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AN ACT

To repeal sections 135.647, 135.1610, and 144.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to improving access to products essential for healthy living.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 135.647, 135.1610, and 144.030, RSMo,

- 2 are repealed and five new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to
- 3 be known as sections 135.647, 135.1610, 135.1620, 144.030, and
- 4 261.021, to read as follows:

135.647. 1. As used in this section, the following

- 2 terms shall mean:
- 3 (1) "Local food pantry", any food pantry that is:
- 4 (a) Exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of
- 5 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and
- 6 (b) Distributing emergency food supplies to Missouri
- 7 low-income people who would otherwise not have access to
- 8 food supplies in the area in which the taxpayer claiming the
- 9 tax credit under this section resides;
- 10 (2) "Local homeless shelter", any homeless shelter
- 11 that is:
- 12 (a) Exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of
- 13 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

- 14 (b) Providing temporary living arrangements, in the
- 15 area in which the taxpayer claiming the tax credit under
- 16 this section resides, for individuals and families who
- 17 otherwise lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime
- 18 residence and lack the resources or support networks to
- 19 obtain other permanent housing;
- 20 (3) "Local soup kitchen", any soup kitchen that is:
- 21 (a) Exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of
- 22 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and
- 23 (b) Providing prepared meals through an established
- 24 congregate feeding operation to needy, low-income persons
- 25 including, but not limited to, homeless persons in the area
- 26 in which the taxpayer claiming the tax credit under this
- 27 section resides;
- 28 (4) "Taxpayer", an individual, a firm, a partner in a
- 29 firm, corporation, or a shareholder in an S corporation
- 30 doing business in this state and subject to the state income
- 31 tax imposed by chapter 143, excluding withholding tax
- 32 imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265.
- 33 2. (1) Beginning on March 29, 2013, any donation of
- 34 cash or food made to a local food pantry on or after January
- 35 1, 2013, unless such food is donated after the food's
- 36 expiration date, shall be eligible for tax credits as
- 37 provided by this section.
- 38 (2) Beginning on August 28, 2018, any donation of cash
- 39 or food made to a local soup kitchen or local homeless
- 40 shelter on or after January 1, 2018, unless such food is
- 41 donated after the food's expiration date, shall be eligible
- 42 for a tax credit as provided under this section.
- 43 (3) Any taxpayer who makes a donation that is eligible
- 44 for a tax credit under this section shall be allowed a
- 45 credit against the tax otherwise due under chapter 143,

46 excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 47 143.265, in an amount equal to fifty percent of the value of 48 the donations made to the extent such amounts that have been subtracted from federal adjusted gross income or federal 49 50 taxable income are added back in the determination of Missouri adjusted gross income or Missouri taxable income 51 before the credit can be claimed. Each taxpayer claiming a 52 53 tax credit under this section shall file an affidavit with the income tax return verifying the amount of their 54 55 contributions. The amount of the tax credit claimed shall not exceed the amount of the taxpayer's state tax liability 56 for the tax year that the credit is claimed and shall not 57 58 exceed two thousand five hundred dollars per taxpayer claiming the credit. Any amount of credit that the taxpayer 59 is prohibited by this section from claiming in a tax year 60 shall not be refundable, but may be carried forward to any 61 62 of the taxpayer's three subsequent tax years. No tax credit granted under this section shall be transferred, sold, or 63 64 assigned. No taxpayer shall be eligible to receive a credit pursuant to this section if such taxpayer employs persons 65 who are not authorized to work in the United States under 66 federal law. No taxpayer shall be able to claim more than 67 one credit under this section for a single donation. 68 69 The cumulative amount of tax credits under this 70 section which may be allocated to all taxpayers contributing to a local food pantry, local soup kitchen, or local 71 homeless shelter in any one fiscal year shall not exceed 72 73 [one] two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars. director of revenue shall establish a procedure by which the 74 75 cumulative amount of tax credits is apportioned among all taxpayers claiming the credit by April fifteenth of the 76 fiscal year in which the tax credit is claimed. 77

- maximum extent possible, the director of revenue shall
 establish the procedure described in this subsection in such
 a manner as to ensure that taxpayers can claim all the tax
 credits possible up to the cumulative amount of tax credits
 available for the fiscal year.
- 4. Any local food pantry, local soup kitchen, or local 83 84 homeless shelter may accept or reject any donation of food 85 made under this section for any reason. For purposes of this section, any donations of food accepted by a local food 86 87 pantry, local soup kitchen, or local homeless shelter shall be valued at fair market value, or at wholesale value if the 88 taxpayer making the donation of food is a retail grocery 89 90 store, food broker, wholesaler, or restaurant.
- 5. The department of revenue shall promulgate rules to 91 implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or 92 93 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 94 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with 95 96 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 97 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with 98 99 the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to 100 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule 101 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of 102 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void. 103
 - 6. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:
- 105 (1) The program authorized under this section shall be reauthorized as of August 28, 2018, and shall expire on December 31, [2026] 2027, unless reauthorized by the general assembly; and

- 109 (2) This section shall terminate on September first of 110 the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in
- 111 which the program authorized under this section is sunset;
- **112** and
- 113 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall not be
- 114 construed to limit or in any way impair a taxpayer's ability
- 115 to redeem tax credits authorized on or before the date the
- 116 program authorized under this section expires.
 - 135.1610. 1. As used in this section, the following
 - 2 terms mean:
 - 3 (1) "Eligible expenses", expenses incurred in the
 - 4 construction or development of establishing or improving an
 - 5 urban farm in an urban area or a small-scale specialty crop
 - 6 farm in a food desert. The term eligible expenses shall not
 - 7 include any expense for labor or any expense incurred to
 - 8 grow medical marijuana or industrial hemp;
 - 9 (2) "Food desert", a census tract that has a poverty
 - 10 rate of at least twenty percent or a median family income of
 - 11 less than eighty percent of the statewide average and where
 - 12 at least five hundred people or thirty-three percent of the
 - 13 population is located at least a half mile away from a full-
 - 14 service grocery store in an urban area or at least ten miles
 - 15 away from a full-service grocery store in a rural area;
 - 16 (3) "Rural area", a rural place as designated by the
 - 17 United States Census Bureau;
 - 18 (4) "Small-scale specialty crop farm", a farm no
 - 19 larger than thirty acres and growing three or more types of
 - 20 specialty crops at any given time on at least half of its
 - 21 total acreage;
 - 22 (5) "Specialty crop", fruits and vegetables, tree
 - 23 nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops
 - 24 including, but not limited to, floriculture;

