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A BILL

To amend section 5739.02 of the Revised Code to 1
exempt from sales and use taxes the sale or use 2
of investment metal bullion and coins. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5739.02 of the Revised Code be 4
amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 5739.02. For the purpose of providing revenue with 6
which to meet the needs of the state, for the use of the general 7
revenue fund of the state, for the purpose of securing a 8
thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the 9
state, for the purpose of affording revenues, in addition to 10
those from general property taxes, permitted under 11
constitutional limitations, and from other sources, for the 12
support of local governmental functions, and for the purpose of 13
reimbursing the state for the expense of administering this 14
chapter, an excise tax is hereby levied on each retail sale made 15
in this state. 16

(A) (1) The tax shall be collected as provided in section 17

5739.025 of the Revised Code. The rate of the tax shall be five 18
and three-fourths per cent. The tax applies and is collectible 19
when the sale is made, regardless of the time when the price is 20
paid or delivered. 21

(2) In the case of the lease or rental, with a fixed term 22
of more than thirty days or an indefinite term with a minimum 23
period of more than thirty days, of any motor vehicles designed 24
by the manufacturer to carry a load of not more than one ton, 25
watercraft, outboard motor, or aircraft, or of any tangible 26
personal property, other than motor vehicles designed by the 27
manufacturer to carry a load of more than one ton, to be used by 28
the lessee or renter primarily for business purposes, the tax 29
shall be collected by the vendor at the time the lease or rental 30
is consummated and shall be calculated by the vendor on the 31
basis of the total amount to be paid by the lessee or renter 32
under the lease agreement. If the total amount of the 33
consideration for the lease or rental includes amounts that are 34
not calculated at the time the lease or rental is executed, the 35
tax shall be calculated and collected by the vendor at the time 36
such amounts are billed to the lessee or renter. In the case of 37
an open-end lease or rental, the tax shall be calculated by the 38
vendor on the basis of the total amount to be paid during the 39
initial fixed term of the lease or rental, and for each 40
subsequent renewal period as it comes due. As used in this 41
division, "motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 42
4501.01 of the Revised Code, and "watercraft" includes an 43
outdrive unit attached to the watercraft. 44

A lease with a renewal clause and a termination penalty or 45
similar provision that applies if the renewal clause is not 46
exercised is presumed to be a sham transaction. In such a case, 47
the tax shall be calculated and paid on the basis of the entire 48

length of the lease period, including any renewal periods, until 49
the termination penalty or similar provision no longer applies. 50
The taxpayer shall bear the burden, by a preponderance of the 51
evidence, that the transaction or series of transactions is not 52
a sham transaction. 53

(3) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, 54
in the case of a sale, the price of which consists in whole or 55
in part of the lease or rental of tangible personal property, 56
the tax shall be measured by the installments of that lease or 57
rental. 58

(4) In the case of a sale of a physical fitness facility 59
service or recreation and sports club service, the price of 60
which consists in whole or in part of a membership for the 61
receipt of the benefit of the service, the tax applicable to the 62
sale shall be measured by the installments thereof. 63

(B) The tax does not apply to the following: 64

(1) Sales to the state or any of its political 65
subdivisions, or to any other state or its political 66
subdivisions if the laws of that state exempt from taxation 67
sales made to this state and its political subdivisions; 68

(2) Sales of food for human consumption off the premises 69
where sold; 70

(3) Sales of food sold to students only in a cafeteria, 71
dormitory, fraternity, or sorority maintained in a private, 72
public, or parochial school, college, or university; 73

(4) Sales of newspapers and sales or transfers of 74
magazines distributed as controlled circulation publications; 75

(5) The furnishing, preparing, or serving of meals without 76

charge by an employer to an employee provided the employer 77
records the meals as part compensation for services performed or 78
work done; 79

(6) Sales of motor fuel upon receipt, use, distribution, 80
or sale of which in this state a tax is imposed by the law of 81
this state, but this exemption shall not apply to the sale of 82
motor fuel on which a refund of the tax is allowable under 83
division (A) of section 5735.14 of the Revised Code; and the tax 84
commissioner may deduct the amount of tax levied by this section 85
applicable to the price of motor fuel when granting a refund of 86
motor fuel tax pursuant to division (A) of section 5735.14 of 87
the Revised Code and shall cause the amount deducted to be paid 88
into the general revenue fund of this state; 89

