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A BILL

То	amend sections 5715.19, 5717.01, 5739.01,	1
	5741.01, and 5751.033 and to enact section	2
	5741.072 of the Revised Code to modify the sales	3
	and use taxation of network delivery services,	4
	to modify the law governing property tax	5
	complaints, and to modify the situsing of gross	6
	receipts, for commercial activity tax purposes,	7
	from the sale of certain motor vehicles.	8

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

Section 1. That sections 5715.19, 5717.01, 5739.01,	9
5741.01, and 5751.033 be amended and section 5741.072 of the	10
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	11
Sec. 5715.19. (A) As used in this section:	12
"Member" has the same meaning as in section 1706.01 of the	13
Revised Code.	14
"Internet identifier of record" has the same meaning as in	15

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Subject to division (A)(6) of this section, any person 65 owning taxable real property in the county or in a taxing 66 district with territory in the county; such a person's spouse; a 67 tenant of the property owner, if the property is classified as 68 to use for tax purposes as commercial or industrial, the lease 69 requires the tenant to pay the entire amount of taxes charged 70 against the property, and the lease allows, or the property 71 owner otherwise authorizes, the tenant to file such a complaint 72 with respect to the property; an individual who is retained by 73

such a person or tenant and who holds a designation from a	74
professional assessment organization, such as the institute for	75
professionals in taxation, the national council of property	76
taxation, or the international association of assessing	77
officers; a public accountant who holds a permit under section	78
4701.10 of the Revised Code, a general or residential real	79
estate appraiser licensed or certified under Chapter 4763. of	80
the Revised Code, or a real estate broker licensed under Chapter	81
4735. of the Revised Code, who is retained by such a person or	82
tenant; if the person or tenant is a firm, company, association,	83
partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, an	84
officer, a salaried employee, a partner, or a member of that	85
person or tenant; if the person or tenant is a trust, a trustee	86
of the trust; the prosecuting attorney or treasurer of the	87
county; or the legislative authority of a subdivision or the	88
mayor of a municipal corporation may file such a complaint	89
regarding any such determination affecting any real property in	90
the county, except that a person owning taxable real property in	91
another county may file such a complaint only with regard to any	92
such determination affecting real property in the county that is	93
located in the same taxing district as that person's real	94
property is located. The county auditor shall present to the	95
county board of revision all complaints filed with the auditor.	96

(2) No person, legislative authority, or officer shall 97 file a complaint against the valuation or assessment of any 98 parcel that appears on the tax list if it filed a complaint 99 against the valuation or assessment of that parcel for any prior 100 tax year in the same interim period, unless the person, 101 legislative authority, or officer alleges that the valuation or 102 assessment should be changed due to one or more of the following 103 circumstances that occurred after the tax lien date for the tax 104

year for which the prior complaint was filed and that the	105
circumstances were not taken into consideration with respect to	106
the prior complaint:	107
(a) The property was sold in an arm's length transaction,	108
as described in section 5713.03 of the Revised Code;	109
(b) The property lost value due to some casualty;	110
(c) Substantial improvement was added to the property;	111
(d) An increase or decrease of at least fifteen per cent	112
in the property's occupancy has had a substantial economic	113
impact on the property.	114
(3) If a county board of revision, the board of tax	115
appeals, or any court dismisses a complaint filed under this	116
section or section 5715.13 of the Revised Code for the reason	117
that the act of filing the complaint was the unauthorized	118
practice of law or the person filing the complaint was engaged	119
in the unauthorized practice of law, the party affected by a	120
decrease in valuation or the party's agent, or the person owning	121
taxable real property in the county or in a taxing district with	122
territory in the county, may refile the complaint,	123
notwithstanding division (A)(2) of this section.	124
(4)(a) No complaint filed under this section or section	125
5715.13 of the Revised Code shall be dismissed for the reason	126
that the complaint fails to accurately identify the owner of the	127
property that is the subject of the complaint.	128
(b) If a complaint fails to accurately identify the owner	129
of the property that is the subject of the complaint, the board	130
of revision shall exercise due diligence to ensure the correct	131
property owner is notified as required by divisions (B) and (C)	132
of this section.	133

