

# SENATE BILL NO. 734

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WEBBER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 144.014, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a sales tax exemption for food.

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

Section A. Section 144.014, RSMo, is repealed and one new  
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 144.014,  
3 to read as follows:

144.014. 1. Notwithstanding other provisions of law  
2 to the contrary, [beginning October 1, 1997, the tax levied  
3 and imposed under this chapter on] all retail sales of food  
4 shall be [at the rate of one percent. The revenue derived  
5 from the one percent rate pursuant to this section shall be  
6 deposited by the state treasurer in the school district  
7 trust fund and shall be distributed as provided in section  
8 144.701] **exempted from the provisions of and from the  
9 computation of the tax levied, assessed, or payable pursuant  
10 to this chapter.**

11 2. For the purposes of this section, the term "food"  
12 shall include only those products and types of food for  
13 which food stamps may be redeemed pursuant to the provisions  
14 of the Federal Food Stamp Program as contained in 7 U.S.C.  
15 Section 2012, as that section now reads or as it may be  
16 amended hereafter, and shall include food dispensed by or  
17 through vending machines. For the purpose of this section,  
18 except for vending machine sales, the term "food" shall not

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

19 include food or drink sold by any establishment where the  
20 gross receipts derived from the sale of food prepared by  
21 such establishment for immediate consumption on or off the  
22 premises of the establishment constitutes more than eighty  
23 percent of the total gross receipts of that establishment,  
24 regardless of whether such prepared food is consumed on the  
25 premises of that establishment, including, but not limited  
26 to, sales of food by any restaurant, fast food restaurant,  
27 delicatessen, eating house, or café.

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