(7) Sales of natural gas by a natural gas company, of 90
water by a water-works company, or of steam by a heating 91
company, if in each case the thing sold is delivered to 92
consumers through pipes or conduits, and all sales of 93
communications services by a telegraph company, all terms as 94
defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code, and sales of 95
electricity delivered through wires; 96

(8) Casual sales by a person, or auctioneer employed 97
directly by the person to conduct such sales, except as to such 98
sales of motor vehicles, watercraft or outboard motors required 99
to be titled under section 1548.06 of the Revised Code, 100
watercraft documented with the United States coast guard, 101
snowmobiles, and all-purpose vehicles as defined in section 102
4519.01 of the Revised Code; 103

(9) (a) Sales of services or tangible personal property, 104
other than motor vehicles, mobile homes, and manufactured homes, 105
by churches, organizations exempt from taxation under section 106

501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or nonprofit 107
organizations operated exclusively for charitable purposes as 108
defined in division (B) (12) of this section, provided that the 109
number of days on which such tangible personal property or 110
services, other than items never subject to the tax, are sold 111
does not exceed six in any calendar year, except as otherwise 112
provided in division (B) (9) (b) of this section. If the number of 113
days on which such sales are made exceeds six in any calendar 114
year, the church or organization shall be considered to be 115
engaged in business and all subsequent sales by it shall be 116
subject to the tax. In counting the number of days, all sales by 117
groups within a church or within an organization shall be 118
considered to be sales of that church or organization. 119

(b) The limitation on the number of days on which tax- 120
exempt sales may be made by a church or organization under 121
division (B) (9) (a) of this section does not apply to sales made 122
by student clubs and other groups of students of a primary or 123
secondary school, or a parent-teacher association, booster 124
group, or similar organization that raises money to support or 125
fund curricular or extracurricular activities of a primary or 126
secondary school. 127

(c) Divisions (B) (9) (a) and (b) of this section do not 128
apply to sales by a noncommercial educational radio or 129
television broadcasting station. 130

(10) Sales not within the taxing power of this state under 131
the Constitution or laws of the United States or the 132
Constitution of this state; 133

(11) Except for transactions that are sales under division 134
(B) (3) (r) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, the 135
transportation of persons or property, unless the transportation 136

is by a private investigation and security service; 137

(12) Sales of tangible personal property or services to 138
churches, to organizations exempt from taxation under section 139
501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and to any other 140
nonprofit organizations operated exclusively for charitable 141
purposes in this state, no part of the net income of which 142
inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, 143
and no substantial part of the activities of which consists of 144
carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence 145
legislation; sales to offices administering one or more homes 146
for the aged or one or more hospital facilities exempt under 147
section 140.08 of the Revised Code; and sales to organizations 148
described in division (D) of section 5709.12 of the Revised 149
Code. 150

"Charitable purposes" means the relief of poverty; the 151
improvement of health through the alleviation of illness, 152
disease, or injury; the operation of an organization exclusively 153
for the provision of professional, laundry, printing, and 154
purchasing services to hospitals or charitable institutions; the 155
operation of a home for the aged, as defined in section 5701.13 156
of the Revised Code; the operation of a radio or television 157
broadcasting station that is licensed by the federal 158
communications commission as a noncommercial educational radio 159
or television station; the operation of a nonprofit animal 160
adoption service or a county humane society; the promotion of 161
education by an institution of learning that maintains a faculty 162
of qualified instructors, teaches regular continuous courses of 163
study, and confers a recognized diploma upon completion of a 164
specific curriculum; the operation of a parent-teacher 165
association, booster group, or similar organization primarily 166
engaged in the promotion and support of the curricular or 167

extracurricular activities of a primary or secondary school; the 168
operation of a community or area center in which presentations 169
in music, dramatics, the arts, and related fields are made in 170
order to foster public interest and education therein; the 171
production of performances in music, dramatics, and the arts; or 172
the promotion of education by an organization engaged in 173
carrying on research in, or the dissemination of, scientific and 174
technological knowledge and information primarily for the 175
public. 176

