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HOUSE BILL NO. 8

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

TAX/SALES & USE: Levies sales and use taxes on certain digital products and services (Items #8 and 13)

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(3)(a), (b), and (i)(i)(introductory paragraph) and 3 (ii)(aa)(I)(aaa), (4)(introductory paragraph), (a) through (e), (h), and (i), (5), (7)(a), 4 (g), and (i), (8)(b), (9), (10)(a)(i) through (iv), (c)(ii)(bb), (j), (l), (q)(i), (r), (s), (u), 5 (ff), and (hh), (12), (13)(a), (14)(h) through (k), (15), (18)(a), (d)(i), (e), and (f), (19), 6 and (29)(x)(introductory paragraph) and (ix), 302(A), (B), (D), (K)(1) and (2), (U), 7 (V)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a), and (b)(introductory paragraph), (BB)(9), (13), 8 (17), (23), (25), (27), (30), (33), (56), (66), (81), (109), and (113), and (CC), 9 303(A)(2) and (3)(a) and (G), 303.1(A) and (B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (c) 10 and (2)(b), 304(B), 305(E), 305.10(A) and (C) through (E), 305.14(A)(1)(a) and (5), 11 305.38, 305.53(A), 305.54(B) and (C)(1), 306.5(A)(1) and (2)(c), 307(A) through 12 (C), 309(A)(1), 309.1(B)(1) and (2)(b) and (D), 310(A), 312, 314, 315(A) and (B)(1), 13 315.3(A), 315.5(A), (B)(3), and (C)(1)(c), 321(A), (B), (P)(9), (13), (17), (23), (25), 14 (27), (30), (33), (56), (66), (81), (109), and (114), and (Q), 321.1(A), (B), (I)(9), (13), 15 (17), (23), (25), (27), (30), (33), (56), (66), (81), (109), and (114), and (J), 331(A), 16 (B), (V)(9), (13), (17), (23), (25), (27), (30), (33), (56), (66), (81), (109), and (114), 17 and (W), 337.3(A), and 340.1(A)(3) and (5) and R.S. 51:1286(B), to enact R.S. 18 47:301(10)(c)(ii)(cc) and (jj), (14)(1) and (m), (32), (33), and (34), 301.3, 301.4, and 19 305.5, and to repeal R.S. 47:301(16)(h) and (p) and (23), relative to sales and use 20 taxes; to provide for the levy of sales and use taxes on certain digital products and 21 services; to provide for the rates of such taxes; to provide for definitions; to provide

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to administration of sales and use taxes; to provide relative to tax collection and
enforcement; to provide for liability for collection and payment of certain sales and
use taxes; to provide for record keeping and reporting; to provide for sourcing; to
provide for certain limitations and requirements; to provide for effectiveness; to
provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 47:301(3)(a), (b), and (i)(i)(introductory paragraph) and
(ii) (aa) (I) (aaa), (4) (introductory paragraph), (a) through (e), (h), and (i), (5), (7) (a), (g), and (i), (5), (7) (a), (g), and (g), (g), (g), (g), (g), (g), (g), (g),
(i), (8)(b), (9), (10)(a)(i) through (iv), (c)(ii)(bb), (j), (l), (q)(i), (r), (s), (u), (ff), and (hh),
(12), (13)(a), (14)(h) through (k), (15), (18)(a), (d)(i), (e), and (f), (19), and
(29)(x)(introductory paragraph) and (ix), 302(A), (B), (D), (K)(1) and (2), (U),
(V)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a), and (b)(introductory paragraph), (BB)(9), (13), (17),
(23), (25), (27), (30), (33), (56), (66), (81), (109), and (113), and (CC), 303(A)(2) and (3)(a)
and (G), 303.1(A) and (B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (c) and (2)(b), 304(B), 305(E),
305.10(A) and (C) through (E), 305.14(A)(1)(a) and (5), 305.38, 305.53(A), 305.54(B) and
(C)(1), 306.5(A)(1) and (2)(c), 307(A) through (C), 309(A)(1), 309.1(B)(1) and (2)(b) and
$(D), 310(A), 312, 314, 315(A) \ and \ (B)(1), 315.3(A), 315.5(A), (B)(3), and \ (C)(1)(c), 321(A), (B)(1), (C)(1)(C), ($
(B), (P)(9), (13), (17), (23), (25), (27), (30), (33), (56), (66), (81), (109), and (114), and (Q),
321.1(A), (B), (I)(9), (13), (17), (23), (25), (27), (30), (33), (56), (66), (81), (109), and (114),
and (J), 331(A), (B), (V)(9), (13), (17), (23), (25), (27), (30), (33), (56), (66), (81), (109), and
(114), and (W), 337.3(A), and 340.1(A)(3) and (5) are hereby amended and reenacted and
R.S. 47:301(10)(c)(ii)(cc) and (jj), (14)(l) and (m), (32), (33), and (34), 301.3, 301.4, and
305.5 are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§301. Definitions
As used in this Chapter, the following words, terms, and phrases have the
meanings ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates a
different meaning:

1	(3)(a) "Cost price" means the actual cost of the articles of tangible personal
2	property or digital products without any deductions therefrom on account of the cost
3	of materials used, labor, or service cost, except those service costs for installing the
4	articles of tangible personal property or digital products if such the cost is separately
5	billed to the customer at the time of installation, transportation charges, or any other
6	expenses whatsoever, or the reasonable market value of the tangible personal
7	property or digital products at the time it becomes susceptible to the use tax,
8	whichever is less.
9	(b) In the case of tangible personal property or digital products which has
10	have acquired a tax situs in a taxing jurisdiction and is are thereafter transported
11	outside the taxing jurisdiction for repairs performed outside the taxing jurisdiction
12	and is thereafter returned to the taxing jurisdiction, the cost price shall be deemed to
13	be the actual cost of any parts and/or, materials, or both used in performing such the
14	repairs, if applicable labor charges are separately stated on the invoice. If the
15	applicable labor charges are not separately stated on the invoice, it shall be presumed
16	that the cost price is the total charge reflected on the invoice.
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18	(i)(i) For purposes of the imposition of the use tax levied by the state under
19	pursuant to R.S. 47:302, 321, 321.1, and 331, the cost price of machinery and
20	equipment used by a manufacturer in a plant facility predominately and directly in
21	the actual manufacturing for agricultural purposes or the actual manufacturing
22	process of an item of tangible personal property or a digital product, which is for
23	ultimate sale to another and not for internal use, at one or more fixed locations within
24	Louisiana, shall be reduced as follows:
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26	(ii) For purposes of this Subparagraph, the following definitions shall apply:
27	(aa) "Machinery and equipment" means tangible personal property or other
28	property that is eligible for depreciation for federal income tax purposes and that is

used as an integral part in the manufacturing of tangible personal property for sale.

1 "Machinery and equipment" shall also mean tangible personal property or other 2 property that is eligible for depreciation for federal income tax purposes and that is 3 used as an integral part of the production, processing, and storing of food and fiber 4 or of timber. 5 (I) Machinery and equipment, for purposes of this Subparagraph, also 6 includes but is not limited to the following: 7 (aaa) Computers and software that are an integral part of the machinery and 8 equipment used directly in the manufacturing process, or which control or 9 communicate with computer systems that control heating or cooling systems for 10 machinery or equipment that manufactures tangible personal property for sale. 11 Computers and software used for inventory and accounting systems or that control 12 non-qualifying machinery and equipment are not considered machinery and 13 equipment for purposes of this Subparagraph. 14 15 (4) "Dealer" includes every person who manufactures or produces tangible 16 personal property or digital products for sale at retail, for use, or consumption, or 17 distribution, or for storage to be used or consumed in a taxing jurisdiction. "Dealer" 18 is further defined to mean: 19 (a) Every person who imports, or causes to be imported, tangible personal 20 property or digital products from any other state, foreign country, or other taxing 21 jurisdiction for sale at retail, for use, or consumption, or distribution, or for storage 22 to be used or consumed in a taxing jurisdiction. 23 (b) Every person who sells at retail, or who offers for sale at retail, or who 24 has in his possession for sale at retail, or for use, or consumption, or distribution, or 25 storage to be used or consumed in the taxing jurisdiction, tangible personal property 26 or digital products as defined herein in this Section. 27 (c) Any person who has sold at retail, or used, or consumed, or distributed, 28 or stored for use or consumption in the taxing jurisdiction, tangible personal property 29 or digital products and who cannot prove that the tax levied by this Chapter has been

paid on the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, or the storage of said the tangible personal property or digital products.

- (d)(i) Any person who leases or rents tangible personal property <u>or digital</u> <u>products</u> for a consideration, permitting the use or possession of the <u>said</u> property <u>or</u> products without transferring title thereto.
- digital products to customers who provide information to such the person that they will use the property or products only offshore beyond the territorial limits of the state shall not be included in the term "dealer" for purposes of the collection of the rental or lease tax of the state, statewide political subdivisions, and other political subdivisions on such lease or rental contracts. For purposes of this Item, "use" means the operational or functional use of the property and not other uses related to its possession such as transportation, maintenance, and repair. It is the intention of this Item that the customers of such persons shall remit any tax due on the lease or rental of such the property or digital products directly to the state and local taxing bodies to whom they are due.
- (e) Any person who is the lessee or rentee of tangible personal property or digital products and who pays to the owner of such the property or product a consideration for the use or possession of such the property without acquiring title thereto.

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(h) Any person engaging in business in the taxing jurisdiction. "Engaging in business in the taxing jurisdiction" means and includes any of the following methods of transacting business: maintaining directly, indirectly, or through a subsidiary, an office, distribution house, sales house, warehouse, or other place of business or by having an agent, salesman, or solicitor operating within the taxing jurisdiction under the authority of the seller or its subsidiary irrespective of whether such the place of business, agent, salesman, or solicitor is located in such the taxing jurisdiction permanently or temporarily or whether such the seller or subsidiary is qualified to

1	do business in such the taxing jurisdiction, or any person who makes deliveries of
2	tangible personal property or digital products into the taxing jurisdiction other than
3	by a common or contract carrier.
4	(i) Any person who sells at retail any tangible personal property or digital
5	products to a vending machine operator for resale through coin-operated vending
6	machines.
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8	(5) "Gross sales" means the sum total of all retail sales of tangible personal
9	property or digital products, without any deduction whatsoever of any kind or
10	character except as provided in this Chapter.
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12	(7)(a) "Lease or rental" means the leasing or renting of tangible personal
13	property or digital products and the possession or use thereof by the lessee or renter,
14	for a consideration, without transfer of the title of such the property or products. For
15	the purpose of the leasing or renting of automobiles, "lease" means the leasing of
16	automobiles and the possession or use thereof by the lessee, for a consideration,
17	without the transfer of the title of such that property for a one hundred eighty-day
18	period or more. "Rental" means the renting of automobiles and the possession or use
19	thereof by the renter, for a consideration, without the transfer of the title of such that
20	property for a period less than one hundred eighty days.
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22	(g) For purposes of state and political subdivision sales and use tax, "lease
23	or rental" shall not mean the lease or rental of tangible personal property or digital
24	products to Boys State of Louisiana, Inc. and Girls State of Louisiana, Inc. which is
25	property or products are used by such those organizations for their educational and
26	public service programs for youth.
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28	(i) For purposes of sales and use taxes levied and imposed by local
29	governmental subdivisions, school boards, and other political subdivisions whose

boundaries are not coterminous with those of the state, "lease or rental" by a person shall not mean or include the lease or rental of tangible personal property or digital products if such the lease or rental is made under the provisions of Medicare.

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(b) Solely for purposes of the payment of state sales or use tax on the lease or rental or the purchase of tangible personal property, digital products, or services, "person" shall not include a regionally accredited independent institution of higher education which is a member of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, if such the lease or rental or purchase is directly related to the educational mission of such the institution. However, the term "person" shall include such an institution for purposes of the payment of tax on sales by such the institution if the sales are not otherwise exempt.

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(9) "Purchaser" means and includes any person who acquires or receives any tangible personal property or digital products, or the privilege of using any tangible personal property or digital products, or receives any services pursuant to a transaction subject to tax under this Chapter.

(10)(a)(i) Solely for the purposes of the imposition of the state sales and use tax, "retail sale" or "sale at retail" means a sale to a consumer, end user, or to any other person for any purpose other than for resale as tangible personal property or a digital product, or for the lease of automobiles in an arm's length transaction, and shall mean and include all such transactions as that the secretary, upon investigation, finds to be in lieu of sales; provided that sales for resale or for lease of automobiles in an arm's length transaction must be made in strict compliance with the rules and regulations. Any dealer making a sale for resale or for the lease of automobiles, which is not in strict compliance with the rules and regulations, shall himself be liable for and pay the tax.

