DIGEST

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Abstract: Repeals the state sales and use tax exemptions on food for home consumption and prescription drugs.

<u>Proposed law</u> imposes a 4% state sales and use 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 as well as certain services.

<u>Present constitution</u> and <u>present law</u> provides for an exemption from state sales and use taxes on the following:

- (1) Food sold for preparation and consumption in the home including bakery products
- (2) Dairy products
- (3) Soft drinks
- (4) Fresh fruits and vegetables
- (5) Package foods requiring further preparation by the purchaser.
- (6) Drugs prescribed by a physician or dentist

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals the <u>present law</u> exemption for food for home consumption and prescription drugs prescribed by a physician or dentist from state sales and use taxes.

Effective if and when the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of La. contained in the Act which originated as House Bill No. 81 of this 1st E.S. of 2016 of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(Repeals R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(j) and (n) through (r))