25 (6) "Tax credit", a credit against the tax otherwise
26 due under chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed

- 27 under sections 143.191 to 143.265;
- 28 [(3)] (7) "Taxpayer", any individual, partnership, or
- 29 corporation as described under section 143.441 or 143.471
- 30 that is subject to the tax imposed under chapter 143,
- 31 excluding withholding tax imposed under sections 143.191 to
- 32 143.265, or any charitable organization that is exempt from
- 33 federal income tax and whose Missouri unrelated business
- 34 taxable income, if any, would be subject to the state income
- 35 tax imposed under chapter 143;
- 36 [(4)] (8) "Urban area", an urbanized area as defined
- 37 by the United States Census Bureau;
- 38 [(5)] (9) "Urban farm", an agricultural plot or
- 39 facility in an urban area that produces agricultural food
- 40 products used solely for distribution to the public by sale
- 41 or donation. Urban farm shall include community-run gardens
- 42 and shall not exceed five acres in size. Urban farm shall
- 43 not include personal farms or residential lots for personal
- 44 use.
- 45 2. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1,
- 46 2023, a taxpayer shall be allowed to claim a tax credit
- 47 against the taxpayer's state tax liability in an amount
- 48 equal to fifty percent of the taxpayer's eligible expenses
- 49 for establishing or improving an urban farm or small-scale
- 50 specialty crop farm in a food desert that focuses on food
- 51 production.
- 52 3. The amount of the tax credit claimed shall not
- 53 exceed the amount of the taxpayer's state tax liability in
- 54 the tax year for which the credit is claimed, and the
- 55 taxpayer shall not be allowed to claim a tax credit under
- 56 this section in excess of five thousand dollars for each

- 57 urban farm or small-scale specialty crop farm. The total
- 58 amount of tax credits that may be authorized for all
- 59 taxpayers for eligible expenses incurred on any given urban
- 60 farm or small-scale specialty crop farm shall not exceed
- 61 twenty-five thousand dollars. Any issued tax credit that
- 62 cannot be claimed in the tax year in which the eligible
- 63 expenses were incurred may be carried over to the next three
- 64 succeeding tax years until the full credit is claimed.
- 4. The total amount of tax credits that may be
- 66 authorized under this section shall not exceed [two hundred]
- thousand] three million dollars in any calendar year.
- 5. Tax credits issued under the provisions of this
- 69 section shall not be transferred, sold, or assigned.
- 70 6. The Missouri agricultural and small business
- 71 development authority shall recapture the amount of tax
- 72 credits issued to any taxpayer who, after receiving such tax
- 73 credit, uses the urban farm for the personal benefit of the
- 74 taxpayer instead of for producing agricultural food products
- 75 used solely for distribution to the public by sale or
- 76 donation.
- 7. The Missouri agricultural and small business
- 78 development authority may promulgate rules to implement the
- 79 provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule,
- 80 as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created
- 81 under the authority delegated in this section shall become
- 82 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of
- 83 the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
- 84 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
- 85 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
- 86 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
- 87 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
- 88 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking

89 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after January 2,
90 2023, shall be invalid and void.

- 91 8. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:
- 92 (1) The program authorized under this section shall
- 93 automatically sunset on December 31, 2028, unless
- 94 reauthorized by an act of the general assembly;
- 95 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program
- 96 authorized under this section shall automatically sunset on
- 97 December thirty-first twelve years after the effective date
- 98 of the reauthorization of this section;
- 99 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of
- 100 the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in
- 101 which the program authorized under this section is sunset;
- **102** and
- 103 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall prevent a
- 104 taxpayer from claiming a tax credit properly issued before
- 105 the program was sunset in a tax year after the program is
- 106 sunset.
 - 135.1620. 1. As used in this section, the following
 - 2 terms mean:
 - 3 (1) "Department", the Missouri department of economic
 - 4 development;
 - 5 (2) "Eligible expenses", expenses incurred in the
 - 6 construction or development of real property for the purpose
 - 7 of establishing a full-service grocery store in a food
 - 8 desert;
 - 9 (3) "Food desert", a census tract that has a poverty
 - 10 rate of at least twenty percent or a median family income of
 - 11 less than eighty percent of the statewide average and where
 - 12 at least five hundred people or thirty-three percent of the
 - 13 population are located at least one-half mile away from a

full-service grocery store in urbanized areas or at least ten miles away in rural areas;

- "Full-service grocery store", a grocery store that 16 provides a full complement of healthful fruits, vegetables, 17 grains, meat, and dairy products along with household 18 19 items. Fresh fruits and vegetables shall be available for 20 sale in quantities that are substantially similar to industry standards for facilities of similar size. A lack 21 22 of availability of fresh fruits and vegetables in sufficient 23 quantities due to a supply shortage, as determined by the 24 department, shall not disqualify an entity from being a full-25 service grocery store otherwise eligible for tax credits 26 pursuant to this section;
- "New location", a full-service grocery store 27 (5) 28 facility located on a tract of real property within a food 29 desert acquired by or leased to a taxpayer on or after 30 January 1, 2024. A location shall be deemed to have been acquired by or leased to a taxpayer on or after January 1, 31 2024, if the transfer of title to the taxpayer, the transfer 32 of possession under a binding contract to transfer title to 33 34 the taxpayer, or the commencement of the term of the lease to the taxpayer occurs on or after January 1, 2024, or if 35 36 the commencement of the construction or installation of the 37 facility by or on behalf of a taxpayer occurs on or after January 1, 2024; 38
- 39 (6) "Rural area", a town or community within the state 40 that is not within a metropolitan statistical area and has a 41 population of six thousand or fewer inhabitants as 42 determined by the last preceding federal decennial census or 43 any unincorporated area not within a metropolitan 44 statistical area;