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(ii) Solely for purposes of the imposition of the sales and use tax levied by a political subdivision or school board, "retail sale" or "sale at retail" shall mean a sale to a consumer or to any other person for any purpose other than for resale in the form of tangible personal property or a digital product, or resale of those services defined in Paragraph (14) of this Section provided the retail sale of the service is subject to sales tax in this state, and shall mean and include all such transactions as that the collector, upon investigation, finds to be in lieu of sales; provided that sales for resale be made in strict compliance with the rules and regulations. Any dealer making a sale for resale, which is not in strict compliance with the rules and regulations shall himself be liable for and pay the tax. A local collector shall accept a resale certificate issued by the Department of Revenue, provided the taxpayer includes the parish of its principal place of business and local sales tax account number on the state certificate. However, in the case of an intra-parish transaction from dealer to dealer, the collector may require that the local exemption certificate be used in lieu of the state certificate. The department shall accommodate the inclusion of such this information on its resale certificate for such these purposes. (iii) "Retail sale" or "sale at retail" for purposes of sales and use taxes imposed by the state on transactions involving the sale for rental of automobiles which take place on or after January 1, 1991, and by political subdivisions on such those transactions on or after July 1, 1996, and state sales and use taxes imposed on transactions involving the lease or rental of digital products or tangible personal property other than automobiles which take place on or after July 1, 1991, means a sale to a consumer or to any other person for any purpose other than for resale as tangible personal property or a digital product, or for lease or rental in an arm's length transaction in the form of tangible personal property or a digital product, and

shall mean and include all such transactions as that the secretary, upon investigation,

finds to be in lieu of sales; provided that sales for resale or for lease or rental in an

arm's length transaction must be made in strict compliance with the rules and

regulations. Any dealer making a sale for resale or for lease or rental, which is not

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in strict compliance with the rules and regulations, shall himself be liable for and pay the tax. For purposes of the imposition of the tax imposed by any political subdivision of the state, for the period beginning on July 1, 1999, and ending on June 30, 2000, the term "retail sale" or "sale at retail" shall not include one-fourth of the sales price of any tangible personal property which is sold in order to be leased or rented in an arm's length transaction in the form of tangible personal property. For purposes of the imposition of the tax imposed by any political subdivision of the state, for the period beginning on July 1, 2000, and ending on June 30, 2001, the term "retail sale" or "sale at retail" shall not include one-half of the sales price of any tangible personal property which is sold in order to be leased or rented in an arm's length transaction in the form of tangible personal property. For purposes of the imposition of the tax imposed by any political subdivision of the state, for the period beginning on July 1, 2001, and ending on June 30, 2002, the term "retail sale" or "sale at retail" shall not include three-fourths of the sales price of any tangible personal property which is sold in order to be leased or rented in an arm's length transaction in the form of tangible personal property. Beginning July 1, 2002, for the purposes of imposition of the tax levied by any political subdivision of the state, the term "retail sale" or "sale at retail" shall not include the sale of any tangible personal property which is sold in order to be leased or rented in an arm's length transaction in the form of tangible personal property.

(iv) "Retail sale" or "sale at retail", for purposes of sales and use taxes imposed by the state on transactions involving the sale for rental of automobiles which take place prior to January 1, 1991, and by political subdivisions on such those transactions prior to July 1, 1996, and imposed on transactions involving the lease or rental of digital products or tangible personal property other than autos which take place prior to July 1, 1991, and for purposes of local sales and use taxes levied by political subdivisions except for transactions involving the sale for rental of automobiles on or after July 1, 1996, means a sale to a consumer or to any other person for any purpose other than for resale in the form of tangible personal property

1	or digital products, and shall mean and include all such transactions as that the
2	secretary, upon investigation, finds to be in lieu of sales; provided that sales for
3	resale must be made in strict compliance with the rules and regulations. Any dealer
4	making a sale for resale, which is not in strict compliance with the rules and
5	regulations, shall himself be liable for and pay the tax. However, contrary provisions
6	of law notwithstanding, any political subdivision may, by ordinance, adopt the
7	definition of "retail sale" or "sale at retail" provided in Item (iii) of this Subparagraph
8	for purposes of the imposition of its sales and use tax.
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14	(bb) The term "sale at retail" does not include an isolated or occasional sale
15	of tangible personal property or digital products by a person not engaged in such
16	business.
17	(cc) The term "sale at retail" does not include consuming any digital product
18	in producing for sale a new product or taxable service, where the digital product
19	becomes an ingredient or component of the new product or taxable service. A digital
20	code becomes an ingredient or component of a new product or taxable service if the
21	digital product, through the use of the digital code, becomes an ingredient or
22	component of the new product or taxable service.
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24	(j) The term "sale at retail" does not include the sale of tangible personal
25	property or digital products to food banks, as defined in R.S. 9:2799.
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27	(1) Solely for purposes of the state sales and use tax imposed under R.S.
28	47:302, 321, 321.1, and 331, the term "sale at retail" shall not include the sale of a

pollution control device or system. Pollution control device or system shall mean any

tangible personal property or digital products approved by the Department of Revenue and the Department of Environmental Quality and sold or leased and used or intended for the purpose of eliminating, preventing, treating, or reducing the volume or toxicity or potential hazards of industrial pollution of air, water, groundwater, noise, solid waste, or hazardous waste in the state of Louisiana. For the purposes of any sales and use tax levied by a political subdivision, the term "sale at retail" shall include the sale of a pollution control device or system. In order to qualify, the pollution control device or system must demonstrate either: a net decrease in the volume or toxicity or potential hazards of pollution as a result of the installation of the device or system; or that installation is necessary to comply with federal or state environmental laws or regulations.

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- (q) For purposes of state and political subdivision sales and use tax, the term "sale at retail" shall not include:
- (i) The sale of tangible personal property or digital products by approved parochial and private elementary and secondary schools which comply with the court order from the Dodd Brumfield decision and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or students, administrators, or teachers, or other employees of the school, if the money from such those sales, less reasonable and necessary expenses associated with the sale, is used solely and exclusively to support the school or its program or curricula. This exclusion shall not be construed to allow tax-free sales to students or their families by promoters or regular commercial dealers through the use of schools, school faculty, or school facilities.

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(r) For purposes of state and political subdivision sales and use tax, the term "sale at retail" shall not include the sale of tangible personal property or digital products to Boys State of Louisiana, Inc. and Girls State of Louisiana, Inc. which is property or products are used by such those organizations for their educational and public service programs for youth.

(s) The term "sale at retail" or "retail sale", for purposes of sales and use taxes imposed by the state or any political subdivision or other taxing entity, shall not include any charge, fee, money, or other consideration received, given, or paid for the performance of funeral directing services. For purposes of this Subparagraph, "funeral directing services" means the operation of a funeral home, or by way of illustration and not limitation, any service whatsoever connected with the management of funerals, or the supervision of hearses or funeral cars, the cleaning or dressing of dead human bodies for burial, and the performance or supervision of any service or act connected with the management of funerals from time of death until the body or bodies are delivered to the cemetery, crematorium, or other agent for the purpose of disposition. However, such services shall not mean or include the sale, lease, rental, or use of any tangible personal property or digital product as those terms are defined in this Section.

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(u) For purposes of sales and use taxes levied and imposed by local governmental subdivisions, school boards, and other political subdivisions whose boundaries are not coterminous with those of the state, "sale at retail" by a person shall not mean or include the sale of tangible personal property or digital products if such the sale is made under the provisions of Medicare.

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(ff) For purposes of sales taxes imposed by the state or any political subdivision of the state, the term "retail sale" or "sale at retail" shall not include sales of tangible personal property or digital products by the Military Department, state of Louisiana, which occur on an installation or other property owned or operated by the Military Department.

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(hh) For purposes of sales and use tax imposed by the state under R.S. 47:302, 321, 321.1, and 331, or any other political subdivision, the term "sale at retail" shall not include the sale of tangible personal property or digital products at

an event providing Louisiana heritage, culture, crafts, art, food, and music which is sponsored by a domestic nonprofit organization that is exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The provisions of this Subparagraph shall apply only to an event which transpires over a minimum of seven but not more than twelve days and has a five-year annual average attendance of at least three hundred thousand over the duration of the event. For purposes of determining the five-year annual average attendance, the calculation shall include the total annual attendance for each of the five most recent years. The provisions of this Subparagraph shall apply only to sales by the sponsor of the event.

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(jj) With respect to digital products, the term "sale at retail" does not include making any digital product available free of charge for the use or enjoyment of others. For purposes of this Subparagraph, "free of charge" means that the recipient of the digital product is not required to provide anything of significant value in exchange for the product. A transfer is not free of charge if the digital product is bundled or combined with other products or services subject to sales or use tax regardless of whether such items are separately stated and invoiced.

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(12)(a) "Sale" means any transfer of title or possession, or both, exchange, barter, conditional or otherwise, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, of tangible personal property or digital products, for a consideration, and includes the fabrication of tangible personal property for consumers who furnish, either directly or indirectly, the materials used in fabrication work, and the furnishing, preparing or serving, for a consideration, of any tangible personal property, consumed on the premises of the person furnishing, preparing or serving such the tangible personal property. A transaction whereby the possession of property is transferred but the seller retains title as security for the payment of the price shall be deemed a sale.

1	(b) With respect to digital products, "sale" means the first act within this
2	state by which the taxpayer, as a consumer, views, accesses, downloads, possesses,
3	stores, opens, manipulates, or otherwise uses or enjoys the product.
4	(c) With respect to prewritten computer access services and information
5	services, "sale" means the first act within this state by which the taxpayer, as a
6	consumer, uses, enjoys, or otherwise receives the benefit of the service.
7	(13)(a) "Sales price" means the total amount for which tangible personal
8	property is or digital products are sold, less the market value of any article traded in
9	including any services, except services for financing, that are a part of the sale valued
10	in money, whether paid in money or otherwise, and includes the cost of materials
11	used, labor or service costs, except costs for financing which shall not exceed the
12	legal interest rate and a service charge not to exceed six percent of the amount
13	financed, and losses; provided that cash discounts allowed and taken on sales shall
14	not be included, nor shall the sales price include the amount charged for labor or
15	services rendered in installing, applying, remodeling, or repairing property sold.
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17	(14) "Sales of services" means and includes the following:
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19	(h) The furnishing of prewritten computer software access services. For
20	purposes of this Subparagraph, prewritten computer software access services means
21	charges made to customers for the right to access and use prewritten computer
22	software, where possession of the software is maintained by the seller or third party
23	regardless of whether the charge for the services is on a per use, per user, per license,
24	subscription, or some other basis.
25	(i)(i) The furnishing of information services. For purposes of this
26	Subparagraph, information services means electronic data retrieval or research; and
27	collecting, compiling, analyzing, or furnishing of information of any kind including
28	but not limited to general or specialized news and other current information or
29	financial information, by printed, mimeographed, electronic, or electrical

2	optics, or any other method now in existence or which may be devised; this includes
3	delivering or providing access to information through databases or subscriptions.
4	Information services include but are not limited to the following:
5	(aa) Furnishing newsletters; tax guides; research publications; financial,
6	investment, circulation, credit, stock market, or bond rating reports; mailing lists;
7	abstracts of title; news clipping services; wire services; scouting reports; surveys;
8	bad check lists; and broadcast rating services.
9	(bb) Subscriptions to genealogical, financial, or similar databases.
10	(cc) Global positioning system services including driving directions and
11	sports, news, and similar information provided through satellite audio programming
12	services.
13	(ii) Information services shall not include any of the following:
14	(aa) Information sold to a newspaper or a radio or television station licensed
15	by the Federal Communication Commission, if the information is gathered or
16	purchased for direct use in newspapers or radio or television broadcasts.
17	(bb) Charges to a person by a financial institution for account balance
18	information; or information gathered or compiled on behalf of a particular client, if
19	the information is of a proprietary nature to that client and may not be sold to others
20	by the person who compiled the information, except for a subsequent sale of the
21	information by the client for whom the information was gathered or compiled.
22	(cc) Internet access service or information services that are provided in
23	conjunction with and merely incidental to the provision of internet access service
24	when provided for a single charge.
25	(j) The term "sale of service" shall not include an action performed pursuant
26	to a contract with the United States Department of the Navy for construction or
27	overhaul of U.S. Naval vessels.
28	(i) (k) Solely for purposes of the sales and use tax levied by the state, the
29	furnishing of telecommunications services for compensation, in accordance with the

transmission, or by utilizing wires, cable, radio waves, microwaves, satellites, fiber

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provisions of R.S. 47:301.1. Local political subdivisions are prohibited from levying a sales and use tax on telecommunications services not in effect on July 1, 1990; provided, however, that the provisions of this Subparagraph shall not be construed to prohibit the levy or collection of any franchise, excise, gross receipts, or similar tax or assessment by any political subdivision of the state as defined in Article VI, Section 44(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

(j) (l) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for purposes of sales or use taxation by the state or any local political subdivision, the term "sales of services" shall not mean or include any funeral directing services as defined in Subparagraph (10)(s) of this Section. Subject to approval by the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, the state Department of Revenue shall devise a formula for the calculation of the tax.

