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HOUSE BILL NO. 25

Offered January 10, 2018 Prefiled November 28, 2017

A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-611.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to sales and use tax; limited sales and use tax exemption; menstrual supplies.

Patrons—Boysko, Keam, Ayala, Bell, John J., Carr, Carroll Foy, Carter, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Gooditis, Guzman, Hope, Hurst, Kory, Krizek, Levine, Lindsey, Lopez, Mullin, Murphy, Plum, Rasoul, Reid, Rodman, Roem, Simon, Tran and Turpin; Senator: Wexton

Referred to Committee on Finance

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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1. That § 58.1-611.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 58.1-611.2. Limited exemption for certain school supplies, clothing, footwear, and menstrual supplies.

Beginning in 2015, and ending July 1, 2022, for a three-day period that begins each year on the first Friday in August and ends at 11:59 p.m. on the following Sunday, the tax imposed by this chapter or pursuant to the authority granted in § 58.1-605 or 58.1-606 shall not apply to certain (i) school supplies, including, but not limited to, dictionaries, notebooks, pens, pencils, notebook paper, and calculators, and; (ii) clothing and footwear designed to be worn on or about the human body; and (iii) menstrual supplies. The tax exemption shall apply to each article of school supplies with a selling price of \$20 or less, and each article of clothing or footwear with a selling price of \$100 or less, and the following menstrual supplies: pads, tampons, and menstrual cups. Any discount, coupon, or other credit offered either by the retailer or by a vendor of the retailer to reduce the final price to the customer shall be taken into account in determining the selling price for purposes of this exemption.

The Department shall develop guidelines that describe the items of merchandise *in clauses* (*i*) and (*ii*) that qualify for the exemption and make such guidelines available, both electronically and in hard copy, no later than July 15 of each year.