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45 (7) "Tax credit", a credit against the tax otherwise 46 due under chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed 47 under sections 143.191 to 143.265;

- (8) "Taxpayer", any individual, partnership, or
 corporation as described under section 143.441 or 143.471
 that is subject to the tax imposed under chapter 143,
 excluding withholding tax imposed under sections 143.191 to
 143.265, or any charitable organization that is exempt from
 federal income tax and whose Missouri unrelated business
 taxable income, if any, would be subject to the state income
- 56 (9) "Urbanized area", an urbanized area as designated 57 by the United States Census Bureau.
- 2. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1,
 2024, a taxpayer shall be allowed to claim a tax credit
 against the taxpayer's state tax liability in an amount
 equal to fifty percent of the taxpayer's eligible expenses
 that are in excess of initial eligible expenses of:
 - (1) One million dollars if the full-service grocery store is established in a charter county, a county of the first classification, or a city not within a county; or
- 66 (2) Five hundred thousand dollars if the full-service 67 grocery store is established in any other county.
- 3. (1) In order to claim a tax credit pursuant to
 this section, a taxpayer shall submit an application to the
 department, which shall include:
- 71 (a) All eligible expenses incurred by the taxpayer;
- 72 (b) The date of the commencement of construction of 73 the full-service grocery store;
- 74 (c) The anticipated date of the commencement of 75 operations of the full-service grocery store; and

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76 Any other information required by the department 77 to implement the provisions of this section;

- 78 The amount of the tax credit shall not exceed the 79 amount of the taxpayer's state tax liability in the tax year for which the credit is claimed, and such taxpayer shall not 80 81 be allowed to claim a tax credit in excess of two million 82 five hundred thousand dollars per tax year. However, any 83 tax credit that cannot be claimed in the tax year the 84 eligible expenses were incurred may be carried over to the 85 next three succeeding tax years until the full credit is claimed.
- 4. The total amount of tax credits that may be authorized under this section shall not exceed twenty-two million dollars in any calendar year, which shall be 90 authorized on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 91 5. Tax credits issued under the provisions of this 92 section may be transferred, sold, or assigned.
- 6. The issuance of tax credits authorized under 93 94 this section shall cease and the department shall recoup 95 from the taxpayer and deposit in the general revenue fund an 96 amount equal to all credits previously issued to the 97 taxpayer under this section, less any amounts previously 98 repaid, increased by the amount of interest that would have 99 been earned on the amount of such tax credits, in the event 100 that the taxpayer:
- Fails to complete construction of a full-service grocery store within five years of the commencement of the 103 project; or
- 104 Fails to operate a full-service grocery store at 105 the same new location for at least ten consecutive years.
- 106 A taxpayer shall annually submit a report to the 107 department, on a form to be developed by the department,

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indicating that the taxpayer is in compliance with the provisions of this section.

- The department may promulgate rules to implement 110 the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a 111 rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is 112 113 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to 114 115 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, 116 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are 117 nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the 118 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay 119 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of 120 121 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after 122 August 28, 2023, shall be invalid and void.
- 8. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:
- 124 (1) The program authorized under this section shall 125 automatically sunset on December thirty-first, six years 126 after the effective date of this section, unless 127 reauthorized by an act of the general assembly;
 - (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section shall automatically sunset on December thirty-first, twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section;
 - (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset; and
- 136 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall prevent a
 137 taxpayer from claiming a tax credit properly issued before
 138 the program was sunset in a tax year after the program is
 139 sunset.

144.030. 1. There is hereby specifically exempted 2 from the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525 and from 3 the computation of the tax levied, assessed or payable pursuant to sections 144.010 to 144.525 such retail sales as 4 5 may be made in commerce between this state and any other 6 state of the United States, or between this state and any 7 foreign country, and any retail sale which the state of 8 Missouri is prohibited from taxing pursuant to the 9 Constitution or laws of the United States of America, and 10 such retail sales of tangible personal property which the general assembly of the state of Missouri is prohibited from 11 taxing or further taxing by the constitution of this state. 12 13 There are also specifically exempted from the provisions of the local sales tax law as defined in section 14 32.085, section 238.235, and sections 144.010 to 144.525 and 15 144.600 to 144.761 and from the computation of the tax 16 levied, assessed or payable pursuant to the local sales tax 17 law as defined in section 32.085, section 238.235, and 18 sections 144.010 to 144.525 and 144.600 to 144.745: 19 Motor fuel or special fuel subject to an excise 20 tax of this state, unless all or part of such excise tax is 21 refunded pursuant to section 142.824; or upon the sale at 22 retail of fuel to be consumed in manufacturing or creating 23 24 gas, power, steam, electrical current or in furnishing water 25 to be sold ultimately at retail; or feed for livestock or 26 poultry; or grain to be converted into foodstuffs which are 27 to be sold ultimately in processed form at retail; or seed, limestone or fertilizer which is to be used for seeding, 28 liming or fertilizing crops which when harvested will be 29 30 sold at retail or will be fed to livestock or poultry to be sold ultimately in processed form at retail; economic 31 poisons registered pursuant to the provisions of the 32

- 33 Missouri pesticide registration law, sections 281.220 to
- 34 281.310, which are to be used in connection with the growth
- 35 or production of crops, fruit trees or orchards applied
- 36 before, during, or after planting, the crop of which when
- 37 harvested will be sold at retail or will be converted into
- 38 foodstuffs which are to be sold ultimately in processed form
- 39 at retail;
- 40 (2) Materials, manufactured goods, machinery and parts
- 41 which when used in manufacturing, processing, compounding,
- 42 mining, producing or fabricating become a component part or
- 43 ingredient of the new personal property resulting from such
- 44 manufacturing, processing, compounding, mining, producing or
- 45 fabricating and which new personal property is intended to
- 46 be sold ultimately for final use or consumption; and
- 47 materials, including without limitation, gases and
- 48 manufactured goods, including without limitation slagging
- 49 materials and firebrick, which are ultimately consumed in
- 50 the manufacturing process by blending, reacting or
- 51 interacting with or by becoming, in whole or in part,
- 52 component parts or ingredients of steel products intended to
- 53 be sold ultimately for final use or consumption;
- 54 (3) Materials, replacement parts and equipment
- 55 purchased for use directly upon, and for the repair and
- 56 maintenance or manufacture of, motor vehicles, watercraft,
- 57 railroad rolling stock or aircraft engaged as common
- 58 carriers of persons or property;
- 59 (4) Replacement machinery, equipment, and parts and
- 60 the materials and supplies solely required for the
- 61 installation or construction of such replacement machinery,
- 62 equipment, and parts, used directly in manufacturing,
- 63 mining, fabricating or producing a product which is intended
- 64 to be sold ultimately for final use or consumption; and

