducting any business defined in subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) or (11) of RCW 82.16.010;

(7) Auction sales made by or through auctioneers of tangible personal property (including household goods) which have been used in conducting a farm activity, when the seller thereof is a farmer and the sale is held or conducted upon a farm and not otherwise;

(8) Sales to corporations which have been incorporated under any act of the congress of the United States and whose principal purposes are to furnish volunteer aid to members of armed forces of the United States and also to carry on a system of national and international relief and to apply the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other national calamities and to devise and carry on measures for preventing the same;

(9) Sales of purebred livestock for breeding purposes where the animals are registered in a nationally recognized breed association; sales of cattle and milk cows used on the farm;

(10) Sales of tangible personal property (other than the type referred to in subdivision (11) hereof) for use by the purchaser in connection with the business of operating as a private or common carrier by air, rail, or water in interstate or foreign commerce: PROVIDED, That any actual use of such property in this state shall, at the time of such actual use, be subject to the tax imposed by chapter 82.12 RCW;

(11) Sales of airplanes, locomotives, railroad cars, or watercraft for use in conducting interstate or foreign commerce by transporting therein or therewith property and persons for hire or for use in conducting commercial deep sea fishing operations outside the territorial waters of the state; also sales of tangible personal property which becomes a component part of such airplanes, locomotives, railroad cars, or watercraft, and of motor vehicles or trailers whether owned by or leased with or without drivers and used by the holder of a carrier permit issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission authorizing transportation by motor vehicle across the boundaries of this state, in the course of constructing, repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving the same; also sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in respect to such constructing, repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving;

(12) Sales of motor vehicles and trailers to be used for the purpose of transporting therein persons or property for hire in interstate or foreign commerce whether such use is by the owner or whether such motor vehicles and trailers are leased to the user with or without drivers: PROVIDED, That the purchaser or user must be the holder of a carrier permit issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission and that the vehicles will first move upon the highways of this state from the point of delivery in this state to a point outside of this state under the authority of a one-transit permit issued by the director of motor vehicles pursuant to the provisions of RCW 46.16.100;

(13) Sales of motor vehicles and trailers to nonresidents of this state for use outside of this state, even though delivery be made within this state, but only when (a) the vehicles or trailers will be taken from the point of delivery in this state directly to a point outside this state under the authority of a one-transit permit issued by the director of motor vehicles pursuant to the provisions of RCW 46.16.100, or (b) said motor vehicles and trailers will be registered and licensed immediately under the laws of the state of the purchaser's residence, will not be used in this state more than three months, and will not be required to be registered and licensed under the laws of this state;

(14) Sales to nonresidents of this state for use outside of this state of tangible personal property which becomes a component part of any machinery or other article of personal property belonging to such nonresident, in the course of installing, repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving the same and also sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in respect to any installing, repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving, of personal property of or for a nonresident, but this subsection (14) shall apply only when the seller agrees to, and does, deliver the property to the purchaser at a point outside this state, or delivers the property to a common or bona fide private carrier consigned to the purchaser at a point outside this state;

(15) Sales to nonresidents of this state for use outside of this state of watercraft requiring coast guard registration or registration by the state of principal use according to the Federal Boating Act of 1958, even though delivery be made within this state, but only when (a) the watercraft will not be used within this state for more than forty-five days and (b) and appropriate exemption certificate supported by identification^{fl} ascertaining residence as provided by the department of revenue and signed by the purchaser or his agent establishing the fact that the purchaser is a nonresident and that the watercraft is for use outside of this state, one copy to be filed with the department of revenue with the regular report and a duplicate to be retained by the dealer.

(16) Sales of poultry for use in the production for sale of poultry or poultry products.

(17) Sales to nonresidents of this state for use outside of this state of machinery and implements for use in conducting a farming activity, when such machinery and implements will be transported immediately outside the state. As proof of exemption, an affidavit or certification in such form as the department of revenue shall require shall be made for each such sale, to be retained as a business record of the seller.