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- (5) Notwithstanding division (A)(2) of this section, a 134 person, legislative authority, or officer may file a complaint 135 against the valuation or assessment of any parcel that appears 136 on the tax list if it filed a complaint against the valuation or 137 assessment of that parcel for any prior tax year in the same 138 interim period if the person, legislative authority, or officer 139 withdrew the complaint before the complaint was heard by the 140 board. 141 (6) The legislative authority of a subdivision, the mayor 142 of a municipal corporation, or a third party complainant shall 143 not file an original complaint with respect to property the 144 subdivision or complainant does not own or lease unless both of 145 the following conditions are met: 146 (a) If the complaint is based on a determination described 147 in division (A)(1)(d) or (e) of this section, the property was 148 (i) sold in an arm's length transaction, as described in section 149 5713.03 of the Revised Code, before, but not after, during the 150 two years preceding the tax lien date for the tax year for which 151 the complaint is to be filed, and (ii) the sale price exceeds 152 the true value of the property appearing on the tax list for 153 that tax year by both ten per cent and the amount of the filing 154 threshold determined under division (J) of this section; 155 (b) If the complaint is filed by a legislative authority 156
- or mayor, the legislative authority or, in the case of a mayor, the legislative authority of the municipal corporation, first adopts a resolution authorizing the filing of the original complaint at a public meeting of the legislative authority.
- (7) A resolution adopted under division (A)(6)(b) of this section shall include all of the following information:

(a) Identification of the parcel or parcels that are the	163
subject of the original complaint by street address, if	164
available from online records of the county auditor, and by	165
permanent parcel number;	166
(b) The name of at least one of the record owners of the	167
parcel or parcels;	168
(c) The basis for the complaint under divisions (A)(1)(a)	169
to (f) of this section relative to each parcel identified in the	170
resolution;	171
(d) The tax year for which the complaint will be filed,	172
which shall be a year for which a complaint may be timely filed	173
under this section at the time of the resolution's adoption.	174
A legislative authority shall not adopt a resolution	175
required under division (A)(6)(b) of this section that	176
identifies more than one parcel under division (A)(7)(a) of this	177
section, except that a single resolution may identify more than	178
one parcel under that division if each parcel has the same	179
record owner or the same record owners, as applicable. A	180
legislative authority may adopt multiple resolutions required	181
under division (A)(6)(b) of this section by a single vote,	182
provided that the vote is separate from the question of whether	183
to adopt any resolution that is not adopted under division (A)	184
(6)(b) of this section.	185
Before adopting a resolution required by division (A)(6)	186
(b) of this section, the legislative authority shall mail a	187
written notice to at least one of the record owners of the	188
parcel or parcels identified in the resolution stating the	189
intent of the legislative authority in adopting the resolution,	190
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the proposed date of adoption, and the basis for the complaint

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under divisions (A)(1)(a) to (f) of this section relative to	192
each parcel identified in the resolution. The notice shall be	193
sent by certified mail to the last known tax-mailing address of	194
at least one of the record owners and, if different from that	195
tax-mailing address, to the street address of the parcel or	196
parcels identified in the resolution. Alternatively, if the	197
legislative authority has record of an internet identifier of	198
record associated with at least one of the record owners, the	199
legislative authority may send the notice by ordinary mail and	200
by that internet identifier of record. The notice shall be	201
postmarked or, if sent by internet identifier of record, sent at	202
least seven calendar days before the legislative authority	203
adopts the resolution.	204

At any public meeting at which a resolution required by 205 division (A)(6)(b) of this section is to be considered, any of 206 the record owners of the parcel or parcels, or a designated 207 representative of such a record owner, shall be permitted to 208 address the legislative authority on the subject of the 209 resolution before adoption of the resolution, provided that the 210 owner or the owner's representative shall comply with all_ 211 reasonable requirements and restrictions imposed by the 212 legislative authority concerning public comment at the meeting. 213

A board of revision has jurisdiction to consider a complaint filed pursuant to a resolution adopted under division (A)(6)(b) of this section only if the legislative authority notifies the board of revision of the resolution in the manner prescribed in division (A)(8) of this section and if the owners or their representatives are accorded the opportunity to address the legislative authority as prescribed in this division. The failure to accurately identify the street address or the name of the record owners of the parcel in the resolution does not

invalidate	the	resolution	nor	is	it	a	cause	for	dismissal	of	the	223
complaint.												224

(8) A complaint form prescribed by a board of revision or 225 the tax commissioner for the purpose of this section shall 226 include a box that must be checked, when a legislative authority 227 or mayor files an original complaint, to indicate that a 228 resolution authorizing the complaint was adopted in accordance 229 with divisions (A)(6)(b) and (7) of this section-and, that 230 notice was mailed or sent in accordance with division (A)(7) of 231 this section before adoption of the resolution to at least one 232 of the record owners of the property that is the subject of the 233 complaint, and that the owners or their representatives were 234 accorded the opportunity to address the legislative authority as 235 prescribed in division (A) (7) of this section. 236