Nothing in this division shall be deemed to exempt sales 177
to any organization for use in the operation or carrying on of a 178
trade or business, or sales to a home for the aged for use in 179
the operation of independent living facilities as defined in 180
division (A) of section 5709.12 of the Revised Code. 181

(13) Building and construction materials and services sold 182
to construction contractors for incorporation into a structure 183
or improvement to real property under a construction contract 184
with this state or a political subdivision of this state, or 185
with the United States government or any of its agencies; 186
building and construction materials and services sold to 187
construction contractors for incorporation into a structure or 188
improvement to real property that are accepted for ownership by 189
this state or any of its political subdivisions, or by the 190
United States government or any of its agencies at the time of 191
completion of the structures or improvements; building and 192
construction materials sold to construction contractors for 193
incorporation into a horticulture structure or livestock 194
structure for a person engaged in the business of horticulture 195
or producing livestock; building materials and services sold to 196
a construction contractor for incorporation into a house of 197
public worship or religious education, or a building used 198

exclusively for charitable purposes under a construction 199
contract with an organization whose purpose is as described in 200
division (B) (12) of this section; building materials and 201
services sold to a construction contractor for incorporation 202
into a building under a construction contract with an 203
organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c) (3) of the 204
Internal Revenue Code of 1986 when the building is to be used 205
exclusively for the organization's exempt purposes; building and 206
construction materials sold for incorporation into the original 207
construction of a sports facility under section 307.696 of the 208
Revised Code; building and construction materials and services 209
sold to a construction contractor for incorporation into real 210
property outside this state if such materials and services, when 211
sold to a construction contractor in the state in which the real 212
property is located for incorporation into real property in that 213
state, would be exempt from a tax on sales levied by that state; 214
building and construction materials for incorporation into a 215
transportation facility pursuant to a public-private agreement 216
entered into under sections 5501.70 to 5501.83 of the Revised 217
Code; and, until one calendar year after the construction of a 218
convention center that qualifies for property tax exemption 219
under section 5709.084 of the Revised Code is completed, 220
building and construction materials and services sold to a 221
construction contractor for incorporation into the real property 222
comprising that convention center; 223

(14) Sales of ships or vessels or rail rolling stock used 224
or to be used principally in interstate or foreign commerce, and 225
repairs, alterations, fuel, and lubricants for such ships or 226
vessels or rail rolling stock; 227

(15) Sales to persons primarily engaged in any of the 228
activities mentioned in division (B) (42) (a), (g), or (h) of this 229

section, to persons engaged in making retail sales, or to 230
persons who purchase for sale from a manufacturer tangible 231
personal property that was produced by the manufacturer in 232
accordance with specific designs provided by the purchaser, of 233
packages, including material, labels, and parts for packages, 234
and of machinery, equipment, and material for use primarily in 235
packaging tangible personal property produced for sale, 236
including any machinery, equipment, and supplies used to make 237
labels or packages, to prepare packages or products for 238
labeling, or to label packages or products, by or on the order 239
of the person doing the packaging, or sold at retail. "Packages" 240
includes bags, baskets, cartons, crates, boxes, cans, bottles, 241
bindings, wrappings, and other similar devices and containers, 242
but does not include motor vehicles or bulk tanks, trailers, or 243
similar devices attached to motor vehicles. "Packaging" means 244
placing in a package. Division (B) (15) of this section does not 245
apply to persons engaged in highway transportation for hire. 246

(16) Sales of food to persons using supplemental nutrition 247
assistance program benefits to purchase the food. As used in 248
this division, "food" has the same meaning as in 7 U.S.C. 2012 249
and federal regulations adopted pursuant to the Food and 250
Nutrition Act of 2008. 251