(18) Sales for use in states, territories and possessions of the United States which are not contiguous to any other state, but only when, as a necessary incident to the contract of sale, the seller delivers the subject matter of the

sale to the purchaser or his designated agent at the usual receiving terminal of the carrier selected to transport the goods, under such circumstances that it is reasonably certain that the goods will be transported directly to a destination in such noncontiguous states, territories and possessions.

(19) Sales to municipal corporations, the state, and all political subdivisions thereof of tangible personal property consumed and/or of labor and services rendered in respect to contracts for watershed protection and/or flood prevention. This exemption shall be limited to that portion of the selling price which is reimbursed by the United States government according to the provisions of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Laws 566, as amended;

(20) Sales of semen for use in the artificial insemination of livestock;

(21) Sales to nonresidents of this state of tangible personal property for use outside this state when the purchaser has applied for and received from the department of revenue a permit certifying (1) that he is a bona fide resident of a state or possession or Province of Canada other than the state of Washington, (2) that such state, possession, or Province of Canada does not impose a retail sales tax or use tax of three percent or more or, if imposing such a tax, permits Washington residents exemption from otherwise taxable sales by reason of their residence, and (3) that he does agree, when requested, to grant the department of revenue access to such records and other forms of verification at his place of residence to assure that such purchases are not first used substantially in the state of Washington.

Any person claiming exemption from retail sales tax under the provisions of this subsection must display a nonresident permit as herein provided, and any vendor making a sale to a nonresident without collecting the tax must examine such permit, identify the purchaser as the person to whom the nonresident permit was issued, and maintain records which shall show the permit number attributable to each nontaxable sale.

Permits shall be personal and nontransferable, shall be renewable annually, and shall be issued by the department of revenue upon payment of a fee of one dollar. The department may in its discretion designate independent agents for the issuance of permits, according to such standards and qualifications as the department may prescribe. Such agents shall pay over and account to the department for all permit fees collected, after deducting as a collection fee the sum of fifty cents for each permit issued.

Any person making fraudulent statements in order to secure a permit shall be guilty of perjury. Any person making tax exempt purchases by displaying a permit not his own, or a counterfeit permit, with intent to violate the provisions of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, in addition, may be subject to a penalty not to exceed the amount of the tax due on such purchases. Any vendor who makes sales without collecting the tax to a person who does not hold a valid permit, and any vendor who fails to maintain records of permit numbers as provided in this section shall be personally liable for the amount of tax due.

(22) Sales of form lumber to any person engaged in the constructing, repairing, decorating, or improving of new or existing buildings or other structures under, upon or above real property of or for consumers: PROVIDED, That such lumber is used or to be used first by such person for the molding of concrete in a single such contract, project or job and is thereafter incorporated into the product of that same contract, project or job as an ingredient or component thereof.

(23) Sales of, cost of, or charges made for labor and services performed in respect to the mining, sorting, crushing, screening, washing, hauling, and stockpiling of sand, gravel and rock when such sand, gravel, or rock is taken from a pit or quarry which is owned by or leased to a county or a city, and such sand, gravel, or rock is (1) either stockpiled in said pit or quarry for placement or is placed on the street, road, place, or highway of the county or city by the county or city itself, or (2) sold by the county or city to a county, or a city at actual cost for placement on a publicly owned street, road, place, or highway. The exemption provided for in this subsection shall not apply to sales of, cost of, or charges made for such labor and services, if the sand, gravel, or rock is used for other than public road purposes or is sold otherwise than as provided for in this subsection.

(24) Sales of wearing apparel to persons who themselves use such wearing apparel only as a sample for display for the purpose of effecting sales of goods represented by such sample.

(25) Sales of pollen.

(26) Sales to one political subdivision by another political subdivision directly or indirectly arising out of or resulting from the annexation or incorporation of any part of the territory of one political subdivision by another.

