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SYNOPSIS

Clarifies sales tax collection responsibilities of horse-boarding businesses in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on May 10, 2018, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT clarifying the sales tax collection responsibilities of horse-2 boarding businesses in New Jersey, amending and supplementing 3 P.L.1966, c.30. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 8 1. Section 3 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-3) is amended to read 9 as follows: 10 3. There is imposed and there shall be paid a tax of 7% on or before December 31, 2016, 6.875% on and after January 1, 2017 but 11 12 before January 1, 2018, and 6.625% on and after January 1, 2018 13 upon: 14 (a) The receipts from every retail sale of tangible personal 15 property or a specified digital product for permanent use or less than permanent use, and regardless of whether continued payment is 16 17 required, except as otherwise provided in P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-18 1 et seq.). 19 (b) The receipts from every sale, except for resale, of the 20 following services: (1) Producing, fabricating, processing, printing, or imprinting 21 22 tangible personal property or a specified digital product, performed 23 for a person who directly or indirectly furnishes the tangible 24 personal property or specified digital product, not purchased by the 25 person for resale, upon which these services are performed. 26 (2) Installing tangible personal property or a specified digital 27 product, or maintaining, servicing, repairing tangible personal 28 property or a specified digital product not held for sale in the 29 regular course of business, whether or not the services are 30 performed directly or by means of coin-operated equipment or by any other means, and whether or not any tangible personal property 31 32 or specified digital product is transferred in conjunction therewith, 33 except (i) such services rendered by an individual who is engaged 34 directly by a private homeowner or lessee in or about his residence 35 and who is not in a regular trade or business offering his services to 36 the public, (ii) such services rendered with respect to personal 37 property exempt from taxation hereunder pursuant to section 13 of 38 P.L.1980, c.105 (C.54:32B-8.1), (iii) (Deleted by amendment, 39 P.L.1990, c.40), (iv) any receipts from laundering, dry cleaning, 40 tailoring, weaving, or pressing clothing, and shoe repairing and 41 shoeshining, and (v) services rendered in installing property which, 42 when installed, will constitute an addition or capital improvement to 43 real property, property or land, other than landscaping services and 44 other than installing carpeting and other flooring.

Matter underlined <u>thus</u> is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows: ¹Assembly AAN committee amendments adopted May 10, 2018.

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

(3) Storing all tangible personal property not held for sale in the
regular course of business; the rental of safe deposit boxes or
similar space; and the furnishing of space for storage of tangible
personal property by a person engaged in the business of furnishing
space for such storage.

"Space for storage" means secure areas, such as rooms, units, 6 7 compartments, or containers, whether accessible from outside or 8 from within a building, that are designated for the use of a customer 9 and wherein the customer has free access within reasonable 10 business hours, or upon reasonable notice to the furnisher of space for storage, to store and retrieve property. Space for storage shall 11 12 not include the lease or rental of an entire building, such as a 13 warehouse or airplane hangar, or the lease or rental of a stall in a 14 barn, stable, or other similar structure or facility for the boarding or 15 stabling or for the keeping or holding of a horse, pony, mule, 16 donkey, or hinny.

17 (4) Maintaining, servicing, or repairing real property, other than 18 a residential heating system unit serving not more than three 19 families living independently of each other and doing their cooking 20 on the premises, whether the services are performed in or outside of 21 a building, as distinguished from adding to or improving the real 22 property by a capital improvement, but excluding services rendered 23 by an individual who is not in a regular trade or business offering 24 his services to the public, and excluding garbage removal and sewer 25 services performed on a regular contractual basis for a term not less 26 than 30 days.

(5) Mail processing services for printed advertising material,
except for mail processing services in connection with distribution
of printed advertising material to out-of-State recipients.

(6) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1995, c.184)

31 (7) Utility service provided to persons in this State, any right or32 power over which is exercised in this State.

33 (8) Tanning services, including the application of a temporary34 tan provided by any means.

35 (9) Massage, bodywork, or somatic services, except such
36 services provided pursuant to a doctor's prescription.

(10) Tattooing, including all permanent body art and permanent
cosmetic make-up applications, except such services provided
pursuant to a doctor's prescription in conjunction with
reconstructive breast surgery.

41 (11) Investigation and security services.

42 (12) Information services.

43 (13) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2017, c.27)

44 (14) Telephone answering services.

45 (15) Radio subscription services.

46 Wages, salaries, and other compensation paid by an employer to

47 an employee for performing as an employee the services described

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in this subsection are not receipts subject to the taxes imposedunder subsection (b) of this section.

Services otherwise taxable under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of this section are not subject to the taxes imposed under this subsection, where the tangible personal property or specified digital product upon which the services were performed is delivered to the purchaser outside this State for use outside this State.