(B) (1) Within thirty days after the last date such 237 238 complaints may be filed, the auditor shall give notice of each complaint in which the stated amount of overvaluation, 239 undervaluation, discriminatory valuation, illegal valuation, or 240 incorrect determination is at least seventeen thousand five 241 hundred dollars in taxable value to each property owner whose 242 property is the subject of the complaint, if the complaint was 243 not filed by the owner or the owner's spouse. A board of 244 education, subject to this division; a property owner; the 245 owner's spouse; a tenant of the owner, if that tenant would be 246 eligible to file a complaint under division (A) of this section 247 with respect to the property; an individual who is retained by 248 such an owner or tenant and who holds a designation from a 249 professional assessment organization, such as the institute for 250 professionals in taxation, the national council of property 251 taxation, or the international association of assessing 252 officers; a public accountant who holds a permit under section 253

4701.10 of the Revised Code, a general or residential real	254
estate appraiser licensed or certified under Chapter 4763. of	255
the Revised Code, or a real estate broker licensed under Chapter	256
4735. of the Revised Code, who is retained by such an owner or	257
tenant; or, if the owner or tenant is a firm, company,	258
association, partnership, limited liability company,	259
corporation, or trust, an officer, a salaried employee, a	260
partner, a member, or trustee of that owner or tenant, may file	261
a counter-complaint in support of or objecting to the amount of	262
alleged overvaluation, undervaluation, discriminatory valuation,	263
illegal valuation, or incorrect determination stated in a	264
previously filed original complaint or objecting to the current	265
valuation.	266
(2) A board of education may file a counter-complaint only	267
if the original complaint (a) was filed by the owner of the	268
property that is the subject of the complaint, a tenant of that	269
property owner, or any person acting on behalf of such owner or	270
tenant, and (b) states an amount of overvaluation,	270
undervaluation, discriminatory valuation, illegal valuation, or	271
incorrect determination of at least seventeen thousand five	272
hundred dollars in taxable value. The	
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A board of education shall file the counter-complaint	275
within thirty days after the original complaint is filed, and	276
any other person shall file the counter-complaint within thirty	277
days after receiving the notice required under this division.	278
(3) Upon the filing of a counter-complaint, the board of	279
education, property owner, or tenant shall be made a party to	280
the action.	281
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(C) Each board of revision shall notify any complainant	282

and counter-complainant, and also the property owner, if the

property owner's address is known, and the complaint is filed by 284 one other than the property owner, not less than ten days prior 285 to the hearing, either by certified mail or, if the board has 286 record of an internet identifier of record associated with the 287 owner, by ordinary mail and by that internet identifier of 288 record of the time and place the same will be heard. The board 289 of revision shall hear and render its decision on an original 290 complaint within one hundred eighty days after the last day such 291 a complaint may be filed with the board under division (A)(1) of 292 293 this section or, if a counter-complaint is filed, within one hundred eighty days after such filing. If the original complaint 294 is filed by the legislative authority of a subdivision, the 295 mayor of a municipal corporation with territory in the county, 296 or a third party complainant, and if the board of revision has 297 not rendered its decision on the complaint within one year after 298 the date the complaint was filed, the board is without 299 jurisdiction to hear, and shall dismiss, the complaint. 300

(D) The determination of any such original complaint or 301 302 counter-complaint shall relate back to the date when the lien for taxes or recoupment charges for the current year attached or 303 the date as of which liability for such year was determined. 304 Liability for taxes and recoupment charges for such year and 305 each succeeding year until the complaint is finally determined 306 and for any penalty and interest for nonpayment thereof within 307 the time required by law shall be based upon the determination, 308 valuation, or assessment as finally determined. Each complaint 309 shall state the amount of overvaluation, undervaluation, 310 discriminatory valuation, illegal valuation, or incorrect 311 classification or determination upon which the complaint is 312 based. The treasurer shall accept any amount tendered as taxes 313 or recoupment charge upon property concerning which a complaint 314

is then pending, computed upon the claimed valuation as set	315
forth in the complaint. Unless dismissal is required under	316
division (C) of this section, if an original complaint or	317
counter-complaint filed for the current year is not determined	318
by the board within the time prescribed for such determination,	319
the complaint and any proceedings in relation thereto shall be	320
continued by the board as a valid complaint for any ensuing year	321
until that original complaint or counter-complaint is finally	322
determined by the board or upon any appeal from a decision of	323
the board. In such case, the original complaint and counter-	324
complaint shall continue in effect without further filing by the	325
original taxpayer, the original taxpayer's assignee, or any	326
other person or entity authorized to file a complaint under this	327
section.	328