(17) Sales to persons engaged in farming, agriculture, 252
horticulture, or floriculture, of tangible personal property for 253
use or consumption primarily in the production by farming, 254
agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture of other tangible 255
personal property for use or consumption primarily in the 256
production of tangible personal property for sale by farming, 257
agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture; or material and 258
parts for incorporation into any such tangible personal property 259
for use or consumption in production; and of tangible personal 260

property for such use or consumption in the conditioning or 261
holding of products produced by and for such use, consumption, 262
or sale by persons engaged in farming, agriculture, 263
horticulture, or floriculture, except where such property is 264
incorporated into real property; 265

(18) Sales of drugs for a human being that may be 266
dispensed only pursuant to a prescription; insulin as recognized 267
in the official United States pharmacopoeia; urine and blood 268
testing materials when used by diabetics or persons with 269
hypoglycemia to test for glucose or acetone; hypodermic syringes 270
and needles when used by diabetics for insulin injections; 271
epoetin alfa when purchased for use in the treatment of persons 272
with medical disease; hospital beds when purchased by hospitals, 273
nursing homes, or other medical facilities; and medical oxygen 274
and medical oxygen-dispensing equipment when purchased by 275
hospitals, nursing homes, or other medical facilities; 276

(19) Sales of prosthetic devices, durable medical 277
equipment for home use, or mobility enhancing equipment, when 278
made pursuant to a prescription and when such devices or 279
equipment are for use by a human being. 280

(20) Sales of emergency and fire protection vehicles and 281
equipment to nonprofit organizations for use solely in providing 282
fire protection and emergency services, including trauma care 283
and emergency medical services, for political subdivisions of 284
the state; 285

(21) Sales of tangible personal property manufactured in 286
this state, if sold by the manufacturer in this state to a 287
retailer for use in the retail business of the retailer outside 288
of this state and if possession is taken from the manufacturer 289
by the purchaser within this state for the sole purpose of 290

immediately removing the same from this state in a vehicle owned by the purchaser;	291 292
(22) Sales of services provided by the state or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, instrumentalities, institutions, or authorities, or by governmental entities of the state or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, instrumentalities, institutions, or authorities;	293 294 295 296 297
(23) Sales of motor vehicles to nonresidents of this state under the circumstances described in division (B) of section 5739.029 of the Revised Code;	298 299 300
(24) Sales to persons engaged in the preparation of eggs for sale of tangible personal property used or consumed directly in such preparation, including such tangible personal property used for cleaning, sanitizing, preserving, grading, sorting, and classifying by size; packages, including material and parts for packages, and machinery, equipment, and material for use in packaging eggs for sale; and handling and transportation equipment and parts therefor, except motor vehicles licensed to operate on public highways, used in intraplant or interplant transfers or shipment of eggs in the process of preparation for sale, when the plant or plants within or between which such transfers or shipments occur are operated by the same person. "Packages" includes containers, cases, baskets, flats, fillers, filler flats, cartons, closure materials, labels, and labeling materials, and "packaging" means placing therein.	301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309 310 311 312 313 314 315
(25) (a) Sales of water to a consumer for residential use;	316
(b) Sales of water by a nonprofit corporation engaged exclusively in the treatment, distribution, and sale of water to consumers, if such water is delivered to consumers through pipes	317 318 319

or tubing.	320
(26) Fees charged for inspection or reinspection of motor vehicles under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code;	321 322
(27) Sales to persons licensed to conduct a food service operation pursuant to section 3717.43 of the Revised Code, of tangible personal property primarily used directly for the following:	323 324 325 326
(a) To prepare food for human consumption for sale;	327
(b) To preserve food that has been or will be prepared for human consumption for sale by the food service operator, not including tangible personal property used to display food for selection by the consumer;	328 329 330 331
(c) To clean tangible personal property used to prepare or serve food for human consumption for sale.	332 333
(28) Sales of animals by nonprofit animal adoption services or county humane societies;	334 335
(29) Sales of services to a corporation described in division (A) of section 5709.72 of the Revised Code, and sales of tangible personal property that qualifies for exemption from taxation under section 5709.72 of the Revised Code;	336 337 338 339
(30) Sales and installation of agricultural land tile, as defined in division (B) (5) (a) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code;	340 341 342
(31) Sales and erection or installation of portable grain bins, as defined in division (B) (5) (b) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code;	343 344 345
(32) The sale, lease, repair, and maintenance of, parts	346

for, or items attached to or incorporated in, motor vehicles 347
that are primarily used for transporting tangible personal 348
property belonging to others by a person engaged in highway 349
transportation for hire, except for packages and packaging used 350
for the transportation of tangible personal property; 351

