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SENATE BILL NO. 6

BY SENATOR CATHEY

TAX/SALES. Exempts purchases of utilities used by commercial farmers for on-farm storage from state sales and use tax. (gov sig)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 47:302(BB)(114), 305.4, 321(P)(115), 321.1(I)(115), and 331(V)(115),
3	relative to tax exemptions; to provide an exemption from state sales and use tax for
4	utilities used by commercial farmers for on-farm storage; to authorize the secretary
5	of the Department of Revenue to promulgate rules; to provide for effectiveness; and
6	to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 47:302(BB)(114), 305.4, 321(P)(115), 321.1(I)(115), and
9	331(V)(115) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§302. Imposition of tax
11	* * *
12	BB. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including but
13	not limited to any contrary provisions of this Chapter, beginning July 1, 2018,
14	through June 30, 2025, there shall be no exemptions and no exclusions to the tax
15	levied pursuant to the provisions of this Section, except for the retail sale, use,
16	consumption, distribution, or storage for use or consumption of the following:
17	* * *

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1	(114) Sales of utilities used by commercial farmers for on-farm storage
2	<u>as provided in R.S. 47:305.4.</u>
3	* * *
4	§305.4. Exclusions and Exemptions; utilities used by commercial farmers for
5	<u>on-farm storage</u>
6	A. Beginning October 1, 2021, the sales and use tax imposed by the state
7	of Louisiana shall not apply to the sale or use of utilities used by commercial
8	farmers for on-farm storage.
9	B. For purposes of this Section:
10	(1)"Commercial farmer" shall have the same meaning as defined in R.S.
11	<u>47:301(30).</u>
12	(2) "On-farm storage" means facilities or containers located in Louisiana
13	that are separately metered for utilities and that contain raw agricultural
14	commodities, including but not limited to feed, seed, and fertilizer, to be utilized
15	in preparing, finishing, manufacturing, or producing crops or animals prior to
16	the first point of sale.
17	(3) "Utilities" means steam, water, electric power or energy, natural gas,
18	or energy sources as provided for in R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(b), (c), (d), (g), and (h).
19	C. The secretary of the Department of Revenue may promulgate rules
20	and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.
21	* * *
22	§321. Imposition of tax
23	* * *
24	P. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including but
25	not limited to any contrary provisions of this Chapter, beginning July 1, 2018,
26	through June 30, 2025, there shall be no exemptions and no exclusions to the tax
27	levied pursuant to the provisions of this Section, except for the retail sale, use,
28	consumption, distribution, or storage for use or consumption of the following:
29	* * *

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1	(115) Sales of utilities used by commercial farmers for on-farm storage
2	<u>as provided in R.S. 47:305.4.</u>
3	* * *
4	§321.1. Imposition of tax
5	* * *
6	I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including but
7	not limited to any contrary provisions of this Chapter, beginning July 1, 2018,
8	through June 30, 2025, there shall be no exemptions and no exclusions to the tax
9	levied pursuant to the provisions of this Section, except for the retail sale, use,
10	consumption, distribution, or storage for use or consumption of the following:
11	* * *
12	(115) Sales of utilities used by commercial farmers for on-farm storage
13	as provided in R.S. 47:305.4.
14	* * *
15	§331. Imposition of tax
16	* * *
17	V. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including but
18	not limited to any contrary provisions of this Chapter, beginning July 1, 2018,
19	through June 30, 2025, there shall be no exemptions and no exclusions to the tax
20	levied pursuant to the provisions of this Section, except for the retail sale, use,
21	consumption, distribution, or storage for use or consumption of the following:
22	* * *
23	(115) Sales of utilities used by commercial farmers for on-farm storage
24	as provided in R.S. 47:305.4.
25	* * *
26	Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
27	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
28	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
29	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

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effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

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<u>Proposed law</u> provides for a state sales tax exemption beginning October 1, 2021, for utilities used by commercial farmers for on-farm storage.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the exclusive list of sales and use tax exemptions that are effective through June 30, 2025, for each of the four major state sales tax levies.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds the sales tax exemption for the sale of utilities used by commercial farmers for on-farm storage to the list of effective sales tax exemptions.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "commercial farmer" as persons who produce food or commodities for sale, file their farm income and expenses on a federal Schedule F or similar federal tax form, including 1065, 1120, and 1120S, filed by a person assigned a North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code beginning with 11.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "on-farm storage" as facilities or containers located in Louisiana that are separately metered for utilities and that contain raw agricultural commodities, including but not limited to feed, seed, and fertilizer, to be utilized in preparing, finishing, manufacturing, or producing crops or animals prior to the first point of sale.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "utilities" as steam, water, electric power or energy, natural gas, or energy sources.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the secretary of the Department of Revenue to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of <u>proposed law</u>.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 47:302(BB)(114), 305.4, 321(P)(115), 321.1(I)(115), and 331(V)(115))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal</u> <u>Affairs to the original bill</u>

1. Changes the implementation date of the exemption <u>from</u> July 1, 2021, <u>to</u> October 1, 2021.