(k) (m) Solely for purposes of sales and use tax imposed by the state under pursuant to R.S. 47:302, 321, 321.1, and 331, any political subdivision whose boundaries are coterminous with those of the state, or any other political subdivision, the term "sales of services" shall not mean or include admission charges for, outside gate admissions to, or parking fees associated with an event providing Louisiana heritage, culture, crafts, art, food, and music which is sponsored by a domestic nonprofit organization that is exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The provisions of this Subparagraph shall apply only to an event which transpires over a minimum of seven but not more than twelve days and has a five-year annual average attendance of at least three hundred thousand over the duration of the event. For purposes of determining the five-year annual average attendance, the calculation shall include the total annual attendance for each of the five most recent years. The provisions of this Subparagraph shall apply only to admission charges for, outside gate admissions to, or parking fees associated with an event when the charges and fees are payable to or for the benefit of the sponsor of the event.

(15) "Storage" means and includes any keeping or retention in the taxing jurisdiction of tangible personal property or digital products for use or consumption within the taxing jurisdiction or for any purpose other than for sale at retail in the regular course of business.

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(18)(a)(i) Solely for purposes of the imposition of the state sales and use tax, "use" means and includes the exercise of any right or power over tangible personal property or digital products incident to the ownership thereof, except that it shall not include the sale at retail of that property those items of property or products in the regular course of business or the donation to a school in the state which meets the definition provided in R.S. 17:236 or to a public or recognized independent institution of higher education in the state of property previously purchased for resale in the regular course of a business. The term "use" shall not include the purchase, the importation, the consumption, the distribution, or the storage of automobiles to be leased in an arm's length transaction, nor shall the term "use" include the donation of food items to a food bank as defined in R.S. 9:2799(B).

- (ii) For purposes of the imposition of the sales and use tax levied by a political subdivision or school board, "use" shall mean and include the exercise of any right or power over tangible personal property or digital products incident to the ownership thereof, except that it shall not include the sale at retail of that property those items of property or products in the regular course of business or the donation to a school in the state which meets the definition provided in R.S. 17:236 or to a public or recognized independent institution of higher education in the state of property previously purchased for resale in the regular course of a business. The term "use" shall not include the donation of food items to a food bank as defined in R.S. 9:2799(B).
- (iii) The term "use", for purposes of sales and use taxes imposed by the state on the use for rental of automobiles which take place on or after January 1, 1991, and by political subdivisions on such use on or after July 1, 1996, and state sales and use

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taxes imposed on the use for lease or rental of digital products or tangible personal property other than automobiles which take place on or after July 1, 1991, shall not include the purchase, the importation, the consumption, the distribution, or the storage of tangible personal property or digital products to be leased or rented in an arm's length transaction as tangible personal property or digital products. For purposes of the imposition of the tax levied by any political subdivision of the state, for the period beginning July 1, 1999, and ending on June 30, 2000, the term "use" shall not include one-fourth of the cost price of any tangible personal property which is purchased, imported, consumed, distributed, or stored and which is to be leased or rented in an arm's length transaction in the form of tangible personal property. For purposes of the imposition of the tax levied by any political subdivision of the state, for the period beginning July 1, 2000, and ending on June 30, 2001, the term "use" shall not include one-half of the cost price of any tangible personal property which is purchased, imported, consumed, distributed, or stored and which is to be leased or rented in an arm's length transaction in the form of tangible personal property. For purposes of the imposition of the tax levied by any political subdivision of the state, for the period beginning July 1, 2001, and ending on June 30, 2002, the term "use" shall not include three-fourths of the cost price of any tangible personal property which is purchased, imported, consumed, distributed, or stored and which is to be leased or rented in an arm's length transaction in the form of tangible personal property. Beginning July 1, 2002, for purposes of the imposition of the tax levied by any political subdivision of the state, the term "use" shall not include the purchase, the importation, the consumption, the distribution, or the storage of any tangible personal property or digital product which is to be leased or rented in an arm's length transaction in the form of tangible personal property or digital product. (iv) The term "use", for purposes of sales and use taxes imposed by the state

(iv) The term "use", for purposes of sales and use taxes imposed by the state on the use for rental automobiles which take place prior to January 1, 1991, and by political subdivisions on such use prior to July 1, 1996, and imposed on the use for lease or rental of tangible personal property other than automobiles which take place

prior to July 1, 1991, and for purposes of local sales and use taxes levied by political subdivisions, except for any use for rental automobiles on or after July 1, 1996, shall include the purchase, the importation, the consumption, the distribution, or the storage of tangible personal property or digital products to be leased or rented in an arm's length transaction as tangible personal property or digital products.

(v) The term "use" applies to the first act within this state by which the taxpayer, as a consumer, views, accesses, downloads, possesses, stores, opens, manipulates, or otherwise enjoys, uses, or receives the benefits of a digital product, prewritten computer access service, or information service. Use includes access and use of digital products, prewritten computer access services, and information services that remain in the possession of the dealer or in the possession of a third party on behalf of the dealer.

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(d)(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and except as provided in Item (iii) of this Subparagraph, for purposes of state and political subdivision sales and use tax, "use" means and includes the exercise of any right or power over tangible personal property or digital products incident to the ownership thereof, except that it shall not include the further processing of tangible personal property into articles of tangible personal property or digital products for sale.

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- (e) For purposes of state and political subdivision sales and use tax, "use" shall not include the purchase of or the exercise of any right or power over:
- (i) Tangible personal property <u>or digital products</u> sold by approved parochial and private elementary and secondary schools which comply with the court order from the Dodd Brumfield decision and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or students, administrators, or teachers, or other employees of the school, if the money from <u>such the</u> sales, less reasonable and necessary expenses associated with the sale, is used solely and exclusively to support the school or its program or curricula.

1	(ii) Educational materials or equipment used for classroom instruction by
2	approved parochial and private elementary and secondary schools which comply
3	with the court order from the Dodd Brumfield decision and Section 501(c)(3) of the
4	Internal Revenue Code, limited to books, workbooks, computers, computer software,
5	films, videos, and audio tapes, including when these items are transferred
6	electronically.
7	(f) For purposes of state and political subdivision sales and use tax, "use"
8	shall not include the purchase of or the exercise of any right or power over tangible
9	personal property or digital products used by Boys State of Louisiana, Inc. and Girls
10	State of Louisiana, Inc. for their educational and public service programs for youth.
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12	(19) "Use tax" includes the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the
13	storage as herein defined in this Section. No use tax shall be due to or collected by:
14	(a) The state on tangible personal property or digital products used,
15	consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in the state if the sale of
16	such the property or products would have been exempted or excluded from sales tax
17	at the time such the property or products became subject to the taxing jurisdiction of
18	the state.
19	(b) Any political subdivision on tangible personal property or digital
20	products used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in such the
21	political subdivision if the sale of such the property or products would have been
22	exempted or excluded from sales tax at the time such the property or products
23	became subject to the taxing jurisdiction of the political subdivision.
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25	(29) With respect to the furnishing of telecommunications and ancillary
26	services, as used in this Chapter the following words, terms, and phrases have the
27	meaning ascribed to them in this Paragraph, unless the context clearly indicates a
28	different meaning:
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1	(x) "Telecommunications service" means the electronic transmission,
2	conveyance, or routing of voice, data, audio, video, or any other information or
3	signals to a point, or between or among points. "Telecommunications service"
4	includes such the transmission, conveyance, or routing in which computer processing
5	applications are used to act on the form, code, or protocol of the content for purposes
6	of transmission, conveyance, or routing without regard to whether such the service
7	is referred to as voice over Internet protocol service or is classified by the Federal
8	Communications Commission as an enhanced or value-added service.
9	"Telecommunications service" does not include any of the following:
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11	(ix) Digital products delivered electronically, including but not limited to
12	software, music, video, reading materials, or ring tones.
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14	(32)(a) "Digital product" means digital audiovisual works, digital audio
15	works, digital books, digital codes, digital applications and games, digital periodicals
16	and discussion forums, and any other otherwise taxable tangible personal property
17	transferred electronically, whether digitally delivered, streamed, or accessed and
18	whether purchased singly, by subscription, or in any other manner, including
19	maintenance, updates, and support.
20	(b) For purposes of this Paragraph, the following terms have the meanings
21	ascribed to them in this Subparagraph:
22	(i) "Digital audiovisual works" means a series of related images that, when
23	shown in succession, impart an impression of motion, together with accompanying
24	sounds. "Digital audiovisual works" include but are not limited to motion pictures;
25	musical, videos, news, and entertainment programs; and live events.
26	(ii) "Digital audio works" means works that result from the fixation of a
27	series of musical, spoken, or other sounds that are transferred electronically,
28	including prerecorded or live songs, music, readings of books or other written
29	materials, speeches, ring tones, or other sound recording.

2	ordinary and usual sense as books and which are transferred electronically, including
3	works of fiction, nonfiction, and short stories.
4	(iv) "Digital code" means a code that provides the person who holds the code
5	a right to obtain one or more digital products. A digital code may be obtained by any
6	means, including tangible forms and electronic mail, regardless of whether the code
7	is designated as a song code, video code, or book code. The term "digital code"
8	includes codes used to access or obtain any digital products that have been
9	previously purchased and promotion cards or codes that are purchased by a retailer
10	or other business entity for use by the retailer's or entity's customers. "Digital code"
11	does not include any gift certificate or gift card with monetary value that may be
12	redeemable for an item other than a digital product.
13	(v) "Digital applications and games" means any application or game,
14	including add-ons or additional content, that can be used by a computer, mobile
15	device, or tablet notwithstanding the function performed.
16	(vi) "Digital periodical and discussion forum" means a digital newspaper,
17	digital magazine, other digital periodical, chat room discussion, weblog, or any other
18	similar product.
19	(c) "Digital product" shall not include any of the following:
20	(i) Any intangible such as a patent, stock, bond, goodwill, trademark,
21	franchise, or copyright.
22	(ii) Telecommunications services and ancillary services as those terms are
23	defined in Subparagraphs (29)(b) and (x) of this Section.
24	(iii) Internet access service charges.
25	(iv) The representation of a work product resulting from a professional
26	service, as described in Subparagraph (16)(e) of this Section, in an electronic form,
27	such as an electronic copy of an engineering report prepared by an engineer that
28	primarily involves the application of human effort, and the human effort originated
29	after the customer requested the service.

(iii) "Digital books" means works that are generally recognized in the

1	(v) A product having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical,
2	electromagnetic, or similar capabilities where the purchaser holds a copyright or
3	other intellectual property interest in the product, in whole or part, if the purchaser
4	uses the product solely for commercial purposes, including advertising or other
5	marketing activities.
6	(vi) Cable television services, direct-to-home satellite services, video
7	programming services, or satellite digital audio radio services.
8	(d) The sale of a digital code that may be utilized to obtain a digital product
9	shall be taxed in the same manner as the digital product.
10	(e) For purposes of taxes imposed under this Chapter and Chapters 2A and
11	2B of this Subtitle, whenever the words "property" or "personal property" are used,
12	those terms shall be construed to include any digital product unless any of the
13	following circumstances apply:
14	(i) It is clear from the context that the term "personal property" is intended
15	only to refer to tangible personal property.
16	(ii) It is clear from the context that the term "property" is intended only to
17	refer to tangible personal property, real property, or both.
18	(iii) To construe the term "property" or "personal property" as including any
19	digital product would yield unlikely, absurd, or strained consequences.
20	(33)(a) "Transferred electronically" means any product obtained by the
21	purchaser by means other than tangible storage media, regardless of whether the
22	seller grants permanent or less than permanent use and regardless of whether the
23	transaction is conditioned upon contingent payment. It is not necessary that a copy
24	of the product be physically transferred to the purchaser. So long as the purchaser
25	may access the product, it shall be considered to have been transferred electronically
26	to the purchaser.
27	(b) For purposes of this Paragraph, the term "permanent use" means perpetual
28	use or use for an indefinite or unspecified length of time.