(33) Sales to the state headquarters of any veterans' 352
organization in this state that is either incorporated and 353
issued a charter by the congress of the United States or is 354
recognized by the United States veterans administration, for use 355
by the headquarters; 356

(34) Sales to a telecommunications service vendor, mobile 357
telecommunications service vendor, or satellite broadcasting 358
service vendor of tangible personal property and services used 359
directly and primarily in transmitting, receiving, switching, or 360
recording any interactive, one- or two-way electromagnetic 361
communications, including voice, image, data, and information, 362
through the use of any medium, including, but not limited to, 363
poles, wires, cables, switching equipment, computers, and record 364
storage devices and media, and component parts for the tangible 365
personal property. The exemption provided in this division shall 366
be in lieu of all other exemptions under division (B) (42) (a) or 367
(n) of this section to which the vendor may otherwise be 368
entitled, based upon the use of the thing purchased in providing 369
the telecommunications, mobile telecommunications, or satellite 370
broadcasting service. 371

(35) (a) Sales where the purpose of the consumer is to use 372
or consume the things transferred in making retail sales and 373
consisting of newspaper inserts, catalogues, coupons, flyers, 374
gift certificates, or other advertising material that prices and 375
describes tangible personal property offered for retail sale. 376

(b) Sales to direct marketing vendors of preliminary 377
materials such as photographs, artwork, and typesetting that 378
will be used in printing advertising material; and of printed 379
matter that offers free merchandise or chances to win sweepstake 380
prizes and that is mailed to potential customers with 381
advertising material described in division (B) (35) (a) of this 382
section; 383

(c) Sales of equipment such as telephones, computers, 384
facsimile machines, and similar tangible personal property 385
primarily used to accept orders for direct marketing retail 386
sales. 387

(d) Sales of automatic food vending machines that preserve 388
food with a shelf life of forty-five days or less by 389
refrigeration and dispense it to the consumer. 390

For purposes of division (B) (35) of this section, "direct 391
marketing" means the method of selling where consumers order 392
tangible personal property by United States mail, delivery 393
service, or telecommunication and the vendor delivers or ships 394
the tangible personal property sold to the consumer from a 395
warehouse, catalogue distribution center, or similar fulfillment 396
facility by means of the United States mail, delivery service, 397
or common carrier. 398

(36) Sales to a person engaged in the business of 399
horticulture or producing livestock of materials to be 400
incorporated into a horticulture structure or livestock 401
structure; 402

(37) Sales of personal computers, computer monitors, 403
computer keyboards, modems, and other peripheral computer 404
equipment to an individual who is licensed or certified to teach 405

in an elementary or a secondary school in this state for use by 406
that individual in preparation for teaching elementary or 407
secondary school students; 408

(38) Sales to a professional racing team of any of the 409
following: 410

(a) Motor racing vehicles; 411

(b) Repair services for motor racing vehicles; 412

(c) Items of property that are attached to or incorporated 413
in motor racing vehicles, including engines, chassis, and all 414
other components of the vehicles, and all spare, replacement, 415
and rebuilt parts or components of the vehicles; except not 416
including tires, consumable fluids, paint, and accessories 417
consisting of instrumentation sensors and related items added to 418
the vehicle to collect and transmit data by means of telemetry 419
and other forms of communication. 420

(39) Sales of used manufactured homes and used mobile 421
homes, as defined in section 5739.0210 of the Revised Code, made 422
on or after January 1, 2000; 423

