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## HOUSE BILL NO. 278

Offered January 15, 1998

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-609.5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to certain electronic communication services; exemption from retail sales and use tax.*

Patrons—Plum, Almand, Bennett, Diamonstein, May and Scott; Senators: Howell, Newman, Schrock and Ticer

Referred to Committee on Finance

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 58.1-609.5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 58.1-609.5. Service exemptions.

The tax imposed by this chapter or pursuant to the authority granted in §§ 58.1-605 or 58.1-606 shall not apply to the following:

1. Professional, insurance, or personal service transactions which involve sales as inconsequential elements for which no separate charges are made; ~~nor~~ services rendered by repairmen for which a separate charge is made; *and services not involving an exchange of tangible personal property which provide access to or use of the international network of computer systems commonly known as the Internet and any other related electronic communication service.*

2. An amount separately charged for labor or services rendered in installing, applying, remodeling or repairing property sold.

3. Transportation charges separately stated.

4. Separately stated charges for alterations to apparel, clothing and garments.

5. Charges for gift wrapping services performed by a nonprofit organization.

6. An amount separately charged for labor or services rendered in connection with the modification of prewritten programs as defined in § 58.1-602.

7. Custom programs as defined in § 58.1-602.

8. The sale or charges for any room or rooms, lodgings, or accommodations furnished to transients for more than ninety continuous days by any hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, tourist cabin, camping grounds, club, or any other place in which rooms, lodging, space or accommodations are regularly furnished to transients for a consideration.

9. Beginning January 1, 1996, maintenance contracts, the terms of which provide for both repair or replacement parts and repair labor, shall be subject to tax upon one-half of the total charge for such contracts only. Persons providing maintenance pursuant to such a contract may purchase repair or replacement parts under a resale certificate of exemption. Warranty plans issued by an insurance company, which constitute insurance transactions, are subject to the provisions of subdivision 1 above.

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