(34)(a) "End user" means any purchaser other than a purchaser who receives by contract a digital product for further commercial broadcast, rebroadcast, transmission, retransmission, licensing, relicensing, distribution, redistribution, or exhibition of the product, in whole or in part, to others. A person who purchases digital products for the purpose of giving away those products or codes shall not be considered to have engaged in the distribution or redistribution of such products or codes and shall be treated as an end user.

(b) If a purchaser of a digital product does not receive the contractual right to further redistribute, after the digital code is redeemed, the underlying product to which the digital code relates, then the purchaser of the digital code shall be deemed an end user. If the purchaser of the digital code receives the contractual right to further redistribute, after the digital code is redeemed, the underlying product to which the digital code relates, then the purchaser of the digital code shall not be deemed an end user. A purchaser of a digital code who has the contractual right to further redistribute the digital code shall be deemed an end user if that purchaser does not have the right to further redistribute, after the digital code is redeemed, the underlying product to which the digital code relates.

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§301.3. Digital products

A. Nexus. For purposes of the taxes imposed under this Chapter and Chapters 2A and 2B of this Subtitle, the department shall not consider a person's ownership of, or rights in, digital products residing on servers located in this state in determining whether the person has substantial nexus with this state. For purposes of this Section, "substantial nexus" means the requisite connection that a person has with a state to allow the state to subject the person to the state's taxing authority, consistent with the commerce clause of the United States Constitution.

B. Bundled transactions. (1) In the case of the sale of a digital code that provides a purchaser with the right to obtain more than one digital product, and which may also include the right to obtain other products or services, and all of the

1	products and services, digital or otherwise, to be obtained through the use of the code
2	do not have the same sales and use tax treatment, both of the following requirements
3	apply:
4	(a) The transaction shall be deemed to be the sale of the products and
5	services to be obtained through the use of the code.
6	(b) The sales and use tax shall apply to the entire selling price of the code,
7	except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.
8	(2) If the seller can identify by reasonable and verifiable standards the
9	portion of the selling price attributable to the products and services that are not
10	subject to sales and use tax from its books and records that are kept in the regular
11	course of business for other purposes, including but not limited to nontax purposes,
12	sales and use tax shall not apply to that portion of the selling price of the code
13	attributable to the products and services that are not subject to sales and use tax.
14	C. Rules. The secretary may promulgate rules and regulations in accordance
15	with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Section,
16	including rules addressing the taxation of any and all digital products and services.
17	Any rule promulgated by the department pursuant to this Section shall be construed
18	in favor of the secretary.
19	§301.4. Sales transaction sourcing rules
20	A. Application. The provisions of this Section shall apply regardless of the
21	characterization of a transaction as the sale of tangible personal property, the sale of
22	a digital product, or the sale of a service. These provisions shall not affect the
23	obligation of a purchaser to remit use tax.
24	B. Definitions. For purposes of this Section, the following terms have the
25	meanings ascribed to them in this Subsection unless the context indicates otherwise:
26	(1) "Receive" or "receipt" means taking possession of tangible personal
27	property, making first use of services, or taking possession or making first use of
28	digital products by the purchaser or purchaser's designee.

1	(2) "Use of digital products" means the location of the first act within this
2	state by which the taxpayer, as a consumer, views, accesses, downloads, possesses,
3	stores, opens, manipulates, or otherwise uses or enjoys a digital product.
4	(3) "Use of a service" means the location of the first act within the state by
5	which the taxpayer, as a consumer, uses, enjoys, or otherwise receives the benefit of
6	the service.
7	C. General sourcing rules. Except as provided in Subsection E of this
8	Section, for purposes of collecting or remitting sales or use taxes to the appropriate
9	taxing jurisdictions, otherwise known as sourcing, on sales of tangible personal
10	property, digital products, and services, the following requirements apply:
11	(1) If the sale of tangible personal property, digital products, or services is
12	received by the purchaser, or the purchaser's designee, at a business location of the
13	seller, the sale shall be sourced to that business location.
14	(2) If the sale of tangible personal property, digital products, or services is
15	not received by the purchaser at a business location of the seller, the sale shall be
16	sourced to the location where receipt by the purchaser or the purchaser's designee
17	occurs, including the location indicated by instructions for delivery to the purchaser
18	or designee, if that location is known to the seller.
19	(3) If Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection do not apply, the sale shall
20	be sourced to the location indicated by an address for the purchaser that is available
21	from the business records of the seller that are maintained in the ordinary course of
22	the seller's business, when use of this address does not constitute bad faith.
23	(4) If Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this Subsection do not apply, the sale
24	shall be sourced to the location indicated by an address for the purchaser obtained
25	during the sale, including, if no other address is available, the address of a
26	purchaser's payment instrument, when use of this address does not constitute bad
27	<u>faith.</u>
28	(5) If Paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this Subsection do not apply, or if
29	the seller is without sufficient information to apply the sourcing requirements set

1	forth in Paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this Subsection, the sale shall be sourced
2	to one of the following locations:
3	(a) The location indicated by the address from which the tangible personal
4	property was shipped.
5	(b) The location from which the digital product was first available for
6	transmission by the seller.
7	(c) The location from which the service was provided.
8	D. Sourcing for lease or rental of tangible personal property. The lease or
9	rental of tangible personal property, excluding motor vehicles, shall be sourced as
10	<u>follows:</u>
11	(1) For a lease or rental that requires recurring periodic payments, payments
12	shall be sourced to the primary location of the property leased or rented for each
13	period covered by the payment. The primary location of the property shall be as
14	indicated by an address for the property provided by the lessee that is available to the
15	lessor from its records maintained in the ordinary course of business, when use of
16	this address does not constitute bad faith. The primary location of the property may
17	not be altered by intermittent use at different locations, such as use of business
18	property that accompanies employees on business trips and service calls.
19	(2) For a lease or rental that does not require periodic payments, the payment
20	shall be sourced in the same manner as a retail sale in accordance with Subsection
21	C of this Section.
22	(3) This Subsection shall not be construed to affect the imposition or
23	computation of sales or use tax on leases or rentals based on a lump-sum or
24	accelerated basis, or on the acquisition of property for lease.
25	E. Exceptions to the general sourcing rules. The following sales shall be
26	sourced in accordance with the following requirements:
27	(1) Sales and leases of vehicles subject to the Vehicle Registration License
28	Tax Law R S 47:451 et seg shall be sourced as provided in R S 47:301(10)(f)

1	(2) Sales of telecommunications services shall be sourced as provided in R.S.
2	<u>47:301.1.</u>
3	§302. Imposition of tax
4	A. There is hereby levied a tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the
5	consumption, the distribution, and the storage for use or consumption in this state,
6	of each item or article of tangible personal property or digital product, as defined
7	herein, the levy of said tax to in this Chapter. The levy of the tax shall be as follows:
8	(1) At the rate of two per centum (2%) two percent of the sales price of each
9	item or article of tangible personal property or digital product when sold at retail in
10	this state; the tax to be computed on gross sales for the purpose of remitting the
11	amount of tax due the state, and to include each and every retail sale.
12	(2) At the rate of two per centum (2%) two percent of the cost price of each
13	item or article of tangible personal property or digital product when the same is not
14	sold but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in this state;
15	provided there shall be no duplication of the tax.
16	B. There is hereby levied a tax upon the lease or rental within this state of
17	each item or article of tangible personal property or digital product, as defined
18	herein; the levy of said tax to in this Chapter. The levy of the tax shall be as follows:
19	(1) At the rate of two per centum (2%) two percent of the gross proceeds
20	derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property or a digital product, as
21	defined herein in this Chapter, where the lease or rental of such the property or
22	product is an established business, or part of an established business, or the same is
23	incidental or germane to the said business.
24	(2) At the rate of two per centum (2%) two percent of the monthly lease or
25	rental price paid by lessee or rentee, or contracted or agreed to be paid by lessee or
26	rentee to the owner of the tangible personal property or digital product.
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28	D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no sales or
29	use tax of any taxing authority shall be levied on any advertising service rendered by

an advertising business, including but not limited to advertising agencies, design firms, and print and broadcast media, or any member, agent, or employee thereof, to any client whether or not such the service also involves a transfer to the client of tangible personal property or a digital product. However, a transfer of mass-produced advertising items by an advertising business which manufactures the items itself to a client for the client's use, which transfer involves the furnishing of minimal services other than manufacturing services by the advertising business, shall be a taxable sale or use of tangible personal property; provided that in no event shall tax be levied on charges for creative services which are separately invoiced.

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K. An additional tax shall be levied as follows:

- (1) At the rate of four percent of the sales price of each item or article of tangible personal property or digital product when sold at retail in this state; the tax to be computed on gross sales for the purpose of remitting the amount of tax due the state, and to include each and every retail sale.
- (2) At the rate of four percent of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property or digital product when the same is not sold but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in this state; provided there shall be no duplication of the tax.

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- U. Collection of consumer use tax. It is the duty of the secretary of the Department of Revenue to collect all taxes imposed pursuant to this Chapter and Chapters 2-A and 2-B of this Subtitle which may be due upon the sale by a remote retailer of tangible personal property, digital products, or services in Louisiana. The secretary is authorized and directed to employ all means available to ensure the collection of the tax in an equitable, efficient, and effective manner.
- V.(1) In addition to the definition of "dealer" as provided in R.S. 47:301(4) for purposes of the consumer use tax, the term "dealer" includes every person who manufactures or produces tangible personal property or digital products for sale at

2	in a taxing jurisdiction. "Dealer" is further defined to mean:
3	(a) Any person engaging in business in the taxing jurisdiction which shall
4	mean the solicitation of business through an independent contractor or any other
5	representative pursuant to an agreement with a Louisiana resident or business under
6	which the resident or business, for a commission, referral fee, or other consideration
7	of any kind, directly or indirectly, refers potential customers, whether by link on an
8	internet website, an in-person oral presentation, telemarketing, or otherwise to the
9	seller. If the cumulative gross receipts from sales of tangible personal property or
10	digital products to customers in this state who are referred to the person through such
11	an agreement exceeds fifty thousand dollars during the preceding twelve months, the
12	presumption regarding the status of that person as a dealer may be rebutted if the
13	person can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the secretary, that he cannot reasonably
14	be expected to have gross receipts in excess of fifty thousand dollars for the
15	succeeding twelve months.
16	(b) Any person selling tangible personal property, digital products, or
17	services, the use of which is taxed pursuant to this Chapter, who:
18	* * *
19	BB. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including
20	but not limited to any contrary provisions of this Chapter, beginning July 1, 2018,
21	through June 30, 2025, there shall be no exemptions and no exclusions to the tax
22	levied pursuant to the provisions of this Section, except for the retail sale, use,
23	consumption, distribution, or storage for use or consumption of the following:
24	* * *
25	(9) Installation charges on tangible personal property and digital products as
26	provided in R.S. 47:301(3)(a).
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retail, for use or consumption, or distribution, or for storage to be used or consumed

1	(13) Sales, leases, or rentals of tangible personal property and digital
2	products paid by or under the provisions of Medicare as provided in R.S. 47:315.3.
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4	(17) Tangible personal property and digital products that are sold or donated
5	to a food bank as provided in R.S. 47:301(10)(j) and (18)(a)(i).
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7	(23) Sales, purchases, and leases of tangible personal property and digitial
8	products by free hospitals as provided in R.S. 47:301(7)(e), (10)(p), and (18)(c).
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10	(25) Tangible personal property and digital products for resale as provided
11	in R.S. 47:301(10)(a)(i).
12	* * *
13	(27) Isolated or occasional sales of tangible personal property and digital
14	products by a person not engaged in such business as provided in R.S. 47:301(1) and
15	(10)(c)(ii)(bb).
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17	(30) An article traded in on the purchase of tangible personal property or a
18	digital product as provided in R.S. 47:301(13)(a).
19	* * *
20	(33) Credit for sales and use taxes paid to another state on tangible personal
21	property or digital products imported in into Louisiana as provided in R.S.
22	47:303(A)(3)(a).
23	* * *
24	(56) Transactions in interstate commerce and tangible personal property and
25	digital products imported into this state, or produced or manufactured in this state,
26	for export as provided in R.S. 47:305(E).
27	* * *

1	(66) Sales, leases, and rentals of tangible personal property and digital
2	products to Boys State of Louisiana, Inc. and Girls State of Louisiana, Inc. as
3	provided in R.S. 47:301(7)(g) and (10)(r).
4	* * *
5	(81) Sales of admissions, parking fees, and sales of tangible personal
6	property, and digital products at events sponsored by domestic, civic, educational,
7	historical, charitable, fraternal, or religious nonprofit organizations as provided in
8	R.S. 47:305.14(A)(1).
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10	(109) Sales of tangible personal property, digital products, and services at
11	certain public facilities as provided in R.S. 39:467 and 468.
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13	(113) Purchases of tangible personal property and digital products pursuant
14	to the sales tax holiday as provided in R.S. 47:305.74.
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16	CC. The provisions of Subsection BB of this Section shall supercede and
17	control to the extent of conflict with any other provision of law beginning July 1,
18	2018, through June 30, 2025. <u>Digital products shall be taxed in the same manner as</u>
19	any complementary tangible personal property or service included in Subsection BB
20	of this Section.
21	* * *
22	§303. Collection
23	A. Collection from dealer.
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25	(2) On all tangible personal property or digital products imported, or caused
26	to be imported, from other states or foreign countries, and used by him, the "dealer",
27	as hereinafter defined, shall pay the tax imposed by this Chapter on all articles of
28	tangible personal property or digital products so imported and used, the same as if
29	the said those articles or products had been sold at retail for use or consumption in

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this state. For the purposes of this Chapter, the use, or consumption, or distribution, or storage to be used or consumed in this state of tangible personal property or digital products, shall each be equivalent to a sale at retail, and the tax shall thereupon immediately levy and be collected in the manner provided herein, provided there shall be no duplication of the tax in any event.