(40) Sales of tangible personal property and services to a 424
provider of electricity used or consumed directly and primarily 425
in generating, transmitting, or distributing electricity for use 426
by others, including property that is or is to be incorporated 427
into and will become a part of the consumer's production, 428
transmission, or distribution system and that retains its 429
classification as tangible personal property after 430
incorporation; fuel or power used in the production, 431
transmission, or distribution of electricity; energy conversion 432
equipment as defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code; and 433
tangible personal property and services used in the repair and 434

maintenance of the production, transmission, or distribution 435
system, including only those motor vehicles as are specially 436
designed and equipped for such use. The exemption provided in 437
this division shall be in lieu of all other exemptions in 438
division (B) (42) (a) or (n) of this section to which a provider 439
of electricity may otherwise be entitled based on the use of the 440
tangible personal property or service purchased in generating, 441
transmitting, or distributing electricity. 442

(41) Sales to a person providing services under division 443
(B) (3) (r) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code of tangible 444
personal property and services used directly and primarily in 445
providing taxable services under that section. 446

(42) Sales where the purpose of the purchaser is to do any 447
of the following: 448

(a) To incorporate the thing transferred as a material or 449
a part into tangible personal property to be produced for sale 450
by manufacturing, assembling, processing, or refining; or to use 451
or consume the thing transferred directly in producing tangible 452
personal property for sale by mining, including, without 453
limitation, the extraction from the earth of all substances that 454
are classed geologically as minerals, production of crude oil 455
and natural gas, or directly in the rendition of a public 456
utility service, except that the sales tax levied by this 457
section shall be collected upon all meals, drinks, and food for 458
human consumption sold when transporting persons. Persons 459
engaged in rendering services in the exploration for, and 460
production of, crude oil and natural gas for others are deemed 461
engaged directly in the exploration for, and production of, 462
crude oil and natural gas. This paragraph does not exempt from 463
"retail sale" or "sales at retail" the sale of tangible personal 464

property that is to be incorporated into a structure or 465
improvement to real property. 466

(b) To hold the thing transferred as security for the 467
performance of an obligation of the vendor; 468

(c) To resell, hold, use, or consume the thing transferred 469
as evidence of a contract of insurance; 470

(d) To use or consume the thing directly in commercial 471
fishing; 472

(e) To incorporate the thing transferred as a material or 473
a part into, or to use or consume the thing transferred directly 474
in the production of, magazines distributed as controlled 475
circulation publications; 476

(f) To use or consume the thing transferred in the 477
production and preparation in suitable condition for market and 478
sale of printed, imprinted, overprinted, lithographic, 479
multilithic, blueprinted, photostatic, or other productions or 480
reproductions of written or graphic matter; 481

(g) To use the thing transferred, as described in section 482
5739.011 of the Revised Code, primarily in a manufacturing 483
operation to produce tangible personal property for sale; 484

(h) To use the benefit of a warranty, maintenance or 485
service contract, or similar agreement, as described in division 486
(B) (7) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, to repair or 487
maintain tangible personal property, if all of the property that 488
is the subject of the warranty, contract, or agreement would not 489
be subject to the tax imposed by this section; 490

(i) To use the thing transferred as qualified research and 491
development equipment; 492

(j) To use or consume the thing transferred primarily in storing, transporting, mailing, or otherwise handling sales inventory in a warehouse, distribution center, or similar facility when the inventory is primarily distributed outside this state to retail stores of the person who owns or controls the warehouse, distribution center, or similar facility, to retail stores of an affiliated group of which that person is a member, or by means of direct marketing. This division does not apply to motor vehicles registered for operation on the public highways. As used in this division, "affiliated group" has the same meaning as in division (B) (3) (e) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code and "direct marketing" has the same meaning as in division (B) (35) of this section.

(k) To use or consume the thing transferred to fulfill a contractual obligation incurred by a warrantor pursuant to a warranty provided as a part of the price of the tangible personal property sold or by a vendor of a warranty, maintenance or service contract, or similar agreement the provision of which is defined as a sale under division (B) (7) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code;

(l) To use or consume the thing transferred in the production of a newspaper for distribution to the public;

(m) To use tangible personal property to perform a service listed in division (B) (3) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, if the property is or is to be permanently transferred to the consumer of the service as an integral part of the performance of the service;