(27) The renting or leasing of motor vehicles and trailers to a nonresident of this state for use exclusively in transporting persons or property across

the boundaries of this state and in intrastate operations incidental thereto when such motor vehicle or trailer is registered and licensed in a foreign state and for purposes of this exemption the term "nonresident" shall apply to a renter or lessee who has one or more places of business in this state as well as in one or more other states but the exemption for nonresidents shall apply only to those vehicles which are most frequently dispatched, garaged, serviced, maintained and operated from the renter's or lessee's place of business in another state.

(28) Sales of prescription drugs. The term "prescription drugs" shall include any medicine, drug, prescription lens, or other substance other than food for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease or other ailment in humans ordered by (a) the written prescription to a pharmacist by a practitioner authorized by law of this state or laws of another jurisdiction to issue prescriptions, or (b) upon an oral prescription of such practitioner which is reduced promptly to writing and filed by a duly licensed pharmacist, or (c) by refilling any such written or oral prescription if such refilling is authorized by the prescriber either in the original prescription or by oral order which is reduced promptly to writing and filed by the pharmacist, or (d) physicians or optometrists by way of written directions and specifications for the preparation, grinding, and fabrication of lenses intended to aid or correct visual defects or anomalies of humans.

(29) Sales of returnable containers for beverages and foods, including but not limited to soft drinks, milk, beer, and mixers.

(30) Sales of insulin, prosthetic devices, and medically prescribed oxygen.

(31) Sales of food products for human consumption.

"Food products" include cereals and cereal products, oleomargarine, meat and meat products, fish and fish products, eggs and egg products, vegetables and vegetable products, fruit and fruit products, spices and salt, sugar and sugar products, coffee and coffee substitutes, tea, cocoa and cocoa products.

"Food products" include milk and milk products, milk shakes, malted milks, and any other similar type beverages which are composed at least in part of milk or a milk product and which require the use of milk or a milk product in their preparation.

"Food products" include all fruit juices, vegetable juices, and other beverages except bottled water, spirituous, malt or vinous liquors or carbonated beverages, whether liquid or frozen.

"Food products" do not include medicines and preparations in liquid, powdered, granular, tablet, capsule, lozenge, and pill form sold as dietary supplements or adjuncts.

The exemption of "food products" provided for in this paragraph shall not apply: (a) When the food products are furnished, prepared, or served for consumption at tables, chairs, or counters or from trays, glasses, dishes, or other tableware whether provided by the retailer or by a person with whom the retailer contracts to furnish, prepare, or serve food products to others, or (b) when the food products are ordinarily sold for immediate consumption on or near a location at which parking facilities are provided primarily for the use of patrons in consuming the products purchased at the location, even though such products are sold on a "takeout" or "to go" order and are actually packaged or wrapped and taken from the premises of the retailer, or (c) when the food products are sold for consumption within a place, the entrance to which is subject to an admission charge, except for national and state parks and monuments.

Sec. 2. Section 82.12.030, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 11, chapter 291, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.12.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply:

(1) In respect to the use of any article of tangible personal property brought into the state by a nonresident thereof for his use or enjoyment while temporarily within the state unless such property is used in conducting a nontransitory business activity within the state; or in respect to the use by a nonresident of this state of a motor vehicle which is registered or licensed under the laws of the state of his residence and is not used in this state more than three months, and which is not required to be registered or licensed under the laws of this state; or in respect to the use of household goods, personal effects and private automobiles by a bona fide resident of this state, if such articles were acquired and used by such person in another state while a bona fide resident thereof and such acquisition and use occurred more than thirty days prior to the time he entered this state;

(2) In respect to the use of any article or tangible personal property purchased at retail or acquired by lease, gift or bailment if the sale thereof to, or the use thereof by, the present user or his bailor or donor has already

been subjected to the tax under chapter 82.08 or 82.12 RCW and such tax has been paid by the present user or by his bailor or donor; or in respect to the use of property acquired by bailment and such tax has once been paid based on reasonable rental as determined by RCW 82.12.060 measured by the value of the article at time of first use multiplied by the tax rate imposed by chapter 82.08 or 82.12 RCW as of the time of first use; or in respect to the use of any article of tangible personal property acquired by bailment, if the property was acquired by a previous bailee from the same bailor for use in the same general activity and such original bailment was prior to June 9, 1961;