(3)(a) A credit against the use tax imposed by this Chapter shall be granted to taxpayers who have paid a similar tax upon the sale or use of the same tangible personal property or digital products in another state. The credit provided herein shall only be granted only in the case where the state to which a similar tax has been paid grants a similar credit as provided herein, provided that members of the armed forces who are citizens of this state and whose orders or enlistment contracts stipulate a period of active duty of two years or more and who purchase automobiles outside of the state of Louisiana while on such a tour of active duty shall be granted such the credit in connection with the purchase of such the automobiles whether or not the state to which such the tax thereon has been paid grants a similar credit as herein provided. The amount of the credit shall be calculated by multiplying the rate of the similar tax paid in the other state by the cost price which is subject to Louisiana use tax at the time of the importation of the tangible personal property or digital products. The proof of payment of a similar tax to another state shall be made according to rules and regulations promulgated by the secretary. In no event shall the credit be greater than the tax imposed by Louisiana upon the particular tangible personal property or digital product which is the subject of the Louisiana use tax.

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G. Direct Payment Numbers. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a Louisiana taxpayer who obtains a DP Number as provided in R.S. 47:303.1 shall remit sales and use taxes due on purchases and rentals of tangible personal property, digital products, and taxable services directly to the state and local taxing bodies to whom the sales and use taxes are due, and shall not be liable to remit

1 the tax to the vendor or lessor of the tangible personal property, digital products, and taxable services, as provided in R.S. 47:303.1. 2 3 4 §303.1. Direct Payment Numbers 5 A. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary except for the provisions 6 of R.S. 47:303(B) and (E), the state and local sales and use tax due on the purchase, 7 importation, or lease of tangible personal property, digital products, or taxable 8 services by taxpayers who have obtained a Direct Payment Number, hereinafter 9 referred to as a "DP Number," "DP Number", shall be remitted directly to the state 10 and appropriate political subdivision by such the taxpayer, as provided in this 11 Section. The vendor or lessor of tangible personal property, digital products, or 12 taxable services shall not be responsible for collecting sales and use tax on such sales or leases, and shall not be liable for such the tax as provided in R.S. 47:304(C), upon 13 14 presentation to him of a valid DP Number by such purchaser or lessee, provided that 15 the vendor or lessor notes the DP Number on the untaxed contract or invoice 16 submitted to such the purchaser and lessee. 17 B.(1) A DP Number shall be issued to and shall be continued to be held by 18 a taxpayer who obtains the required approvals and who meets all of the following 19 qualifications and all other applicable qualifications provided for in this Section and 20 the following qualifications: 21 22 (c) The taxpayer has an annual average of five million dollars of taxable 23 purchases or leases of tangible personal property and, digital products, taxable 24 services, or any combination of these for three calendar years prior to the year of 25 application by the taxpayer, and has such an average for each subsequent three-year 26 period. 27 28 (2)29

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1 (b) Separate DP Numbers shall be issued to and shall be continued to be held 2 by taxpayers that are subsidiary entities of a private, nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that 3 4 meets the requirements of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, as well as to those 5 taxpayer entities in which the tax-exempt organization is the sole member, provided 6 that these entities are licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health, Louisiana 7 Board of Pharmacy, or otherwise have as their mission promoting the delivery of 8 healthcare and patient medical services and products and further provided that these 9 entities and the tax exempt organization together have in the aggregate an annual 10 average of ten million dollars of taxable purchases or leases of tangible personal 11 property and, digital products, or taxable services for three calendar years prior to the 12 year of application, and have such an that average for each subsequent three-year period, and which obtain the required approvals and meet the qualifications provided 13 14 for in Subparagraphs (1)(b) and (1)(d) of this Subsection. 15 16 §304. Treatment of tax by dealer 17 18 B. Every dealer located outside the state making sales of tangible personal 19 property or digital products for distribution, storage, use, or other consumption, in 20 this state, shall, at the time of making sales, collect the tax imposed by this Chapter 21 from the purchaser. 22 23 §305. Exclusions and exemptions from the tax 24 25

E. It is not the intention of any taxing authority to levy a tax upon articles of tangible personal property <u>or digital products</u> imported into this state, or produced or manufactured in this state, for export; nor is it the intention of any taxing authority to levy a tax on bona fide interstate commerce; however, nothing herein shall prevent the collection of the taxes due on sales of tangible personal property <u>or digital</u>

products into this state which are promoted through the use of catalogs and other means of sales promotion and for which federal legislation or federal jurisprudence enables the enforcement of the sales tax of a taxing authority upon the conduct of such business. It is, however, the intention of the taxing authorities to levy a tax on the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage to be used or consumed in this state, of tangible personal property or digital products after it has they have come to rest in this state and has become a part of the mass of property in this state. At such time as When federal legislation or federal jurisprudence as to sales in interstate commerce promoted through the use of catalogs and other means of sales promotions enables the enforcement of this Chapter or any other law or local ordinance imposing a sales tax against vendors that have no other nexus with the taxing jurisdiction, the following provisions shall apply to such sales on which sales and use tax would not otherwise be collected.

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§305.5. Exemptions; business use of software and digital products

- A.(1) The sales and use tax imposed by taxing authorities shall not apply to computer software or prewritten computer software access services, information services, or digital products when all of the following conditions are met:
- (a) The service or product is purchased or licensed exclusively for commercial purposes.
- (b) The service or product is used by the business directly in the production of goods or services for sale to its customers.
- (c) The goods or services produced and sold by the business are subject to sales and use tax.
- (2) The exemption provided in this Subsection shall not apply to computer software or computer software access services not directly involved in the production of goods or services for the customers of the business.
- B. The use tax imposed by taxing authorities shall not apply to the use of digital products that are created solely for the business needs of the person who

1	created the digital products and are not the type of digital products that are offered
2	for sale.
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4	§305.10. Exclusions and exemptions; property purchase purchased for first use
5	outside the state
6	A. There shall be no sales or use tax due upon the sale at retail or use of
7	tangible personal property, including diesel fuel, or digital products purchased within
8	or imported into Louisiana for first use exclusively beyond the territorial limits of
9	Louisiana as specifically provided hereinafter in this Section.
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11	C.(1) If the first use of tangible personal property or digital products
12	purchased within or imported into Louisiana occurs offshore beyond the territorial
13	limits of any state, the exemption provided herein in this Section shall apply only if
14	either of the following conditions are met:
15	(1) (a) The purchaser or importer has determined the location of the first use
16	of the tangible personal property or digital product at the time of its purchase and has
17	notified the vendor of that location; or.
18	(2) (b) The purchaser or importer has not determined the intended offshore
19	location of first use at the time of purchase or importation, but has obtained from the
20	secretary of the Department of Revenue an "offshore registration number"
21	authorizing him to claim the exemption under the following conditions provided in
22	this Paragraph:
23	(a) Said (i) The offshore registration number shall be issued only if the
24	purchaser or importer has shown, to the satisfaction of the secretary, that records,
25	reports, and business practices are sufficient to permit verification that tangible
26	personal property or a digital product purchased or imported tax-free under pursuant
27	to this Subsection is, in fact, being purchased or imported for use offshore beyond
28	the territorial limits of any state. In cases of purchases of fungible goods, including
29	vessel fuel and lubricants, the required records shall include purchase invoices,

vessel logs, fuel usage records, fuel transfer records, and other reports and records that will enable the secretary to determine the amount of fungible goods consumed within Louisiana so as to be subject to the sales and use tax, and the amount of fungible goods delivered to or consumed at offshore locations beyond the territorial limits of the state, so as not to be subject to the sales and use tax. For the purpose purposes of the this Section, the term "fungible goods" means goods of which any unit is unidentifiable and is, from its nature or by mercantile custom, treated as the equivalent of any other unit and shall include crude petroleum and its refined products.

(b) (ii) The offshore registration number issued by the secretary under pursuant to this Subsection may be revoked by the secretary at any time if the purchaser or importer fails to meet the conditions set herein, or if the secretary finds that the purchaser or importer is consistently using the certificate to purchase or import tax-free tangible personal property or digital products for first use in state.

(c) (iii) If the offshore registration number is revoked, all tangible personal property or digital products purchased or imported tax-free under this Paragraph and in the possession of the purchaser or importer within this state shall be deemed taxable unless otherwise exempt under pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. If the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph are not complied with, any subsequent purchase or import of tangible personal property will be taxable, whether for instate or offshore use, until the certificate and offshore number are reissued.

(d) (iv) Whenever there is a conflict between a purchaser or importer and the secretary as to whether an offshore registration number shall be issued, reissued, or revoked, it shall be the responsibility of the purchaser or importer to show that he meets the conditions and requirements set herein provided in this Section for having and retaining said the certificate and offshore registration number.

(3) (2) Except for purchases or importation of tangible personal property or digital products in accordance with Paragraphs (1) and (2) Subparagraphs (1)(a) and

(1)(b) of this Subsection, any purchase or importation of property is taxable at the time of purchase or import unless otherwise exempt.

D. If tangible personal property <u>or digital products</u> purchased or imported tax-free <u>under pursuant to</u> the provisions of this Section <u>is are</u> subsequently used for any taxable purpose within the state, use tax shall be paid by the purchaser or importer as of the time of its use in this state. Storage of property purchased or imported tax-free <u>under pursuant to</u> this Section which is ultimately used in another state will be considered a "subsequent use for a taxable purpose".

E. If tangible personal property or digital products purchased within or imported into the state tax-free under pursuant to the provisions of this Section is are later returned to Louisiana for use for a taxable purpose, the property shall be subject to the Louisiana use tax as of the time it is brought into the state, subject to the credit provided in R.S. 47:303(A).