(n) To use or consume the thing transferred primarily in producing tangible personal property for sale by farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture. Persons engaged in

rendering farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture 523
services for others are deemed engaged primarily in farming, 524
agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture. This paragraph does 525
not exempt from "retail sale" or "sales at retail" the sale of 526
tangible personal property that is to be incorporated into a 527
structure or improvement to real property. 528

(o) To use or consume the thing transferred in acquiring, 529
formatting, editing, storing, and disseminating data or 530
information by electronic publishing. 531

As used in division (B) (42) of this section, "thing" 532
includes all transactions included in divisions (B) (3) (a), (b), 533
and (e) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code. 534

(43) Sales conducted through a coin operated device that 535
activates vacuum equipment or equipment that dispenses water, 536
whether or not in combination with soap or other cleaning agents 537
or wax, to the consumer for the consumer's use on the premises 538
in washing, cleaning, or waxing a motor vehicle, provided no 539
other personal property or personal service is provided as part 540
of the transaction. 541

(44) Sales of replacement and modification parts for 542
engines, airframes, instruments, and interiors in, and paint 543
for, aircraft used primarily in a fractional aircraft ownership 544
program, and sales of services for the repair, modification, and 545
maintenance of such aircraft, and machinery, equipment, and 546
supplies primarily used to provide those services. 547

(45) Sales of telecommunications service that is used 548
directly and primarily to perform the functions of a call 549
center. As used in this division, "call center" means any 550
physical location where telephone calls are placed or received 551

in high volume for the purpose of making sales, marketing, 552
customer service, technical support, or other specialized 553
business activity, and that employs at least fifty individuals 554
that engage in call center activities on a full-time basis, or 555
sufficient individuals to fill fifty full-time equivalent 556
positions. 557

(46) Sales by a telecommunications service vendor of 900 558
service to a subscriber. This division does not apply to 559
information services, as defined in division (FF) of section 560
5739.01 of the Revised Code. 561

(47) Sales of value-added non-voice data service. This 562
division does not apply to any similar service that is not 563
otherwise a telecommunications service. 564

(48) (a) Sales of machinery, equipment, and software to a 565
qualified direct selling entity for use in a warehouse or 566
distribution center primarily for storing, transporting, or 567
otherwise handling inventory that is held for sale to 568
independent salespersons who operate as direct sellers and that 569
is held primarily for distribution outside this state; 570

(b) As used in division (B) (48) (a) of this section: 571

(i) "Direct seller" means a person selling consumer 572
products to individuals for personal or household use and not 573
from a fixed retail location, including selling such product at 574
in-home product demonstrations, parties, and other one-on-one 575
selling. 576

(ii) "Qualified direct selling entity" means an entity 577
selling to direct sellers at the time the entity enters into a 578
tax credit agreement with the tax credit authority pursuant to 579
section 122.17 of the Revised Code, provided that the agreement 580

was entered into on or after January 1, 2007. Neither 581
contingencies relevant to the granting of, nor later 582
developments with respect to, the tax credit shall impair the 583
status of the qualified direct selling entity under division (B) 584
(48) of this section after execution of the tax credit agreement 585
by the tax credit authority. 586

(c) Division (B) (48) of this section is limited to 587
machinery, equipment, and software first stored, used, or 588
consumed in this state within the period commencing June 24, 589
2008, and ending on the date that is five years after that date. 590

(49) Sales of materials, parts, equipment, or engines used 591
in the repair or maintenance of aircraft or avionics systems of 592
such aircraft, and sales of repair, remodeling, replacement, or 593
maintenance services in this state performed on aircraft or on 594
an aircraft's avionics, engine, or component materials or parts. 595
As used in division (B) (49) of this section, "aircraft" means 596
aircraft of more than six thousand pounds maximum certified 597
takeoff weight or used exclusively in general aviation. 598

(50) Sales of full flight simulators that are used for 599
pilot or flight-crew training, sales of repair or replacement 600
parts or components, and sales of repair or maintenance services 601
for such full flight simulators. "Full flight simulator" means a 602
replica of a specific type, or make, model, and series of 603
aircraft cockpit. It includes the assemblage of equipment and 604
computer programs necessary to represent aircraft operations in 605
ground and flight conditions, a visual system providing an out- 606
of-the-cockpit view, and a system that provides cues at least 607
equivalent to those of a three-degree-of-freedom motion system, 608
and has the full range of capabilities of the systems installed 609
in the device as described in appendices A and B of part 60 of 610

chapter 1 of title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations. 611