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    purposes of this subdivision, a "material recovery
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    shall include a facility or equipment which are used
    exclusively for the collection of recovered materials for
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    delivery to a material recovery processing plant but shall
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    not include motor vehicles used on highways. For purposes
    of this section, the terms motor vehicle and highway shall
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    have the same meaning pursuant to section 301.010. For the
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    purposes of this subdivision, subdivision (5) of this
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    subsection, and section 144.054, as well as the definition
    in subdivision (9) of subsection 1 of section 144.010, the
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    term "product" includes telecommunications services and the
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    term "manufacturing" shall include the production, or
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    production and transmission, of telecommunications
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    services. The preceding sentence does not make a
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    substantive change in the law and is intended to clarify
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    that the term "manufacturing" has included and continues to
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    subdivision and subdivision (5) of this subsection, as well
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    as the definition in subdivision (9) of subsection 1 of
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    section 144.010. The preceding two sentences reaffirm
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    legislative intent consistent with the interpretation of
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    this subdivision and subdivision (5) of this subsection in
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    Southwestern Bell Tel. Co. v. Director of Revenue, 78 S.W.3d
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- 97 763 (Mo. banc 2002) and Southwestern Bell Tel. Co. v.
- 98 Director of Revenue, 182 S.W.3d 226 (Mo. banc 2005), and
- 99 accordingly abrogates the Missouri supreme court's
- interpretation of those exemptions in IBM Corporation v.
- 101 Director of Revenue, 491 S.W.3d 535 (Mo. banc 2016) to the
- 102 extent inconsistent with this section and Southwestern Bell
- 103 Tel. Co. v. Director of Revenue, 78 S.W.3d 763 (Mo. banc
- 104 2002) and Southwestern Bell Tel. Co. v. Director of Revenue,
- 105 182 S.W.3d 226 (Mo. banc 2005). The construction and
- 106 application of this subdivision as expressed by the Missouri
- 107 supreme court in DST Systems, Inc. v. Director of Revenue,
- 108 43 S.W.3d 799 (Mo. banc 2001); Southwestern Bell Tel. Co. v.
- 109 Director of Revenue, 78 S.W.3d 763 (Mo. banc 2002); and
- 110 Southwestern Bell Tel. Co. v. Director of Revenue, 182
- 111 S.W.3d 226 (Mo. banc 2005), is hereby affirmed. Material
- 112 recovery is not the reuse of materials within a
- 113 manufacturing process or the use of a product previously
- 114 recovered. The material recovery processing plant shall
- 115 qualify under the provisions of this section regardless of
- 116 ownership of the material being recovered;
- 117 (5) Machinery and equipment, and parts and the
- 118 materials and supplies solely required for the installation
- or construction of such machinery and equipment, purchased
- and used to establish new or to expand existing
- 121 manufacturing, mining or fabricating plants in the state if
- such machinery and equipment is used directly in
- 123 manufacturing, mining or fabricating a product which is
- intended to be sold ultimately for final use or
- 125 consumption. The construction and application of this
- 126 subdivision as expressed by the Missouri supreme court in
- 127 DST Systems, Inc. v. Director of Revenue, 43 S.W.3d 799 (Mo.
- 128 banc 2001); Southwestern Bell Tel. Co. v. Director of

- 129 Revenue, 78 S.W.3d 763 (Mo. banc 2002); and Southwestern
- 130 Bell Tel. Co. v. Director of Revenue, 182 S.W.3d 226 (Mo.
- 131 banc 2005), is hereby affirmed;
- 132 (6) Tangible personal property which is used
- exclusively in the manufacturing, processing, modification
- or assembling of products sold to the United States
- 135 government or to any agency of the United States government;
- 136 (7) Animals or poultry used for breeding or feeding
- 137 purposes, or captive wildlife;
- 138 (8) Newsprint, ink, computers, photosensitive paper
- 139 and film, toner, printing plates and other machinery,
- 140 equipment, replacement parts and supplies used in producing
- 141 newspapers published for dissemination of news to the
- 142 general public;
- 143 (9) The rentals of films, records or any type of sound
- 144 or picture transcriptions for public commercial display;
- 145 (10) Pumping machinery and equipment used to propel
- 146 products delivered by pipelines engaged as common carriers;
- 147 (11) Railroad rolling stock for use in transporting
- 148 persons or property in interstate commerce and motor
- 149 vehicles licensed for a gross weight of twenty-four thousand
- 150 pounds or more or trailers used by common carriers, as
- defined in section 390.020, in the transportation of persons
- 152 or property;
- 153 (12) Electrical energy used in the actual primary
- 154 manufacture, processing, compounding, mining or producing of
- a product, or electrical energy used in the actual secondary
- 156 processing or fabricating of the product, or a material
- 157 recovery processing plant as defined in subdivision (4) of
- 158 this subsection, in facilities owned or leased by the
- 159 taxpayer, if the total cost of electrical energy so used
- 160 exceeds ten percent of the total cost of production, either