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§305.14. Exclusions and exemptions; nonprofit organizations; nature of exemption; limitations; qualifications; newspapers; determination of tax exempt status

A.(1)(a) The sales and use taxes imposed by taxing authorities shall not apply to sales of tangible personal property or digital products at, or admission charges for, outside gate admissions to, or parking fees associated with, events sponsored by domestic, civic, educational, historical, charitable, fraternal, or religious organizations, which are nonprofit, when the entire proceeds, except for necessary expenses such as fees paid for guest speakers, chair and table rentals, and food and beverage utility related items connected therewith, are used for educational, charitable, religious, or historical restoration purposes, including the furtherance of the civic, educational, historical, charitable, fraternal, or religious purpose of the organization. In addition, newspapers published in this state by religious organizations shall also be exempt from such taxes, provided that the price paid for

1	the newspaper or a subscription to the newspaper does not exceed the cost to publish
2	such the newspaper.
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4	(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for purposes
5	of state and political subdivision sales and use tax, "sales and use" shall not mean the
6	purchase of tangible personal property, digital products, or taxable services, by
7	nonprofit literacy organizations in compliance with the court order from the Dodd
8	Brumfield decision and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, limited to
9	books, workbooks, computers, computer software, films, videos, and audio tapes.
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11	§305.38. Exclusions and exemptions; sheltered workshop or supported employment
12	provider for persons with intellectual disabilities
13	The sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage
14	for use or consumption in this state of each item or article of tangible personal
15	property or digital products by a sheltered workshop or a supported employment
16	provider as defined in R.S. 39:1604.4 for persons with intellectual disabilities
17	licensed by the Department of Children and Family Services as a day developmental
18	training center for persons with intellectual disabilities shall not be subject to the
19	sales and use taxes levied by the state or by any political subdivision thereof.
20	* * *
21	§305.53. Exclusions and exemptions; sickle cell disease organizations
22	A. The sale at retail, the rental or lease, the use, the consumption, the
23	distribution, and the storage for use or consumption in this state of each item or
24	article of tangible personal property, or digital product, or any taxable service, by a
25	nonprofit organization established prior to 1975 which conducts a comprehensive
26	program on sickle cell disease which includes but is not limited to free education,

free testing, free counseling, and free prescriptions, transportation, and food

1	packages for sickle cell patients shall not be subject to the sales and use taxes levied
2	by the state or by any other tax taxing authority.
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4	§305.54. Exemption; Annual Louisiana Sales Tax Holidays Act
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6	B.(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions provision of law to the contrary,
7	the sales tax levied by the state of Louisiana and its political subdivisions whose
8	boundaries are coterminous with those of the state shall not apply to the first two
9	thousand five hundred dollars of the sales price or cost price of any consumer
10	purchases of tangible personal property or digital products that occur on the first
11	consecutive Friday and Saturday of August each year.
12	(2) For purposes of this Section, "consumer purchases" shall mean purchases
13	of items of tangible personal property or digital products other than vehicles subject
14	to license and title. Consumer purchases shall not include the purchase of meals
15	furnished for consumption on the premises where purchased, including to-go orders.
16	C. This provision will apply if and only if during the time period provided
17	for in Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section, one of the following occurs:
18	(1) Title to or possession of an item of tangible personal property or a digital
19	product is transferred from a selling dealer to a purchaser.
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21	§306.5. Annual reporting requirement
22	A.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, transactions
23	listed in Subsection B of this Section involving sales of tangible personal property,
24	digital products, or services that are not subject to state sales and use tax pursuant to
25	the exclusions and exemptions provided by law shall be subject to an annual
26	reporting requirement based on transactions occurring during the previous fiscal
27	year, beginning on July first of the preceding year and ending on June thirtieth of the
28	current year.

1 (2) The annual report shall include all of the following information: 2 3 (c) Annual gross sales of tangible personal property, digital products, or 4 services that are not subject to state sales and use tax pursuant to the exclusions and 5 exemptions provided for in Subsection B of this Section. 6 7 §307. Collector's authority to determine the tax in certain cases 8 A. In the event any dealer fails to make a report and pay the tax as provided 9 in this Chapter or in case the dealer makes a grossly incorrect report or a report that 10 is false or fraudulent, the collector shall make an estimate of the retail sales of such 11 the dealer for the taxable period, of the gross proceeds from rentals or leases of 12 tangible personal property by the dealer, or the cost price of all articles of tangible 13 personal property or digital products imported by the dealer for use or consumption 14 or distribution or storage to be used or consumed in this state, and of the gross 15 amounts paid or charged for services taxable; and it shall be the duty of the collector 16 to assess and collect the tax together with any interest and penalty that may have 17 accrued thereon, which assessment shall be considered prima facie correct and the 18 burden to show the contrary shall rest upon the dealer. 19 B. In the event the dealer has imported tangible personal property or digital 20 products and he fails to produce an invoice showing the cost price of the articles 21 which are subject to tax, or the invoice does not reflect the true or actual cost, then 22 the collector shall ascertain in any manner feasible the true cost price and shall assess 23 and collect the tax, together with any interest and penalties that may have accrued, 24 on the basis of the true cost as assessed by him. The assessment so made shall be considered prima facie correct, and the burden shall be on the dealer to show the 25 26 contrary. 27 C. In the case of the lease or rental of tangible personal property or digital 28 products, if the consideration given or reported by the dealer does not, in the 29 judgment of the collector, represent the true or actual consideration, then the

1	collector is authorized to ascertain in any manner feasible the true or actual
2	consideration and assess and collect the tax thereon together with any interest and
3	penalties that may have accrued. The assessment so made shall be considered prima
4	facie correct and the burden shall be on the dealer to show the contrary.
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6	§309. Dealers required to keep records
7	A.(1) Every dealer required to make a report and pay any tax under pursuant
8	to this Chapter shall keep and preserve suitable records of the sales, purchases, or
9	leases taxable under pursuant to this Chapter, and such other books of accounts as
10	may be necessary to determine the amount of tax due hereunder, and other
11	information as may be required by the secretary; and each dealer shall secure,
12	maintain, and keep, until the taxes to which they relate have prescribed, a complete
13	record of tangible personal property or digital products received, used, sold at retail,
14	distributed, or stored, leased, or rented, within this state by the said dealer, together
15	with invoices, bills of lading, and other pertinent records and papers as may be
16	required by the secretary for the reasonable administration of this Chapter, and a
17	complete record of all sales or purchases of services taxable under pursuant to this
18	Chapter until the taxes to which they relate have prescribed.
19	* * *
20	§309.1. Sales in Louisiana of tangible personal property, digital products, and
21	taxable services by a dealer or remote retailer; the provision of lists, notices,
22	and statements by a dealer or remote retailer
23	* * *
24	B. Definitions. As used in this Section, the following words and phrases have
25	the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
26	(1) "Louisiana purchaser" or "purchaser" means a person who purchases
27	tangible personal property, digital products, or taxable services in a transaction with
28	a remote retailer for property or a service that is delivered for use or benefit in

1 Louisiana, and no Louisiana sales and use tax was collected or paid on the 2 transaction. (2) "Remote retailer" or "retailer" means a retailer that purposefully avails 3 4 itself in any way of the benefits of an economic market in Louisiana or who has any 5 other minimum contacts with the state and who meets all of the following criteria: 6 7 (b) Makes retail sales of tangible personal property, digital products, or 8 taxable services where the property is delivered into Louisiana or the beneficial use 9 of the service occurs in Louisiana, and the cumulative annual gross receipts for the 10 retailer and its affiliates from those sales exceeds fifty thousand dollars per calendar 11 year. 12 D. Annual statement submitted by remote retailer. By March first of each 13 14 year, a remote retailer who made retail sales of tangible personal property, digital 15 products, or taxable services to Louisiana purchasers in the immediately preceding 16 calendar year shall file with the secretary an annual statement for each purchaser 17 which includes the total amount paid by the purchaser to that retailer in the 18 immediately preceding calendar year. Under no circumstances shall the statement 19 contain detail as to specific property or services purchased, but it shall include the 20 total amount paid. The statement shall be submitted on forms to be developed and 21 provided by the secretary. The secretary is authorized to may require the electronic 22 filing of statements by a remote retailer who had sales in Louisiana in excess of one 23 hundred thousand dollars in the immediately preceding calendar year. 24 25 §310. Wholesalers and jobbers required to keep records 26 A. All wholesale dealers and jobbers in this state shall keep a record of all 27 sales of tangible personal property or digital products made in this state whether such 28 the sales be for cash or on terms of credit. These records shall contain and include

the name and address of the purchaser, the date of the purchase, the article

purchased, and the price at which the article is sold to the purchaser. These records shall be kept until the taxes to which they relate have prescribed and shall be open to the inspection of the secretary at all reasonable hours.

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§312. Failure to pay tax on imported tangible personal property or digital products; grounds for attachment

A. The failure of any dealer to pay the tax and any interest, penalties, or costs due under pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter on any tangible personal property or digital products imported from outside the state for use, consumption, distribution, or storage to be used in this state, or imported for the purpose of leasing or renting the same, shall make the tax, interest, penalties, or costs ipso facto delinquent. This failure shall moreover be a sufficient ground for the attachment of the personal property imported wherever it may be found, whether the delinquent taxpayer is a resident or nonresident, and whether the property is in the possession of the delinquent taxpayer or in the possession of other persons.

<u>B.</u> It is the intention of this law to prevent the disposition of the said tangible personal property <u>or digital products</u> in order to insure payment of the tax imposed by this Chapter, together with interest, penalties and costs, and authority to attach is hereby specifically granted to the collector. The procedure prescribed by law in attachment proceedings shall be followed except that no bond shall be required of the State state.

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§314. Failure to pay tax; rule to cease business

Failure to pay any tax due as provided in this Chapter shall ipso facto, without demand or putting in default, cause the tax, interest, penalties, and costs to become immediately delinquent, and the collector has the authority, on motion in a court of competent jurisdiction, to take a rule on the dealer, to show cause in not less than two or more than ten days, exclusive of holidays, why the dealer should not be ordered to cease from further pursuit of business as a dealer. This rule may be tried

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out of term and in chambers, and shall always be tried by preference. If the rule is made absolute, the order rendered thereon shall be considered a judgment in favor of the state, prohibiting the dealer from the further pursuit of said the business until such time as he has paid the delinquent tax, interest, penalties, and costs, and every violation of the injunction shall be considered as a contempt of court; and punished according to law. For the purpose purposes of the enforcement of this Chapter and the collection of the tax levied hereunder, it is presumed that all tangible personal property and digital products imported or held in this state by any dealer is are to be sold at retail, used or consumed, or stored for use or consumption in this state, or leased or rented within this state, and is are subject to the tax herein levied; this presumption shall be prima facie only, and subject to proof furnished to the collector.

§315. Sales returned to dealer; credit or refund of tax

A. Whenever tangible personal property or digital products are sold is and returned to the dealer by the purchaser or consumer, or in the event the amount paid or charged for services is refunded or credited to the purchaser or consumer after the tax imposed by this Chapter has been collected, or charged to the account of the purchaser, consumer, or user, the dealer shall be entitled to reimbursement of the amount of tax so collected or charged by him, in the manner prescribed by the collector; and in case if the tax has not been remitted by the dealer to the collector, the dealer may deduct the same in submitting his return. Upon receipt of a signed statement of the dealer as to the gross amount of such refunds during the period covered by the signed statement, which period shall not be longer than ninety days, the collector shall issue to the dealer an official credit memorandum equal to the net amount remitted by the dealer for the tax collected. This memorandum shall be accepted by the collector at full face value from the dealer to whom it is issued, in the remittance for subsequent taxes accrued under pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter. In cases where a dealer has retired from business and has filed a final return, a refund of tax may be made if it can be established to the satisfaction of the collector that the tax paid was not due.

B.(1) Whenever the unpaid balance of an account due to the dealer for the purchase of tangible personal property, digital products, or the sale of services subject to sales taxation has been found to be bad in accordance with Section 166 of the United States Internal Revenue Code and has actually been charged off for federal income tax purposes, the dealer shall be entitled to reimbursement of the amount of tax previously paid by the dealer on such amounts.

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§315.3. Sales tax refund; sales and rentals covered by Medicare

A. Any person who has paid sales and use taxes, levied by the state and any other taxing authorities in the state, upon the sale, lease, or rental of tangible personal property or digital products when such the sale, lease, or rental is paid by or under pursuant to the provisions of Medicare, shall be entitled to reimbursement of the amount of tax paid on such property those items of property or products. Upon receipt of a signed statement of such a person as to the amount of taxes paid under pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter on such tangible personal property or digital products and upon proof of payment by or under pursuant to the provisions of Medicare, the secretary and the appropriate taxing authorities shall make a refund to such the person in the amount to which he is entitled.

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§315.5. Sales tax refund; nonprofits employing or training persons with workplace disabilities or disadvantages

A. A qualified charitable institution which submits an application to the secretary of the Department of Revenue shall receive an exemption in the form of a restricted refund of the sales and use tax of the state which the institution has collected on the sale of donated tangible personal property, digital products, or items made from such donated property; provided that, the refund is used exclusively in this state for land acquisition, capital construction, or equipment, or debt service related thereto, and/or; or job training, job placement, employment, or other related community services and support program costs.