(51) Any transfer or lease of tangible personal property 612
between the state and JobsOhio in accordance with section 613
4313.02 of the Revised Code. 614

(52) (a) Sales to a qualifying corporation. 615

(b) As used in division (B) (52) of this section: 616

(i) "Qualifying corporation" means a nonprofit corporation 617
organized in this state that leases from an eligible county 618
land, buildings, structures, fixtures, and improvements to the 619
land that are part of or used in a public recreational facility 620
used by a major league professional athletic team or a class A 621
to class AAA minor league affiliate of a major league 622
professional athletic team for a significant portion of the 623
team's home schedule, provided the following apply: 624

(I) The facility is leased from the eligible county 625
pursuant to a lease that requires substantially all of the 626
revenue from the operation of the business or activity conducted 627
by the nonprofit corporation at the facility in excess of 628
operating costs, capital expenditures, and reserves to be paid 629
to the eligible county at least once per calendar year. 630

(II) Upon dissolution and liquidation of the nonprofit 631
corporation, all of its net assets are distributable to the 632
board of commissioners of the eligible county from which the 633
corporation leases the facility. 634

(ii) "Eligible county" has the same meaning as in section 635
307.695 of the Revised Code. 636

(53) Sales to or by a cable service provider, video 637
service provider, or radio or television broadcast station 638

regulated by the federal government of cable service or 639
programming, video service or programming, audio service or 640
programming, or electronically transferred digital audiovisual 641
or audio work. As used in division (B) (53) of this section, 642
"cable service" and "cable service provider" have the same 643
meanings as in section 1332.01 of the Revised Code, and "video 644
service," "video service provider," and "video programming" have 645
the same meanings as in section 1332.21 of the Revised Code. 646

(54) Sales of investment metal bullion and investment 647
coins. "Investment metal bullion" means any elementary precious 648
metal that has been put through a process of smelting or 649
refining, including, but not limited to, gold, silver, platinum, 650
and palladium, and which is in such state or condition that its 651
value depends upon its content and not upon its form. 652
"Investment metal bullion" does not include fabricated precious 653
metal that has been processed or manufactured for one or more 654
specific and customary industrial, professional, or artistic 655
uses. "Investment coins" means numismatic coins or other forms 656
of money and legal tender manufactured of gold, silver, 657
platinum, palladium, or other metal under the laws of the United 658
States or any foreign nation with a fair market value greater 659
than any statutory or nominal value of such coins. 660

(C) For the purpose of the proper administration of this 661
chapter, and to prevent the evasion of the tax, it is presumed 662
that all sales made in this state are subject to the tax until 663
the contrary is established. 664

(D) The levy of this tax on retail sales of recreation and 665
sports club service shall not prevent a municipal corporation 666
from levying any tax on recreation and sports club dues or on 667
any income generated by recreation and sports club dues. 668

(E) The tax collected by the vendor from the consumer 669
under this chapter is not part of the price, but is a tax 670
collection for the benefit of the state, and of counties levying 671
an additional sales tax pursuant to section 5739.021 or 5739.026 672
of the Revised Code and of transit authorities levying an 673
additional sales tax pursuant to section 5739.023 of the Revised 674
Code. Except for the discount authorized under section 5739.12 675
of the Revised Code and the effects of any rounding pursuant to 676
section 5703.055 of the Revised Code, no person other than the 677
state or such a county or transit authority shall derive any 678
benefit from the collection or payment of the tax levied by this 679
section or section 5739.021, 5739.023, or 5739.026 of the 680
Revised Code. 681

Section 2. That existing section 5739.02 of the Revised 682
Code is hereby repealed. 683

Section 3. The amendment by this act of section 5739.02 of 684
the Revised Code applies on and after the first day of the first 685
month that begins after the effective date of this act. 686