(c) (1) Receipts from the sale of prepared food in or by 9 restaurants, taverns, or other establishments in this State, or by 10 caterers, including in the amount of such receipts any cover, 11 12 minimum, entertainment, or other charge made to patrons or 13 customers, except for meals especially prepared for and delivered to 14 homebound elderly, age 60 or older, and to persons with 15 disabilities, or meals prepared and served at a group-sitting at a 16 location outside of the home to otherwise homebound elderly 17 persons, age 60 or older, and otherwise homebound persons with 18 disabilities, as all or part of any food service project funded in 19 whole or in part by government or as part of a private, nonprofit food service project available to all such elderly or persons with 20 21 disabilities residing within an area of service designated by the 22 private nonprofit organization; and

(2) Receipts from sales of food and beverages sold through
vending machines, at the wholesale price of such sale, which shall
be defined as 70% of the retail vending machine selling price,
except sales of milk, which shall not be taxed. Nothing herein
contained shall affect other sales through coin-operated vending
machines taxable pursuant to subsection (a) above or the exemption
thereto provided by section 21 of P.L.1980, c.105 (C.54:32B-8.9).

The tax imposed by subsection (c) of this section shall not apply
to food or drink which is sold to an airline for consumption while in
flight.

33 (3) For the purposes of this subsection:

34 "Food and beverages sold through vending machines" means
35 food and beverages dispensed from a machine or other mechanical
36 device that accepts payment; and

37 "Prepared food" means:

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(i) A. food sold in a heated state or heated by the seller; or

B. two or more food ingredients mixed or combined by the
seller for sale as a single item, but not including food that is only
cut, repackaged, or pasteurized by the seller, and eggs, fish, meat,
poultry, and foods containing these raw animal foods requiring
cooking by the consumer as recommended by the Food and Drug
Administration in Chapter 3, part 401.11 of its Food Code so as to
prevent food borne illnesses; or

46 C. food sold with eating utensils provided by the seller, 47 including plates, knives, forks, spoons, glasses, cups, napkins, or

1 straws. A plate does not include a container or packaging used to 2 transport the food; 3 provided however, that 4 (ii) "prepared food" does not include the following sold without 5 eating utensils: A. food sold by a seller whose proper primary NAICS 6 7 classification is manufacturing in section 311, except subsector 8 3118 (bakeries); 9 B. food sold in an unheated state by weight or volume as a 10 single item; or C. bakery items, including bread, rolls, buns, biscuits, bagels, 11 12 croissants, pastries, donuts, danish, cakes, tortes, pies, tarts, muffins, bars, cookies, and tortillas. 13 14 (d) The rent for every occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel 15 in this State, except that the tax shall not be imposed upon a 16 permanent resident. 17 (e) (1) Any admission charge to or for the use of any place of 18 amusement in the State, including charges for admission to race 19 tracks, baseball, football, basketball or exhibitions, dramatic or 20 musical arts performances, motion picture theaters, except charges 21 for admission to boxing, wrestling, kick boxing, or combative 22 sports exhibitions, events, performances, or contests which charges 23 are taxed under any other law of this State or under section 20 of 24 P.L.1985, c.83 (C.5:2A-20), and, except charges to a patron for 25 admission to, or use of, facilities for sporting activities in which the 26 patron is to be a participant, such as bowling alleys and swimming 27 pools. For any person having the permanent use or possession of a 28 box or seat or lease or a license, other than a season ticket, for the 29 use of a box or seat at a place of amusement, the tax shall be upon 30 the amount for which a similar box or seat is sold for each performance or exhibition at which the box or seat is used or 31 32 reserved by the holder, licensee, or lessee, and shall be paid by the 33 holder, licensee, or lessee. 34 (2) The amount paid as charge of a roof garden, cabaret, or other 35 similar place in this State, to the extent that a tax upon these 36 charges has not been paid pursuant to subsection (c) hereof. 37 (f) (1) The receipts from every sale, except for resale, of 38 intrastate, interstate, or international telecommunications services 39 and ancillary services sourced to this State in accordance with section 29 of P.L.2005, c.126 (C.54:32B-3.4). 40 41 (2) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123) 42 (g) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2008, c.123) 43 (h) Charges in the nature of initiation fees, membership fees or 44 dues for access to or use of the property or facilities of a health and 45 fitness, athletic, sporting, or shopping club or organization in this 46 State, except for: (1) membership in a club or organization whose 47 members are predominantly age 18 or under; and (2) charges in the 48 nature of membership fees or dues for access to or use of the

