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HOUSE BILL NO. 509

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TAX/SALES & USE: Suspends the state sales and use tax exemption for business utilities

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:302(V), 321(L), and 331(S), relative to sales and use tax; to provide for the  
3 effectiveness and applicability of the exemptions for electric power or energy,  
4 natural gas, water, and steam; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:302(V), 321(L), and 331(S) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §302. Imposition of tax

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10 (V) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for the  
11 period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, the exemptions to the tax levied by  
12 this Section for sales of steam, water, electric power, or energy, and natural gas shall  
13 be inapplicable, inoperable, and of no effect.

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15 §321. Imposition of tax

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17 (L) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for the  
18 period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, the exemptions to the tax levied by  
19 this Section for sales of steam, water, electric power, or energy, and natural gas shall  
20 be inapplicable, inoperable, and of no effect.

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1 §331. Imposition of tax

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3 (S) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for the period  
4 of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, the exemptions to the tax levied by this  
5 Section for sales of steam, water, electric power, or energy, and natural gas shall be  
6 inapplicable, inoperable, and of no effect.

7 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2015; if vetoed by the governor  
8 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
9 2015, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** For the period between July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, all state sales and use tax exemptions for sales of steam, water, electric power, or energy shall be inapplicable, inoperable, and of no effect, resulting in the imposition of these taxes on the sales of such items.

Present law authorizes the levy of a 2%, a 1%, and a .97% state tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage for use or consumption in this state of each item or article of tangible personal property.

Present law exempts sales of electric power or energy, natural gas, steam and water from imposition of these taxes.

Proposed law renders the exemptions provided in present law inapplicable, inoperable, and of no effect for all taxable years between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017.

Effective July 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 47:302(V), 321(L), and 331(S))