- 161 primary or secondary, exclusive of the cost of electrical
- energy so used or if the raw materials used in such
- 163 processing contain at least twenty-five percent recovered
- 164 materials as defined in section 260.200. There shall be a
- rebuttable presumption that the raw materials used in the
- 166 primary manufacture of automobiles contain at least twenty-
- 167 five percent recovered materials. For purposes of this
- 168 subdivision, "processing" means any mode of treatment, act
- or series of acts performed upon materials to transform and
- 170 reduce them to a different state or thing, including
- 171 treatment necessary to maintain or preserve such processing
- 172 by the producer at the production facility;
- 173 (13) Anodes which are used or consumed in
- 174 manufacturing, processing, compounding, mining, producing or
- 175 fabricating and which have a useful life of less than one
- 176 year;
- 177 (14) Machinery, equipment, appliances and devices
- 178 purchased or leased and used solely for the purpose of
- 179 preventing, abating or monitoring air pollution, and
- 180 materials and supplies solely required for the installation,
- 181 construction or reconstruction of such machinery, equipment,
- 182 appliances and devices;
- 183 (15) Machinery, equipment, appliances and devices
- 184 purchased or leased and used solely for the purpose of
- 185 preventing, abating or monitoring water pollution, and
- 186 materials and supplies solely required for the installation,
- 187 construction or reconstruction of such machinery, equipment,
- 188 appliances and devices;
- 189 (16) Tangible personal property purchased by a rural
- 190 water district;
- 191 (17) All amounts paid or charged for admission or
- 192 participation or other fees paid by or other charges to

193 individuals in or for any place of amusement, entertainment 194 or recreation, games or athletic events, including museums, 195 fairs, zoos and planetariums, owned or operated by a municipality or other political subdivision where all the 196 197 proceeds derived therefrom benefit the municipality or other 198 political subdivision and do not inure to any private person, firm, or corporation, provided, however, that a 199 200 municipality or other political subdivision may enter into 201 revenue-sharing agreements with private persons, firms, or 202 corporations providing goods or services, including 203 management services, in or for the place of amusement, entertainment or recreation, games or athletic events, and 204 provided further that nothing in this subdivision shall 205 206 exempt from tax any amounts retained by any private person, 207 firm, or corporation under such revenue-sharing agreement; 208 All sales of insulin, and all sales, rentals, 209 repairs, and parts of durable medical equipment, prosthetic 210 devices, and orthopedic devices as defined [on January 1, 1980,] by the federal Medicare program pursuant to Title 211 XVIII of the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended, 212 including the items specified in Section 1862(a)(12) of that 213 214 act, and also specifically including hearing aids and hearing aid supplies and all sales of drugs which may be 215 216 legally dispensed by a licensed pharmacist only upon a 217 lawful prescription of a practitioner licensed to administer 218 those items, including samples and materials used to 219 manufacture samples which may be dispensed by a practitioner authorized to dispense such samples and all sales or rental 220 of medical oxygen, home respiratory equipment and 221 222 accessories including parts, and hospital beds and 223 accessories and ambulatory aids including parts, and all sales or rental of manual and powered wheelchairs including 224

225 parts and accessories, and stairway lifts, Braille writers,

- 226 electronic Braille equipment and, if purchased or rented by
- or on behalf of a person with one or more physical or mental
- 228 disabilities to enable them to function more independently,
- 229 all sales or rental of scooters including parts, and reading
- 230 machines, electronic print enlargers and magnifiers,
- 231 electronic alternative and augmentative communication
- 232 devices, and items used solely to modify motor vehicles to
- 233 permit the use of such motor vehicles by individuals with
- 234 disabilities or sales of over-the-counter or nonprescription
- 235 drugs to individuals with disabilities, and drugs required
- 236 by the Food and Drug Administration to meet the over-the-
- counter drug product labeling requirements in 21 CFR 201.66,
- or its successor, as prescribed by a health care
- 239 practitioner licensed to prescribe;
- 240 (19) All sales made by or to religious and charitable
- 241 organizations and institutions in their religious,
- 242 charitable or educational functions and activities and all
- 243 sales made by or to all elementary and secondary schools
- 244 operated at public expense in their educational functions
- 245 and activities;
- 246 (20) All sales of aircraft to common carriers for
- 247 storage or for use in interstate commerce and all sales made
- 248 by or to not-for-profit civic, social, service or fraternal
- 249 organizations, including fraternal organizations which have
- 250 been declared tax-exempt organizations pursuant to Section
- 251 501(c)(8) or (10) of the 1986 Internal Revenue Code, as
- 252 amended, in their civic or charitable functions and
- 253 activities and all sales made to eleemosynary and penal
- 254 institutions and industries of the state, and all sales made
- 255 to any private not-for-profit institution of higher
- 256 education not otherwise excluded pursuant to subdivision

- 257 (19) of this subsection or any institution of higher 258 education supported by public funds, and all sales made to a 259 state relief agency in the exercise of relief functions and 260 activities;
- (21) All ticket sales made by benevolent, scientific 261 262 and educational associations which are formed to foster, 263 encourage, and promote progress and improvement in the 264 science of agriculture and in the raising and breeding of animals, and by nonprofit summer theater organizations if 265 266 such organizations are exempt from federal tax pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and all 267 admission charges and entry fees to the Missouri state fair 268 or any fair conducted by a county agricultural and 269 270 mechanical society organized and operated pursuant to 271 sections 262.290 to 262.530;
- 272 (22) All sales made to any private not-for-profit 273 elementary or secondary school, all sales of feed additives, medications or vaccines administered to livestock or poultry 274 in the production of food or fiber, all sales of pesticides 275 used in the production of crops, livestock or poultry for 276 277 food or fiber, all sales of bedding used in the production of livestock or poultry for food or fiber, all sales of 278 propane or natural gas, electricity or diesel fuel used 279 280 exclusively for drying agricultural crops, natural gas used 281 in the primary manufacture or processing of fuel ethanol as defined in section 142.028, natural gas, propane, and 282 electricity used by an eliqible new generation cooperative 283 or an eligible new generation processing entity as defined 284 in section 348.432, and all sales of farm machinery and 285 286 equipment, other than airplanes, motor vehicles and trailers, and any freight charges on any exempt item. 287 used in this subdivision, the term "feed additives" means 288