(3) In respect to the use of any article of tangible personal property the sale of which is specifically taxable under chapter 82.16 RCW;

(4) In respect to the use of any airplane, locomotive, railroad car, or watercraft used primarily in conducting interstate or foreign commerce by transporting therein or therewith property and persons for hire or used primarily in commercial deep sea fishing operations outside the territorial waters of the state, and in respect to use of tangible personal property which becomes a component part of any such airplane, locomotive, railroad car, or watercraft, and in respect to the use by a nonresident of this state of any motor vehicle or trailer used exclusively in transporting persons or property across the boundaries of this state and in intrastate operations incidental thereto when such motor vehicle or trailer is registered and licensed in a foreign state and in respect to the use by a nonresident of this state of any motor vehicle or trailer so registered and licensed and used within this state for a period not exceeding fifteen consecutive days under such rules as the department of revenue shall adopt: PROVIDED, That under circumstances determined to be justifiable by the department of revenue a second fifteen day period may be authorized consecutive with the first fifteen day period; and for the purposes of this exemption the term "nonresident" as used herein, shall include a user who has one or more places of business in this state as well as in one or more other states, but the exemption for nonresidents shall apply only to those vehicles which are most frequently dispatched, garaged, serviced, maintained, and operated from the user's place of business in another state; and in respect to the use by the holder of a carrier permit issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission of any motor vehicle or trailer whether owned by or leased with or without driver to the permit holder and used in substantial part in the normal and ordinary course of the user's business for transporting therein persons or property for hire across the boundaries of this state if the first use of which within this state is actual use in conducting interstate or foreign commerce; and in respect to the use of any motor vehicle or trailer while being operated under the authority of a one-transit permit issued by the director of motor vehicles pursuant to RCW 46.16.100 and moving upon the highways from the point of delivery in this state to a point outside this state; and in respect to the use of tangible personal property which becomes a component part of any motor vehicle or trailer used by the holder of a carrier permit issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission authorizing transportation by motor vehicle across the boundaries of this state whether such motor vehicle or trailer is owned by or leased with or without driver to the permit holder;

(5) In respect to the use of any article of tangible personal property which the state is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution of the state or under the Constitution or laws of the United States;

(6) In respect to the use of motor vehicle fuel used in aircraft by the manufacturer thereof for research, development, and testing purposes and motor vehicle fuel taxable under chapter 82.36 RCW: PROVIDED, That the use of such fuel upon which a refund of the motor vehicle fuel tax is obtained shall not be exempt, and the director of motor vehicles shall deduct from the amount of such tax to be refunded the amount of tax due under this chapter and remit the same each month to the department of revenue;

(7) In respect to the use of any article of tangible personal property included within the transfer of the title to the entire operating property of a publicly or privately owned public utility, or of a complete operating integral section thereof, by the state or a political subdivision thereof in conducting any business defined in subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), or (11) of RCW 82.16.010;

(8) In respect to the use of tangible personal property (including household goods) which have been used in conducting a farm activity, if such property was purchased from a farmer at an auction sale held or conducted by an auctioneer upon a farm and not otherwise;

(9) In respect to the use of tangible personal property by corporations which have been incorporated under any act of the congress of the United States and whose principal purposes are to furnish volunteer aid to members of the armed forces of the United States and also to carry on a system of

national and international relief and to apply the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, flood, and other national calamities and to devise and carry on measures for preventing the same;

(10) In respect to the use of purebred livestock for breeding purposes where said animals are registered in a nationally recognized breed association; sales of cattle and milk cows used on the farm;

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(12) In respect to the use of fuel by the extractor or manufacturer thereof when used directly in the operation of the particular extractive operation or manufacturing plant which produced or manufactured the same;

