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SENATE BILL NO. 781

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Finance
on February 15, 1999)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Colgan)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-609.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to governmental and commodities sales and use tax exemptions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 58.1-609.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 58.1-609.1. Governmental and commodities exemptions.

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

1. Fuels which are subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 21 (§ 58.1-2100 et seq.) of this title. Persons who are refunded any such fuel tax shall, however, be subject to the tax imposed by this chapter, unless such taxes would be specifically exempted pursuant to any provision of this section.

2. Motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, mobile homes and travel trailers.

3. Gas, electricity, or water when delivered to consumers through mains, lines, or pipes.

4. Tangible personal property for use or consumption by the Commonwealth, any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, or the United States. This exclusion shall not apply to sales and leases to privately owned financial and other privately owned corporations chartered by the United States. *Further, this exemption shall not apply to tangible personal property which is acquired by the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions and then transferred to private businesses for their use in a facility or real property improvement to be used by a private entity or for nongovernmental purposes other than tangible personal property acquired by the Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center and transferred to a Qualified Shipbuilder as defined in the third enactment of Chapter 790 of the 1998 Acts of the General Assembly.*

5. Aircraft subject to tax under Chapter 15 (§ 58.1-1500 et seq.) of this title.

6. Motor fuels, diesel fuel, and clean special fuels for use in a boat or ship, upon which a fuel tax is refunded pursuant to § 58.1-2113 or § 58.1-2122.

7. Sales by a government agency of the official flags of the United States, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or of any county, city or town.

8. Materials furnished by the State Board of Elections pursuant to §§ 24.2-404 through 24.2-407.

9. Watercraft as defined in § 58.1-1401.

10. Tangible personal property used in and about a marine terminal under the supervision of the Virginia Port Authority for handling cargo, merchandise, freight and equipment. This exemption shall apply to agents, lessees, sublessees or users of tangible personal property owned by or leased to the Virginia Port Authority and to property acquired or used by the Authority or by a nonstock, nonprofit corporation that operates a marine terminal or terminals on behalf of the Authority.

11. Sales by prisoners confined in state correctional facilities of artistic products personally made by the prisoners as authorized by § 53.1-46.

12. Tangible personal property for use or consumption by the Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped or any nominee, as defined in § 63.1-142, of such Department.

13. From July 1, 1995, through June 30, 2000, tangible personal property for use or consumption by any community diversion program or successor program as established in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 (§ 53.1-180 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 53.1.

14. Tangible personal property sold to residents and patients of the Virginia Veterans Care Center at a canteen operated by the Virginia Veterans Care Center Board of Trustees established pursuant to § 2.1-744.1.