- 289 tangible personal property which, when mixed with feed for
- 290 livestock or poultry, is to be used in the feeding of
- 291 livestock or poultry. As used in this subdivision, the term
- "pesticides" includes adjuvants such as crop oils,
- 293 surfactants, wetting agents and other assorted pesticide
- 294 carriers used to improve or enhance the effect of a
- 295 pesticide and the foam used to mark the application of
- 296 pesticides and herbicides for the production of crops,
- 297 livestock or poultry. As used in this subdivision, the term
- 298 "farm machinery and equipment" shall mean:
- 299 (a) New or used farm tractors and such other new or
- 300 used farm machinery and equipment, including utility
- 301 vehicles used for any agricultural use, and repair or
- 302 replacement parts thereon and any accessories for and
- 303 upgrades to such farm machinery and equipment and rotary
- 304 mowers used for any agricultural purposes. For the purposes
- of this subdivision, "utility vehicle" shall mean any
- 306 motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-
- 307 highway use which is more than fifty inches but no more than
- 308 eighty inches in width, measured from outside of tire rim to
- 309 outside of tire rim, with an unladen dry weight of three
- 310 thousand five hundred pounds or less, traveling on four or
- 311 six wheels;
- 312 (b) Supplies and lubricants used exclusively, solely,
- 313 and directly for producing crops, raising and feeding
- 314 livestock, fish, poultry, pheasants, chukar, quail, or for
- 315 producing milk for ultimate sale at retail, including field
- 316 drain tile; and
- 317 (c) One-half of each purchaser's purchase of diesel
- 318 fuel therefor which is:
- 319 a. Used exclusively for agricultural purposes;

b. Used on land owned or leased for the purpose ofproducing farm products; and

322 c. Used directly in producing farm products to be sold

- 323 ultimately in processed form or otherwise at retail or in
- 324 producing farm products to be fed to livestock or poultry to
- 325 be sold ultimately in processed form at retail;
- 326 (23) Except as otherwise provided in section 144.032,
- 327 all sales of metered water service, electricity, electrical
- 328 current, natural, artificial or propane gas, wood, coal or
- 329 home heating oil for domestic use and in any city not within
- 330 a county, all sales of metered or unmetered water service
- 331 for domestic use:
- 332 (a) "Domestic use" means that portion of metered water
- 333 service, electricity, electrical current, natural,
- 334 artificial or propane gas, wood, coal or home heating oil,
- and in any city not within a county, metered or unmetered
- 336 water service, which an individual occupant of a residential
- 337 premises uses for nonbusiness, noncommercial or
- 338 nonindustrial purposes. Utility service through a single or
- 339 master meter for residential apartments or condominiums,
- 340 including service for common areas and facilities and vacant
- 341 units, shall be deemed to be for domestic use. Each seller
- 342 shall establish and maintain a system whereby individual
- 343 purchases are determined as exempt or nonexempt;
- 344 (b) Regulated utility sellers shall determine whether
- individual purchases are exempt or nonexempt based upon the
- 346 seller's utility service rate classifications as contained
- in tariffs on file with and approved by the Missouri public
- 348 service commission. Sales and purchases made pursuant to
- 349 the rate classification "residential" and sales to and
- 350 purchases made by or on behalf of the occupants of
- 351 residential apartments or condominiums through a single or

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352 master meter, including service for common areas and 353 facilities and vacant units, shall be considered as sales 354 made for domestic use and such sales shall be exempt from Sellers shall charge sales tax upon the entire 355 356 amount of purchases classified as nondomestic use. 357 seller's utility service rate classification and the provision of service thereunder shall be conclusive as to 358 359 whether or not the utility must charge sales tax;

- (c) Each person making domestic use purchases of services or property and who uses any portion of the services or property so purchased for a nondomestic use shall, by the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the year of purchase, and without assessment, notice or demand, file a return and pay sales tax on that portion of nondomestic purchases. Each person making nondomestic purchases of services or property and who uses any portion of the services or property so purchased for domestic use, and each person making domestic purchases on behalf of occupants of residential apartments or condominiums through a single or master meter, including service for common areas and facilities and vacant units, under a nonresidential utility service rate classification may, between the first day of the first month and the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the year of purchase, apply for credit or refund to the director of revenue and the director shall give credit or make refund for taxes paid on the domestic use portion of the purchase. The person making such purchases on behalf of occupants of residential apartments or condominiums shall have standing to apply to the director of revenue for such credit or refund;
- 382 (24) All sales of handicraft items made by the seller 383 or the seller's spouse if the seller or the seller's spouse

- is at least sixty-five years of age, and if the total gross proceeds from such sales do not constitute a majority of the annual gross income of the seller;
- 387 (25) Excise taxes, collected on sales at retail,
 388 imposed by Sections 4041, 4071, 4081, 4091, 4161, 4181,
 389 4251, 4261 and 4271 of Title 26, United States Code. The
 390 director of revenue shall promulgate rules pursuant to
 391 chapter 536 to eliminate all state and local sales taxes on
 392 such excise taxes;
- of ships, barges, or waterborne vessels which are used primarily in or for the transportation of property or cargo, or the conveyance of persons for hire, on navigable rivers bordering on or located in part in this state, if such fuel is delivered by the seller to the purchaser's barge, ship, or waterborne vessel while it is afloat upon such river;
- 400 (27) All sales made to an interstate compact agency
 401 created pursuant to sections 70.370 to 70.441 or sections
 402 238.010 to 238.100 in the exercise of the functions and
 403 activities of such agency as provided pursuant to the
 404 compact;
- 405 (28) Computers, computer software and computer
 406 security systems purchased for use by architectural or
 407 engineering firms headquartered in this state. For the
 408 purposes of this subdivision, "headquartered in this state"
 409 means the office for the administrative management of at
 410 least four integrated facilities operated by the taxpayer is
 411 located in the state of Missouri;
- 412 (29) All livestock sales when either the seller is
 413 engaged in the growing, producing or feeding of such
 414 livestock, or the seller is engaged in the business of
 415 buying and selling, bartering or leasing of such livestock;

416 (30) All sales of barges which are to be used 417 primarily in the transportation of property or cargo on