(13) In respect to the use of motor vehicles, equipped with dual controls, which are loaned to and used exclusively by a school in connection with its driver training program: PROVIDED, That this exemption and the term "school" shall apply only to (a) the University of Washington, Washington State University, the state colleges and the state community colleges or (b) any public, private or parochial school accredited by either the state board of education or by the University of Washington (the state accrediting station) or (c) any public vocational school meeting the standards, courses and requirements established and prescribed or approved in accordance with the Community College Act of 1967 (chapter 8, Laws of 1967 first extraordinary session);

(14) In respect to the use by a bailee of any article of tangible personal property which is entirely consumed in the course of research, development, experimental and testing activities conducted by the user, provided the acquisition or use of such articles by the bailor was not subject to the taxes imposed by chapter 82.08 RCW or chapter 82.12 RCW;

(15) In respect to the use by residents of this state of motor vehicles and trailers acquired and used while such persons are members of the armed services and are stationed outside this state pursuant to military orders, but this exemption shall not apply to members of the armed services called to active duty for training purposes for periods of less than six months and shall not apply to the use of motor vehicles or trailers acquired less than thirty days prior to the discharge or release from active duty of any person from the armed services;

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(17) In respect to the use of form lumber by any person engaged in the constructing, repairing, decorating or improving of new or existing buildings or other structures under, upon or above real property of or for consumers: PROVIDED, That such lumber is used or to be used first by such person for the molding of concrete in a single such contract, project or job and is thereafter incorporated into the product of that same contract, project or job as an ingredient or component thereof;

(18) In respect to the use of any sand, gravel, or rock to the extent of the cost of or charges made for labor and services performed in respect to the mining, sorting, crushing, screening, washing, hauling, and stockpiling such sand, gravel, or rock, when such sand, gravel, or rock is taken from a pit or quarry which is owned by or leased to a county or a city, and such sand, gravel, or rock is (1) either stockpiled in sand pit or quarry for placement or is placed on the street, road, place, or highway of the county or city by the county or city itself, or (2) sold by the county or city to a county, or a city at actual cost for placement on a publicly owned street, road, place, or highway. The exemption provided for in this subsection shall not apply to the use of such material to the extent of the cost of or charge made for such labor and services, if the material is used for other than public road purposes or is sold otherwise than as provided for in this subsection.

(19) In respect to the use of wearing apparel only as a sample for display for the purpose of effecting sales of goods represented by such sample.

(20) In respect to the use of tangible personal property held for sale and displayed in single trade shows for a period not in excess of thirty days, the primary purpose of which is to promote the sale of products or services.

(21) In respect to the use of pollen.

(22) In respect to the use of the personal property of one political subdivision by another political subdivision directly or indirectly arising out of or resulting from the annexation or incorporation of any part of the territory of one political subdivision by another.

(23) In respect to the use of prescription drugs. The term "prescription drugs" shall include any medicine, drug, prescription lens, or other substance other than food for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease or other ailment in humans ordered by (a) the written

prescription to a pharmacist by a practitioner authorized by law of this state or laws of another jurisdiction to issue prescriptions, or (b) upon an oral prescription of such practitioner which is reduced promptly to writing and filed by a duly licensed pharmacist, or (c) by refilling any such written or oral prescription if such refilling is authorized by the prescriber either in the original prescription or by oral order which is reduced promptly to writing and filed by the pharmacist, or (d) physicians or optometrists by way of written directions and specifications for the preparation, grinding, and fabrication of lenses intended to aid or correct visual defects or anomalies of humans.

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"Food products" do not include medicines and preparations in liquid, powdered, granular, tablet, capsule, lozenge, and pill form sold as dietary supplements or adjuncts.

