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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Exempts sales of clothing and footwear from sales and use taxes for a nine-day period each year beginning on the second Saturday in August.
- The first exemption week begins August 9, 2003.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Sales tax "holiday"

(sec. 5739.02(B)(43))

The bill establishes a nine-day period each year during which sales of clothing and footwear are exempt from state and county sales and use taxes. The tax-exempt period begins on the second Saturday in August.

The sales tax exemption applies to sales of all clothing and footwear "intended to be worn on or about the human body" as long as the price of the item is not more than \$100. It specifically does not apply to jewelry, watches, handbags, or umbrellas.

The exemption applies regardless of whether the sale occurs in Ohio or outside Ohio: if the sale occurs in Ohio, the sale is exempt from the sales taxes; if the sale occurs outside Ohio (for example, by mail-order or over the Internet) but the clothing or footwear is used in Ohio, the sale is exempt from the use taxes that would otherwise apply.

The first sales tax exemption period is to run from August 9 through 17, 2003.

Administration

(sec. 5739.05)

The bill requires the Tax Commissioner to adopt rules necessary to implement the sales tax exemption, and to provide informational bulletins explaining the exemption to vendors (which collect sales and use taxes for the state and counties).

HISTORY

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