- 418 interstate waterways;
- 419 (31) Electrical energy or gas, whether natural,
- 420 artificial or propane, water, or other utilities which are
- 421 ultimately consumed in connection with the manufacturing of
- 422 cellular glass products or in any material recovery
- 423 processing plant as defined in subdivision (4) of this
- 424 subsection;
- 425 (32) Notwithstanding other provisions of law to the
- 426 contrary, all sales of pesticides or herbicides used in the
- 427 production of crops, aquaculture, livestock or poultry;
- 428 (33) Tangible personal property and utilities
- 429 purchased for use or consumption directly or exclusively in
- 430 the research and development of agricultural/biotechnology
- 431 and plant genomics products and prescription pharmaceuticals
- 432 consumed by humans or animals;
- 433 (34) All sales of grain bins for storage of grain for
- 434 resale;
- 435 (35) All sales of feed which are developed for and
- 436 used in the feeding of pets owned by a commercial breeder
- 437 when such sales are made to a commercial breeder, as defined
- 438 in section 273.325, and licensed pursuant to sections
- 439 273.325 to 273.357;
- 440 (36) All purchases by a contractor on behalf of an
- 441 entity located in another state, provided that the entity is
- 442 authorized to issue a certificate of exemption for purchases
- 443 to a contractor under the provisions of that state's laws.
- 444 For purposes of this subdivision, the term "certificate of
- 445 exemption" shall mean any document evidencing that the
- 446 entity is exempt from sales and use taxes on purchases
- 447 pursuant to the laws of the state in which the entity is

- 448 located. Any contractor making purchases on behalf of such
- 449 entity shall maintain a copy of the entity's exemption
- 450 certificate as evidence of the exemption. If the exemption
- 451 certificate issued by the exempt entity to the contractor is
- 452 later determined by the director of revenue to be invalid
- 453 for any reason and the contractor has accepted the
- 454 certificate in good faith, neither the contractor or the
- 455 exempt entity shall be liable for the payment of any taxes,
- 456 interest and penalty due as the result of use of the invalid
- 457 exemption certificate. Materials shall be exempt from all
- 458 state and local sales and use taxes when purchased by a
- 459 contractor for the purpose of fabricating tangible personal
- 460 property which is used in fulfilling a contract for the
- 461 purpose of constructing, repairing or remodeling facilities
- 462 for the following:
- 463 (a) An exempt entity located in this state, if the
- 464 entity is one of those entities able to issue project
- 465 exemption certificates in accordance with the provisions of
- 466 section 144.062; or
- (b) An exempt entity located outside the state if the
- 468 exempt entity is authorized to issue an exemption
- 469 certificate to contractors in accordance with the provisions
- 470 of that state's law and the applicable provisions of this
- 471 section;
- 472 (37) All sales or other transfers of tangible personal
- 473 property to a lessor who leases the property under a lease
- 474 of one year or longer executed or in effect at the time of
- 475 the sale or other transfer to an interstate compact agency
- 476 created pursuant to sections 70.370 to 70.441 or sections
- 477 238.010 to 238.100;
- 478 (38) Sales of tickets to any collegiate athletic
- 479 championship event that is held in a facility owned or

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- 480 operated by a governmental authority or commission, a quasi-481 governmental agency, a state university or college or by the 482 state or any political subdivision thereof, including a municipality, and that is played on a neutral site and may 483 reasonably be played at a site located outside the state of 484 485 Missouri. For purposes of this subdivision, "neutral site" means any site that is not located on the campus of a 486 487 conference member institution participating in the event;
- 488 (39) All purchases by a sports complex authority
 489 created under section 64.920, and all sales of utilities by
 490 such authority at the authority's cost that are consumed in
 491 connection with the operation of a sports complex leased to
 492 a professional sports team;
 - (40) All materials, replacement parts, and equipment purchased for use directly upon, and for the modification, replacement, repair, and maintenance of aircraft, aircraft power plants, and aircraft accessories;
- 497 (41) Sales of sporting clays, wobble, skeet, and trap
 498 targets to any shooting range or similar places of business
 499 for use in the normal course of business and money received
 500 by a shooting range or similar places of business from
 501 patrons and held by a shooting range or similar place of
 502 business for redistribution to patrons at the conclusion of
 503 a shooting event;
- 504 (42) All sales of motor fuel, as defined in section 505 142.800, used in any watercraft, as defined in section 506 306.010;
- 507 (43) Any new or used aircraft sold or delivered in 508 this state to a person who is not a resident of this state 509 or a corporation that is not incorporated in this state, and 510 such aircraft is not to be based in this state and shall not

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remain in this state more than ten business days subsequent to the last to occur of:

- 513 (a) The transfer of title to the aircraft to a person 514 who is not a resident of this state or a corporation that is 515 not incorporated in this state; or
- 516 (b) The date of the return to service of the aircraft
 517 in accordance with 14 CFR 91.407 for any maintenance,
 518 preventive maintenance, rebuilding, alterations, repairs, or
 519 installations that are completed contemporaneously with the
 520 transfer of title to the aircraft to a person who is not a
 521 resident of this state or a corporation that is not
 522 incorporated in this state;
- Motor vehicles registered in excess of fifty-four 523 524 thousand pounds, and the trailers pulled by such motor 525 vehicles, that are actually used in the normal course of 526 business to haul property on the public highways of the 527 state, and that are capable of hauling loads commensurate with the motor vehicle's registered weight; and the 528 529 materials, replacement parts, and equipment purchased for use directly upon, and for the repair and maintenance or 530 531 manufacture of such vehicles. For purposes of this subdivision, "motor vehicle" and "public highway" shall have 532 the meaning as ascribed in section 390.020; 533
 - (45) All internet access or the use of internet access regardless of whether the tax is imposed on a provider of internet access or a buyer of internet access. For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms shall mean:
- outhority solely because of an internet service provider's use of the public right-of-way. The term shall not include costs that the governmental authority would have incurred if the internet service provider did not make such use of the

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public right-of-way. Direct costs shall be determined in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting principles;