The exemption of "food products" provided for in this paragraph shall not apply: (a) When the food products are furnished, prepared, or served for consumption at tables, chairs, or counters or from trays, glasses, dishes, or other tableware whether provided by the retailer or by a person with whom the retailer contracts to furnish, prepare, or serve food products to others, or (b) when the food products are ordinarily sold for immediate consumption on or near a location at which parking facilities are provided primarily for the use of patrons in consuming the products purchased at the location, even though such products are sold on a "takeout" or "to go" order and are actually packaged or wrapped and taken from the premises of the retailer, or (c) when the food products are sold for consumption within a place, the entrance to which is subject to an admission charge, except for national and state parks and monuments.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The provisions of this 1977 amendatory act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

by section 12, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.26.040; amending section 24, chapter 83, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as last amended by section 13, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.26.180; amending section 25, chapter 83, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as last amended by section 14, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.26.190; amending section 30, chapter 83, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as amended by section 15, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.26.240; amending section 33, chapter 83, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as amended by section 16, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.26.270; amending section 41, chapter 83, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as amended by section 17, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.26.405; amending section 45, chapter 83, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as last amended by section 18, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.26.420; amending section 49, chapter 83, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as last amended by section 19, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.26.424; amending section 50, chapter 83, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as amended by section 20, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.26.425; amending section 14, chapter 83, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as amended by section 22, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.26.080; creating new sections; repealing section 6, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.36.____; repealing section 10, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.68.____; repealing section 21, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.26.4251; repealing section 23, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. (unmodified); and repealing section 24, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. (unmodified).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. It is the intent of the people to repeal the Variable Gas Tax Bill (chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess.) enacted by the first extraordinary session of the 45th Legislature and restore the tax structure affected thereby to that existing on June 30, 1977.

Sec. 2. Section 82.36.010, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.36.010 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is in itself a self-propelled unit, equipped with solid rubber, hollow-cushion rubber(†) or pneumatic rubber tires and capable of being moved or operated upon a public highway, except motor vehicles used as motive power for or in conjunction with farm implements and machines or implements of husbandry;

(2) "Motor vehicle fuel" means gasoline or any other inflammable gas(†) or liquid, by whatsoever name such gasoline, gas or liquid may be known or sold, the chief use of which is as fuel for the propulsion of motor vehicles, or motorboats;

(3) "Distributor" means every person who refines, manufactures, produces, or compounds motor vehicle fuel and sells, distributes, or in any manner uses it in this state; also every person engaged in business as a bona fide wholesale merchant dealing in motor vehicle fuel who either acquires it within the state from any person refining it within or importing it into the state, on which the tax has not been paid, or imports it into this state and sells, distributes, or in any manner uses it in this state;

(4) "Service station" means a place operated for the purpose of delivering motor vehicle fuel into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles;

(5) "Department" means the department of motor vehicles;

(6) "Director" means the director of motor vehicles;

(7) "Dealer" means any person engaged in the retail sale of liquid motor vehicle fuels;

(8) "Person" means every natural person, firm, partnership, association, or private or public corporation;

(9) "Highway" means every way or place open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular travel;

(10) "Broker" means every person, other than a distributor, engaged in business as a broker, jobber, or wholesale merchant dealing in motor vehicle fuel or other petroleum products used or usable in propelling motor vehicles, or in other petroleum products which may be used in blending, compounding, or manufacturing of motor vehicle fuel;

(11) "Producer" means every person, other than a distributor, engaged in the business of producing motor vehicle fuel or other petroleum products used in, or which may be used in, the blending, compounding, or manufacturing of motor vehicle fuel;

(12) "Distribution" means all withdrawals of motor vehicle fuel for delivery to others, to retail service stations, or to unlicensed bulk storage plants;

(13) "Bulk storage plant" means, pursuant to the licensing provisions of RCW 82.36.070, any plant, under the control of the distributor, used for the



Relating to transportation taxation; amending section 82.36.010, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.36.010; amending section 1, chapter 28, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.36.020; amending section 82.36.100, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 3, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.36.100; amending section 3, chapter 22, Laws of 1963 ex. sess. as last amended by section 4, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.37.030; amending section 4, chapter 175, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as last amended by section 5, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.38.030; amending section 35.77.010, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 7, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 35.77.010; amending section 46.68.090, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 8, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.68.090; amending section 46.68.100, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 9, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.68.100; amending section 9, chapter 83, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as amended by section 11, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.68.150; amending section 10, chapter 83, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as last amended