property or facilities of a health and fitness, athletic, sporting, or 1 2 shopping club or organization that is exempt from taxation pursuant 3 to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of section 9 of P.L.1966, c.30 4 (C.54:32B-9), or that is exempt from taxation pursuant to paragraph 5 (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of section 9 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-9) and that has complied with subsection (d) of section 9 6 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-9). 7 8 (i) The receipts from parking, storing, or garaging a motor 9 vehicle, excluding charges for the following: residential parking; 10 employee parking, when provided by an employer or at a facility 11 owned or operated by the employer; municipal parking, storing, or 12 garaging; receipts from charges or fees imposed pursuant to section 13 3 of P.L.1993, c.159 (C.5:12-173.3) or pursuant to an agreement 14 between the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority and a 15 casino operator in effect on the date of enactment of P.L.2007, 16 c.105; and receipts from parking, storing, or garaging a motor 17 vehicle subject to tax pursuant to any other law or ordinance. 18 For the purposes of this subsection, "municipal parking, storing, 19 or garaging" means any motor vehicle parking, storing, or garaging 20 provided by a municipality or county, or a parking authority 21 thereof. 22 (cf: P.L.2017, c.27, s.1) 23 24 2. (New section) Charges for storing a horse, pony, mule, 25 donkey, or hinny in a barn, stable, or other similar structure or 26 facility by a person engaged in the business of boarding or stabling 27 or otherwise keeping or holding horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, or 28 hinnies are exempt from the tax imposed pursuant to the "Sales and 29 Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.). 30 31 3. (New section) Charges for maintaining or servicing a horse, 32 pony, mule, donkey, or hinny that is boarded or stabled or that is 33 kept or held in a barn, stable, or other similar structure or facility by 34 a person engaged in the business of boarding or stabling or 35 otherwise keeping or holding horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, or 36 hinnies are exempt from the tax imposed pursuant to the "Sales and 37 Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.). 38 ¹[4. (New section) a. The director shall refund any tax,

39 40 penalty, or interest collected or paid on or after October 1, 2006 but 41 before the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the 42 Legislature as this bill) in connection with any receipts from sales 43 or charges that have been excluded or exempted from tax pursuant 44 to section 1, 2, or 3 of P.L., c. (pending before the Legislature 45 as this bill), if application to the director for refund is filed, 46 notwithstanding the limitations on the time prescribed for filing a 47 claim for refund by section 20 of P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-20) or 48 by R.S.54:49-14 to the contrary, within 24 months of the effective

date of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this
 bill).

3 b. An application for refund allowed pursuant to this section 4 may be filed by a customer who paid the tax or by a person required 5 to collect the tax, who has collected and paid over the tax to the director, on forms furnished by the director and accompanied by 6 7 any information and documentation that the director determines to 8 be necessary and appropriate to verify the tax, penalty, or interest 9 collected or paid and to establish, if application is filed by a person 10 required to collect the tax, that the person has repaid to the 11 customer the amount of any tax for which the application for refund 12 is filed.

c. The director shall examine each application for refund filed
pursuant to this section and shall make a determination regarding a
refund, based upon such rules and regulations as may be prescribed
by the director, within 90 days of the date the application for refund
is filed.

18 d. If upon examination of an application for refund filed 19 pursuant to this section, the director determines that there has been 20 an overpayment of tax, penalty, or interest, the amount of the 21 overpayment shall be credited against any State tax liability of the 22 person and, if there is no State tax liability, the person shall be 23 allowed a refund of the overpaid tax, penalty, or interest. Interest 24 shall be allowed and paid on the amount of any overpayment not 25 credited or refunded within 90 days of the date the director's 26 determination for refund is made at the rate required to be paid on 27 overpayments pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1992, c.175 (C.54:49-15.1), determined for each month or fraction thereof, compounded 28 29 annually at the end of each year, from the date the director's 30 determination for refund is made until the date the credit or refund 31 of overpayment is made.

32 e. If upon examination of an application for refund filed 33 pursuant to this section, the director rejects the application, in 34 whole or in part, the director shall make an order accordingly and 35 serve notice to the person who filed the application for refund 36 within 10 days of the date the director's determination for refund is 37 made. A person aggrieved by the director's determination may, 38 within 90 days of the date notice is served, file a protest and request 39 a hearing in accordance with the procedures established for 40 aggrieved taxpayers pursuant to R.S.54:49-18.]¹

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¹[5.] <u>4.</u>¹ (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of the
"Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
seq.), to the contrary, the Director of the Division of Taxation in the
Department of the Treasury may adopt immediately upon filing
with the Office of Administrative Law such rules and regulations as
the director determines to be necessary and appropriate to effectuate
the purposes of P.L., c. (pending before the Legislature as this

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bill), which shall be effective for a period not exceeding 360 days 1 following the effective date of P.L., c. (pending before the 2 3 Legislature as this bill) and may thereafter be amended, adopted, or 4 readopted by the director in accordance with the requirements of 5 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.). 6 7 $[6] 5^1$. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however, that '[section] $\underline{sections}^1$ 1, 2, and 3 shall '[be retroactive 8 to October 1, 2006 and apply to all services rendered on or after that 9 10 date] apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1 next

11 <u>following the date of enactment of this act</u>¹.