- (b) "Internet", computer and telecommunications facilities, including equipment and operating software, that comprises the interconnected worldwide network that employ the transmission control protocol or internet protocol, or any predecessor or successor protocols to that protocol, to communicate information of all kinds by wire or radio;
- 552 (c) "Internet access", a service that enables users to connect to the internet to access content, information, or 553 other services without regard to whether the service is 554 referred to as telecommunications, communications, 555 transmission, or similar services, and without regard to 556 557 whether a provider of the service is subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission as a common carrier 558 559 under 47 U.S.C. Section 201, et seq. For purposes of this subdivision, internet access also includes: the purchase, 560 561 use, or sale of communications services, including telecommunications services as defined in section 144.010, 562 to the extent the communications services are purchased, 563 used, or sold to provide the service described in this 564 subdivision or to otherwise enable users to access content, 565 566 information, or other services offered over the internet; 567 services that are incidental to the provision of a service described in this subdivision, when furnished to users as 568 part of such service, including a home page, electronic 569 mail, and instant messaging, including voice-capable and 570 video-capable electronic mail and instant messaging, video 571 572 clips, and personal electronic storage capacity; a home page electronic mail and instant messaging, including voice-573 capable and video-capable electronic mail and instant 574

575 messaging, video clips, and personal electronic storage 576 capacity that are provided independently or that are not 577 packed with internet access. As used in this subdivision, internet access does not include voice, audio, and video 578 579 programming or other products and services, except services 580 described in this paragraph or this subdivision, that use 581 internet protocol or any successor protocol and for which 582 there is a charge, regardless of whether the charge is separately stated or aggregated with the charge for services 583 584 described in this paragraph or this subdivision;

- 585 "Tax", any charge imposed by the state or a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of 586 587 generating revenues for governmental purposes and that is 588 not a fee imposed for a specific privilege, service, or 589 benefit conferred, except as described as otherwise under 590 this subdivision, or any obligation imposed on a seller to 591 collect and to remit to the state or a political subdivision of the state any gross retail tax, sales tax, or use tax 592 593 imposed on a buyer by such a governmental entity. The term 594 tax shall not include any franchise fee or similar fee 595 imposed or authorized under sections 67.1830 to 67.1846 or 596 section 67.2689; Section 622 or 653 of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. Section 542 and 47 U.S.C. Section 597 598 573; or any other fee related to obligations of 599 telecommunications carriers under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. Section 151, et seq., except to the extent 600 601 that:
- a. The fee is not imposed for the purpose of
 recovering direct costs incurred by the franchising or other
 governmental authority from providing the specific
 privilege, service, or benefit conferred to the payer of the
 fee; or

- 607 The fee is imposed for the use of a public right-of-
- 608 way based on a percentage of the service revenue, and the
- 609 fee exceeds the incremental direct costs incurred by the
- governmental authority associated with the provision of that 610
- 611 right-of-way to the provider of internet access service.
- Nothing in this subdivision shall be interpreted as an 612
- 613 exemption from taxes due on goods or services that were
- subject to tax on January 1, 2016; 614
- All purchases by a company of solar photovoltaic 615
- 616 energy systems, components used to construct a solar
- photovoltaic energy system, and all purchases of materials 617
- 618 and supplies used directly to construct or make improvements
- 619 to such systems, provided that such systems:
- 620 Are sold or leased to an end user; or
- 621 Are used to produce, collect and transmit (b)
- electricity for resale or retail; 622
- (47) All sales of diapers. For the purposes of this 623
- 624 subdivision, "diapers" shall mean absorbent garments worn by
- 625 infants or toddlers who are not toilet-trained or by
- individuals who are incapable of controlling their bladder 626
- 627 or bowel movements;
- 628 All sales of feminine hygiene products.
- 629 purposes of this subdivision, "feminine hygiene products"
- shall mean tampons, pads, liners, and cups. 630
- 3. Any ruling, agreement, or contract, whether written 631
- or oral, express or implied, between a person and this 632
- 633 state's executive branch, or any other state agency or
- department, stating, agreeing, or ruling that such person is 634
- not required to collect sales and use tax in this state 635
- despite the presence of a warehouse, distribution center, or 636
- 637 fulfillment center in this state that is owned or operated

638 by the person or an affiliated person shall be null and void

- 639 unless it is specifically approved by a majority vote of
- each of the houses of the general assembly. For purposes of
- 641 this subsection, an "affiliated person" means any person
- that is a member of the same controlled group of
- 643 corporations as defined in Section 1563(a) of the Internal
- Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as the vendor or any other
- 645 entity that, notwithstanding its form of organization, bears
- 646 the same ownership relationship to the vendor as a
- 647 corporation that is a member of the same controlled group of
- 648 corporations as defined in Section 1563(a) of the Internal
- 649 Revenue Code, as amended.
 - 261.021. 1. As used in this section, the term
 - "socially disadvantaged community" means an area containing
 - a group of individuals whose members have been subjected to
 - 4 racial or ethnic prejudice because of the identity of such
 - 5 individuals as members of a group without regard to the
 - 6 individual qualities of such individuals.
 - 7 2. There is hereby created within the department of
 - 8 agriculture the "Socially Disadvantaged Communities Outreach
 - 9 Program" to connect historically unserved and underserved
- 10 communities with access to healthy fresh food and knowledge
- 11 and skills related to food production.
- 12 3. The outreach program shall:
- 13 (1) Provide financial assistance for people growing
- 14 food in socially disadvantaged communities through programs
- such as those authorized in section 135.1610;
- 16 (2) Encourage activities that support and promote
- 17 urban agriculture or specialty crop farming in socially
- 18 disadvantaged communities;
- 19 (3) Provide educational and skills training related to
- 20 food production in socially disadvantaged communities; and

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21 (4) Address food deserts in urban and rural socially 22 disadvantaged communities.

- 4. The department shall designate an employee to
 administer and monitor the socially disadvantaged
 communities outreach program and to serve as a liaison to
 affected communities. The duties of such employee shall
 include, but not be limited to:
- 28 (1) Providing leadership at the state level to
 29 encourage participation in programs to meet the goals under
 30 subsections 2 and 3 of this section;
- 31 (2) Conducting workshops and other sessions that 32 provide educational and skills training related to food 33 production to residents of socially disadvantaged 34 communities; and
- 35 (3) Seeking grants, private donations, or other 36 funding sources to support the socially disadvantaged 37 communities outreach program.
 - 5. On or before December thirty-first of each year, the department shall submit a report to the general assembly detailing the number of residents who received training under this section, the number of tax credits issued under section 135.1610, and any recommendations for legislative action to improve the program.

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