1	B. As used in this Section, "qualified charitable institution" means an
2	organization which meets the following criteria:
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4	(3) It routinely sells donated tangible personal property, digital products, or
5	items made from such donated property.
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9	(c) Once approved, the charitable institution shall file sales tax returns as
10	required reporting the total state sales tax it has collected and take a deduction
11	therefrom for the amount of state sales tax collected on qualifying exempt sales of
12	donated tangible personal property, digital products, or items made from donated
13	tangible personal property.
14	* * *
15	§321. Imposition of tax
16	A. In addition to the tax levied by R.S. 47:302(A), 321.1(A), and 331(A) and
17	collected under pursuant to the provisions of Chapter Chapters 2 and 2B of this
18	Subtitle H of this Title, there is hereby levied an additional tax upon the sale at retail,
19	the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage for use or consumption in
20	this state of each item or article of tangible personal property or digital product, as
21	defined in Chapter 2 of this Subtitle H of this Title. The levy of said the tax shall be
22	as follows:
23	(1) At the rate of one percent of the sales price of each item or article of
24	tangible personal property or digital product when sold at retail in this state except
25	for prepaid calling service and prepaid wireless calling service, the tax to be
26	computed on gross sales for the purpose of remitting the amount of tax to the state,
27	and to include each and every retail sale.
28	(2) At the rate of one percent of the cost price of each item or article of
29	tangible personal property or digital product except for prepaid calling service and

2	distributed, or stored for use or consumption in this state, provided that there shall
3	be no duplication of the tax.
4	B. In addition to the tax levied by R.S. 47:302(B), 321.1(B), and 331(B) and
5	collected under pursuant to the provisions of Chapter Chapters 2 and 2B of this
6	Subtitle H of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, there is hereby
7	levied a tax upon the lease or rental within this state of each item or article of
8	tangible personal property or digital product, as defined by said in Chapter 2 of this
9	Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950; the levy of said the
10	tax to be as follows:
11	(1) At the rate of one percent of the gross proceeds derived from the lease
12	or rental of tangible personal property or digital product, as defined in Chapter 2 of
13	this Subtitle H of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, where the lease
14	or rental of such the property or product is in an established business, or part of an
15	established business, or the same is incidental or germane to the business.
16	(2) At the rate of one percent of the monthly lease or rental price paid by a
17	lessee or rentee, or contracted or agreed to be paid by a lessee or rentee, to the owner
18	of the tangible personal property or digital product.
19	* * *
20	P. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including but
21	not limited to any contrary provisions of this Chapter, beginning July 1, 2018,
22	through June 30, 2025, there shall be no exemptions and no exclusions to the tax
23	levied pursuant to the provisions of this Section, except for the retail sale, use,
24	consumption, distribution, or storage for use or consumption of the following:
25	* * *
26	(9) Installation charges on tangible personal property and digital products as
27	provided in R.S. 47:301(3)(a).
28	* * *

prepaid wireless calling service when the same is not sold but is used, consumed,

1	(13) Sales, leases, or rentals of tangible personal property and digital
2	products paid by or under the provisions of Medicare as provided in R.S. 47:315.3.
3	* * *
4	(17) Tangible personal property and digital products that are sold or donated
5	to a food bank as provided in R.S. 47:301(10)(j) and (18)(a)(i).
6	* * *
7	(23) Sales, purchases, and leases of tangible personal property and digital
8	products by free hospitals as provided in R.S. 47:301(7)(e), (10)(p), and (18)(c).
9	* * *
10	(25) Tangible personal property and digital products for resale as provided
11	in R.S. 47:301(10)(a)(i).
12	* * *
13	(27) Isolated or occasional sales of tangible personal property and digital
14	products by a person not engaged in such business as provided in R.S. 47:301(1) and
15	(10)(c)(ii)(bb).
16	* * *
17	(30) An article traded in on the purchase of tangible personal property or a
18	digital product as provided in R.S. 47:301(13)(a).
19	* * *
20	(33) Credit for sales and use taxes paid to another state on tangible personal
21	property and digital products imported in Louisiana as provided in R.S.
22	47:303(A)(3)(a).
23	* * *
24	(56) Transactions in interstate commerce and tangible personal property and
25	digital products imported into this state, or produced or manufactured in this state,
26	for export as provided in R.S. 47:305(E).
27	* * *

1	(66) Sales, leases, and rentals of tangible personal property and digital
2	products to Boys State of Louisiana, Inc. and Girls State of Louisiana, Inc. as
3	provided in R.S. 47:301(7)(g) and (10)(r).
4	* * *
5	(81) Sales of admissions, parking fees, and sales of tangible personal
6	property and digital products at events sponsored by domestic, civic, educational,
7	historical, charitable, fraternal, or religious nonprofit organizations as provided in
8	R.S. 47:305.14(A)(1).
9	* * *
10	(109) Sales of tangible personal property, digital products, and services at
1	certain public facilities as provided in R.S. 39:467 and 468.
12	* * *
13	(114) Purchases of tangible personal property and digital products pursuant
14	to the sales tax holiday as provided in R.S. 47:305.74.
15	* * *
16	Q. The provisions of Subsection P of this Section shall supercede and control
17	to the extent of conflict with any other provision of law beginning July 1, 2018,
18	through June 30, 2025. Digital products shall be taxed in the same manner as any
19	complementary tangible personal property or service included in Subsection P of this
20	Section.
21	§321.1. Imposition of tax
22	A. In addition to the tax levied by R.S. 47:302(A), 321(A), and 331(A) and
23	collected under pursuant to the provisions of Chapter Chapters 2 and 2B of this
24	Subtitle, there is hereby levied an additional tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the
25	consumption, the distribution, and the storage for use or consumption in this state of
26	each item or article of tangible personal property or digital product as defined in
27	Chapter 2 of this Subtitle. The levy of said the tax shall be as follows:
28	(1) At the rate of forty-five hundredths of one percent of the sales price of
29	each item or article of tangible personal property or digital product when sold at

2	the amount of tax to the state, and to include each and every retail sale.
3	(2) At the rate of forty-five hundredths of one percent of the cost price of
4	each item or article of tangible personal property or digital product when the same
5	is not sold but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in this
6	state, provided that there shall be no duplication of the tax.
7	B. In addition to the tax levied by R.S. 47:302(B), 321(B), and 331(B) and
8	collected under pursuant to the provisions of Chapter Chapters 2 and 2B of this
9	Subtitle, there is hereby levied a tax upon the lease or rental within this state of each
10	item or article of tangible personal property or digital product, as defined by Chapter
11	2 of this Subtitle; the levy of the tax to be as follows:
12	(1) At the rate of forty-five hundredths of one percent of the gross proceeds
13	derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property or digital product, as
14	defined in Chapter 2 of this Subtitle, where the lease or rental of such the property
15	or product is in an established business, or part of an established business, or the
16	same is incidental or germane to the business.
17	(2) At the rate of forty-five hundredths of one percent of the monthly lease
18	or rental price paid by a lessee or rentee, or contracted or agreed to be paid by a
19	lessee or rentee, to the owner of the tangible personal property or digital product.
20	* * *
21	I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including but
22	not limited to any contrary provisions of this Chapter, beginning July 1, 2018,
23	through June 30, 2025, there shall be no exemptions and no exclusions to the tax
24	levied pursuant to the provisions of this Section, except for the retail sale, use,
25	consumption, distribution, or storage for use or consumption of the following:
26	* * *
27	(9) Installation charges on tangible personal property and digital products as
28	provided in R.S. 47:301(3)(a).
29	* * *

retail in this state, the tax to be computed on gross sales for the purpose of remitting

1	(13) Sales, leases, or rentals of tangible personal property and digital
2	products paid by or under the provisions of Medicare as provided in R.S. 47:315.3.
3	* * *
4	(17) Tangible personal property and digital products that are sold or donated
5	to a food bank as provided in R.S. 47:301(10)(j) and (18)(a)(i).
6	* * *
7	(23) Sales, purchases, and leases of tangible personal property and digital
8	products by free hospitals as provided in R.S. 47:301(7)(e), (10)(p), and (18)(c).
9	* * *
10	(25) Tangible personal property and digital products for resale as provided
11	in R.S. 47:301(10)(a)(i).
12	* * *
13	(27) Isolated or occasional sales of tangible personal property and digital
14	products by a person not engaged in such business as provided in R.S. 47:301(1) and
15	(10)(c)(ii)(bb).
16	* * *
17	(30) An article traded in on the purchase of tangible personal property or a
18	digital product as provided in R.S. 47:301(13)(a).
19	* * *
20	(33) Credit for sales and use taxes paid to another state on tangible personal
21	property and digital products imported in Louisiana as provided in R.S.
22	47:303(A)(3)(a).
23	* * *
24	(56) Transactions in interstate commerce and tangible personal property and
25	digital products imported into this state, or produced or manufactured in this state,
26	for export as provided in R.S. 47:305(E).
77	* * *

1	(66) Sales, leases, and rentals of tangible personal property and digital
2	products to Boys State of Louisiana, Inc. and Girls State of Louisiana, Inc. as
3	provided in R.S. 47:301(7)(g) and (10)(r).
4	* * *
5	(81) Sales of admissions, parking fees, and sales of tangible personal
6	property and digital products at events sponsored by domestic, civic, educational,
7	historical, charitable, fraternal, or religious nonprofit organizations as provided in
8	R.S. 47:305.14(A)(1).
9	* * *
10	(109) Sales of tangible personal property, digital products, and services at
11	certain public facilities as provided in R.S. 39:467 and 468.
12	* * *
13	(114) Purchases of tangible personal property and digital products pursuant
14	to the sales tax holiday as provided in R.S. 47:305.74.
15	* * *
16	J. The provisions of Subsection I of this Section shall supercede and control
17	to the extent of conflict with any other provision of law beginning July 1, 2018,
18	through June 30, 2025. <u>Digital products shall be taxed in the same manner as any</u>
19	complementary tangible personal property or service included in Subsection I of this
20	Section.
21	* * *
22	§331. Imposition of tax
23	A. In addition to the tax levied by R.S. 47:302(A), 321(A), and 321.1(A) and
24	collected under pursuant to the provisions of Chapter Chapters 2 and 2A of this
25	Subtitle H of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, there is hereby
26	levied an additional tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the
27	distribution, and the storage for use or consumption in this state of each item or
28	article of tangible personal property or digital product, as defined in Chapter 2 of this

1	Subtitle H of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950; the. The levy of
2	said tax to the tax shall be as follows:
3	(1) At the rate of ninety-seven one hundredths of one percentum percent of
4	the sales price of each item or article of tangible personal property or digital product
5	when sold at retail in this state, the tax to be computed on gross sales for the purpose
6	of remitting the amount of tax to the state, and to include each and every retail sale.
7	(2) At the rate of ninety-seven one hundredths of one percentum percent of
8	the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property or digital product
9	when the same is not sold but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or
10	consumption in this state, provided that there shall be no duplication of the tax.
11	B. In addition to the tax levied by R.S. 47:302(B), 321(B), and 321.1(B) and
12	collected under pursuant to the provisions of Chapter Chapters 2 and 2A of this
13	Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, there is hereby
14	levied a tax upon the lease or rental within this state of each item or article of
15	tangible personal property or digital product, as defined by said in Chapter 2 of this
16	Subtitle H of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950; the. The levy of
17	said tax to the tax shall be as follows:
18	(1) At the rate of ninety-seven one hundredths of one percentum percent of
19	the gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property or
20	digital product, as defined in Chapter 2 of this Subtitle H of Title 47 of the Louisiana
21	Revised Statutes of 1950, where the lease or rental of such the property or product
22	is in an established business, or part of an established business, or the same is
23	incidental or germane to the business.
24	(2) At the rate of ninety-seven one hundredths of one percentum percent of
25	the monthly lease or rental price paid by a lessee or rentee, or contracted or agreed
26	to be paid by a lessee or rentee, to the owner of the tangible personal property.
27	* * *
28	V. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including but
29	not limited to any contrary provisions of this Chapter, beginning July 1, 2018,

1	through June 30, 2025, there shall be no exemptions and no exclusions to the tax
2	levied pursuant to the provisions of this Section, except for the retail sale, use,
3	consumption, distribution, or storage for use or consumption of the following:
4	* * *
5	(9) Installation charges on tangible personal property and digital products as
6	provided in R.S. 47:301(3)(a).
7	* * *
8	(13) Sales, leases, or rentals of tangible personal property and digital
9	products paid by or under the provisions of Medicare as provided in R.S. 47:315.3.
10	* * *
11	(17) Tangible personal property and digital products that are sold or donated
12	to a food bank as provided in R.S. 47:301(10)(j) and (18)(a)(i).
13	* * *
14	(23) Sales, purchases, and leases of tangible personal property and digital
15	products by free hospitals as provided in R.S. 47:301(7)(e), (10)(p), and (18)(c).
16	* * *
17	(25) Tangible personal property and digital products for resale as provided
18	in R.S. 47:301(10)(a)(i).
19	* * *
20	(27) Isolated or occasional sales of tangible personal property and digital
21	products by a person not engaged in such business as provided in R.S. 47:301(1) and
22	(10)(c)(ii)(bb).
23	* * *
24	(30) An article traded in on the purchase of tangible personal property or a
25	digital product as provided in R.S. 47:301(13)(a).
26	* * *

