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BILL SUMMARY

- Exempts from sales and use taxation prescription home medical equipment and supplies that are paid for or reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, workers' compensation, or another federal or state program.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Sales, use tax exemption for medical items

(R.C. 5739.02(B)(18) and (19))

Under current law, the purchase of certain medical-related items at retail is exempted from the state and county sales and use taxes. The exempted items include prescription drugs, insulin, certain testing materials for persons with diabetes, epoetin alfa (for persons with end-stage renal disease), artificial limbs and prostheses, crutches, wheelchairs and related equipment, hospital beds (if medically necessary), and oxygen and related dispensing equipment (if medically necessary).

The bill grants exemption to purchases of other home medical equipment and related supplies if two conditions are satisfied: (1) the equipment or supplies are prescribed for human use by a person who is licensed to prescribe such equipment or supplies, and (2) the cost of the equipment and supplies is to be paid under Medicare, Medicaid, workers' compensation, or another federal or state government program. The bill's exemption does not apply to eyeglasses and contact lenses.

The bill also relocates language concerning the existing exemption for medically necessary hospital beds and oxygen. The relocation is made so that all

language concerning exempted medical equipment and supplies appears in a single Revised Code section division.

The exemption applies to sales made during the first full month after the bill's effective date and thereafter.

HISTORY

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