1	(33) Credit for sales and use taxes paid to another state on tangible personal
2	property and digital products imported in into Louisiana as provided in R.S.
3	47:303(A)(3)(a).
4	* * *
5	(56) Transactions in interstate commerce and tangible personal property and
6	digital products imported into this state, or produced or manufactured in this state,
7	for export as provided in R.S. 47:305(E).
8	* * *
9	(66) Sales, leases, and rentals of tangible personal property and digital
10	products to Boys State of Louisiana, Inc. and Girls State of Louisiana, Inc. as
11	provided in R.S. 47:301(7)(g) and (10)(r).
12	* * *
13	(81) Sales of admissions, parking fees, and sales of tangible personal
14	property and digital products at events sponsored by domestic, civic, educational,
15	historical, charitable, fraternal, or religious nonprofit organizations as provided in
16	R.S. 47:305.14(A)(1).
17	* * *
18	(109) Sales of tangible personal property, digital products, and services at
19	certain public facilities as provided in R.S. 39:467 and 468.
20	* * *
21	(114) Purchases of tangible personal property and digital products pursuant
22	to the sales tax holiday as provided in R.S. 47:305.74.
23	* * *
24	W. The provisions of Subsection V of this Section shall supercede and
25	control to the extent of conflict with any other provision of law beginning July 1,
26	2018, through June 30, 2025. <u>Digital products shall be taxed in the same manner as</u>
27	any complementary tangible personal property or service included in Subsection V
28	of this Section.
20	* * *

1	§337.3. Imposition of political subdivision tax			
2	A.(1) A taxing authority may continue to levy sales and use taxes under			
3	authority provided for such political subdivisions by the statutes or Constitution of			
4	Louisiana.			
5	(2) A taxing authority shall levy sales and use taxes on the sale at retail, the			
6	use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage of digital products. The			
7	levy of local sales and use tax on digital products shall be subject to the definitions			
8	exclusions, and exemptions provided in Chapters 2, 2-A, and 2-B of this Subtitle.			
9	* * *			
10	§340.1. Marketplace facilitators; collection and remittance of state and local sales			
11	and use tax			
12	A. Definitions. For purposes of this Section, the following words and phrases			
13	shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:			
14	* * *			
15	(3) "Marketplace" means any physical or electronic platform or forum,			
16	owned, operated, or otherwise controlled by the marketplace facilitator, through			
17	which a marketplace seller may sell or offer for sale tangible personal property,			
18	digital products, or sales of services for delivery into Louisiana.			
19	* * *			
20	(5) "Marketplace seller" means a person who sells or offers for sale tangible			
21	personal property, digital products, or sales of services for delivery into Louisiana			
22	through a marketplace that is owned, operated, or controlled by a marketplace			
23	facilitator.			
24	* * *			
25	Section 2. R.S. 51:1286(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:			
26	§1286. Sales and use tax			
27	* * *			
28	B. The tax so authorized <u>pursuant to this Section</u> shall be imposed by			
29	ordinance adopted by the district without the need of an election and shall be levied			

1 upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the distribution, the consumption, 2 and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property, digital 3 products, and on sales of services in the state of Louisiana, as now or hereafter 4 defined in and as provided by Chapter 2 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, subject to the exemptions and suspensions of exemptions 5 6 to the same extent that such the exemptions and suspensions of exemptions now or 7 hereafter apply to the tax levied in R.S. 47:331. 8 9 Section 3. R.S. 47:301(16)(h) and (p) and (23) are hereby repealed in their entirety. 10 Section 4. The provisions of this Act shall apply to taxable periods beginning on or 11 after January 1, 2025.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect and become operative if and when the Act which originated as House Bill No. 1 of this 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature is enacted and becomes effective.

DIGEST

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HB 8 Reengrossed

2024 Third Extraordinary Session

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Abstract: Levies sales and use taxes on certain digital products and digital services.

<u>Present law</u> imposes a state sales and use tax upon the sale, use, lease, or rental of tangible personal property, and upon the sale of certain services, which tax is composed of the following levies in the following amounts:

R.S. 47:302	 2.00%
R.S. 47:321	 1.00%
R.S. 47:321.1	 0.45%
R.S. 47:331	 0.97%
R.S. 51:1286	 0.03%

Present law terminates the 0.45% sales and use tax levy effective July 1, 2025.

<u>Present law</u> provides for general conformity of sales and use tax bases (the sets of goods and services subject to tax) of local taxing authorities with the state's sales and use tax base; but authorizes local taxing authorities, individually, to adopt certain sales and use tax exemptions for particular goods and services, allowing for dissimilarity between local bases and the state's base.

<u>Proposed law</u> imposes sales and use tax on certain digital products and digital services as defined and provided for in proposed law.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that "digital product" means digital audiovisual works, digital audio works, digital books, digital codes, digital applications and games, digital periodicals and discussion forums, all as defined in <u>proposed law</u>, and any other otherwise-taxable tangible personal property transferred electronically, whether digitally delivered, streamed, or accessed and whether purchased singly, by subscription, or in any other manner, including maintenance, updates, and support.

Proposed law stipulates that "digital product" shall not include any of the following:

- (1) Any intangible such as a patent, stock, bond, goodwill, trademark, franchise, or copyright.
- (2) Telecommunications services and ancillary services as defined in <u>present law</u> and <u>proposed law</u>.
- (3) Internet access service charges.
- (4) The representation of a work product resulting from a professional service, as described in <u>present law</u>, in an electronic form, such as an electronic copy of an engineering report prepared by an engineer that primarily involves the application of human effort, and the human effort originated after the customer requested the service.
- (5) A product having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities where the purchaser holds a copyright or other intellectual property interest in the product, in whole or part, if the purchaser uses the product solely for commercial purposes, including advertising or other marketing activities.
- (6) Cable television services, direct-to-home satellite services, video programming services, or satellite digital audio radio services

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that for purposes of sales and use tax administration, the Dept. of Revenue shall not consider a person's ownership of, or rights in, digital products residing on servers located in this state in determining whether the person has substantial nexus with this state. Provides that for purposes of <u>proposed law</u>, "substantial nexus" means the requisite connection that a person has with a state to allow the state to subject the person to the state's taxing authority, consistent with the commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution.

<u>Proposed law</u> encompasses provisions addressing bundled transactions. Stipulates that in the case of the sale of a digital code that provides a purchaser with the right to obtain more than one digital product, and which may also include the right to obtain other products or services, and all of the products and services, digital or otherwise, to be obtained through the use of the code do not have the same sales and use tax treatment, both of the following shall apply:

- (1) The transaction shall be deemed to be the sale of the products and services to be obtained through the use of the code.
- (2) The sales and use tax shall apply to the entire selling price of the code, except as otherwise provided in proposed law.

<u>Proposed law</u> establishes sourcing rules for purposes of collecting sales and use taxes, or remitting sales taxes to the appropriate taxing jurisdictions, on sales of tangible personal property, digital products, and services.

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Proposed law establishes the following exemptions from state and local sales and use taxes:

- (1) A sales and use tax exemption for computer software or prewritten computer software access services, information services, and digital products when all of the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The service or product is purchased or licensed exclusively for commercial purposes.
 - (b) The service or product is used by the business directly in the production of goods or services for sale to its customers.
 - (c) The goods or services produced and sold by the business are subject to sales and use tax.
- (2) A use tax exemption for digital products created solely for the business needs of the person who created the digital products and are not the type of digital products that are offered for sale.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that with respect to digital products, "sale" means the first act within this state by which the taxpayer, as a consumer, views, accesses, downloads, possesses, stores, opens, manipulates, or otherwise uses or enjoys the product.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that with respect to digital services, "sale" means the first act within this state by which the taxpayer, as a consumer, uses, enjoys, or otherwise receives the benefit of the service.

<u>Proposed law</u> stipulates that the term "sale at retail", for purposes of <u>present law</u> and proposed law, does not include either of the following:

- (1) Consuming any digital product in producing for sale a new product or taxable service, where the digital product becomes an ingredient or component of the new product or taxable service.
- (2) Making any digital product available free of charge for the use or enjoyment of others.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds the following into the "sales of services" definition provided in <u>present</u> law, thereby subjecting these services to sales and use tax:

- (1) The furnishing of prewritten computer software access services as defined in proposed law.
- (2) The furnishing of information services as defined in proposed law.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds references to digital products alongside existing references to tangible personal property in the definitions of the following defined terms pertaining to sales and use tax provided in <u>present law</u>: "cost price", "dealer", "gross sales", "lease or rental", "purchaser", "sale", "retail sale" and "sale at retail", "sales price", "storage", "use", and "use tax".

<u>Proposed law</u> adds references to digital products alongside existing references to tangible personal property in <u>present law</u> providing for sales tax exemptions, thereby causing the exemptions to apply to digital products as well as to tangible personal property.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds references to digital products alongside existing references to tangible personal property in miscellaneous provisions of <u>present law</u> relative to sales and use tax administration.

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<u>Proposed law</u> deletes from <u>present law</u> relative to sales and use taxes the defined term "computer software" and its corresponding definition.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals from <u>present law</u> sales tax exclusions (provisions excluding certain items from the taxable base) for custom computer software and for newspapers.

Proposed law applies to taxable periods beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2025.

Effective if and when the Act which originated as HB No. 1 of this 2024 3rd E.S. becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 47:301(3)(a), (b), and (i)(i)(intro. para.) and (ii)(aa)(I)(aaa), (4)(intro. para.), (a)–(e), (h), and (i), (5), (7)(a), (g), and (i), (8)(b), (9), (10)(a)(i)–(iv), (c)(ii)(bb), (j), (l), (q)(i), (r), (s), (u), (ff), and (hh), (12), (13)(a), (14)(h)–(k), (15), (18)(a), (d)(i), (e), and (f), (19), and (29)(x)(intro. para.) and (ix), 302(A), (B), (D), (K)(1) and (2), (U), (V)(1)(intro. para.), (a), and (b)(intro. para.), (BB)(9), (13), (17), (23), (25), (27), (30), (33), (56), (66), (81), (109), and (113), and (CC), 303(A)(2) and (3)(a) and (G), 303.1(A) and (B)(1)(intro. para.) and (c) and (2)(b), 304(B), 305(E), 305.10(A) and (C)–(E), 305.14(A)(1)(a) and (5), 305.38, 305.53(A), 305.54(B) and (C)(1), 306.5(A)(1) and (2)(c), 307(A)–(C), 309(A)(1), 309.1(B)(1) and (2)(b) and (D), 310(A), 312, 314, 315(A) and (B)(1), 315.3(A), 315.5(A), (B)(3), and (C)(1)(c), 321(A), (B), (P)(9), (13), (17), (23), (25), (27), (30), (33), (56), (66), (81), (109), and (114), and (Q), 321.1(A), (B), (I)(9), (13), (17), (23), (25), (27), (30), (33), (56), (66), (81), (109), and (114), and (J), 331(A), (B), (V)(9), (13), (17), (23), (25), (27), (30), (33), (56), (66), (81), (109), and (114), and (W), 337.3(A), and 340.1(A)(3) and (5) and R.S. 51:1286(B); Adds R.S. 47:301(10)(c)(ii)(cc) and (jj), (14)(1) and (m), (32), (33), and (34), 301.3, 301.4, and 305.5; Repeals R.S. 47:301(16)(h) and (p) and (23))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Ways and Means</u> to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes and corrections.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Add references to taxable services within <u>proposed law</u> excluding digital products, in certain limited circumstances, from the definition of "sale at retail" provided in present law.
- 2. Provide that for purposes of <u>proposed law</u>, the term "digital product" shall not include cable television services, direct-to-home satellite services, video programming services, or satellite digital audio radio services.
- 3. Make the effectiveness of <u>proposed law</u> contingent upon the effectiveness of HB No. 1 of this 2024 3rd E.S.