- (E) If a taxpayer files a complaint as to the 329 classification, valuation, assessment, or any determination 330 affecting the taxpayer's own property and tenders less than the 331 full amount of taxes or recoupment charges as finally 332 determined, an interest charge shall accrue as follows: 333
- (1) If the amount finally determined is less than the 334 amount billed but more than the amount tendered, the taxpayer 335 shall pay interest at the rate per annum prescribed by section 336 5703.47 of the Revised Code, computed from the date that the 337 taxes were due on the difference between the amount finally 338 determined and the amount tendered. This interest charge shall 339 be in lieu of any penalty or interest charge under section 340 323.121 of the Revised Code unless the taxpayer failed to file a 341 complaint and tender an amount as taxes or recoupment charges 342 within the time required by this section, in which case section 343 323.121 of the Revised Code applies. 344

- (2) If the amount of taxes finally determined is equal to 345 or greater than the amount billed and more than the amount 346 tendered, the taxpayer shall pay interest at the rate prescribed 347 by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code from the date the taxes 348 were due on the difference between the amount finally determined 349 and the amount tendered, such interest to be in lieu of any 350 interest charge but in addition to any penalty prescribed by 351 section 323.121 of the Revised Code. 352
- (F) Upon request of a complainant, the tax commissioner 353 shall determine the common level of assessment of real property 354 in the county for the year stated in the request that is not 355 valued under section 5713.31 of the Revised Code, which common 356 level of assessment shall be expressed as a percentage of true 357 value and the common level of assessment of lands valued under 358 such section, which common level of assessment shall also be 359 expressed as a percentage of the current agricultural use value 360 of such lands. Such determination shall be made on the basis of 361 the most recent available sales ratio studies of the 362 commissioner and such other factual data as the commissioner 363 deems pertinent. 364
- (G) A complainant shall provide to the board of revision 365 all information or evidence within the complainant's knowledge 366 or possession that affects the real property that is the subject 367 of the complaint. A complainant who fails to provide such 368 information or evidence is precluded from introducing it on 369 appeal to the board of tax appeals or the court of common pleas, 370 except that the board of tax appeals or court may admit and 371 consider the evidence if the complainant shows good cause for 372 the complainant's failure to provide the information or evidence 373 to the board of revision. 374

(H) In case of the pendency of any proceeding in court	375
based upon an alleged excessive, discriminatory, or illegal	376
valuation or incorrect classification or determination, the	377
taxpayer may tender to the treasurer an amount as taxes upon	378
property computed upon the claimed valuation as set forth in the	379
complaint to the court. The treasurer may accept the tender. If	380
the tender is not accepted, no penalty shall be assessed because	381
of the nonpayment of the full taxes assessed.	382
(I) A legislative authority may not enter into a private	383
payment agreement with respect to any complaint filed or	384
contemplated under this section or section 5715.13 of the	385
Revised Code, and any such agreement is void and unenforceable.	386
As used in this division, "private payment agreement" means any	387
type of agreement in which a property owner, a tenant authorized	388
to file a complaint under division (A) of this section, or any	389
person acting on behalf of a property owner or such a tenant	390
agrees to make one or more payments to a subdivision in exchange	391
for the legislative authority of that subdivision doing any of	392
the following:	393
(1) Refraining from filing a complaint or counter-	394
complaint under this section;	395
(2) Dismissing a complaint or counter-complaint filed by	396
the legislative authority under this section;	397
(3) Resolving a claim under this section by settlement	398
agreement.	399
A "private payment agreement" does not include any	400
agreement to resolve a claim under this section pursuant to	401
which an agreed-upon valuation for the property that is the	402

subject of the claim is approved by the county auditor and

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within thirty days after notice of the decision of the county	433
board of revision is mailed as provided in division (A) of	434
section 5715.20 of the Revised Code. Such an appeal may be taken	435
by the county auditor, the tax commissioner, or any board,	436
legislative authority, public official, or taxpayer authorized	437
by section 5715.19 of the Revised Code to file complaints	438
against valuations or assessments with the auditor, except that	439
a subject to the following limitations:	440
(1) A subdivision that files an original complaint or	441
counter-complaint under that section with respect to property-	442
the subdivision does not own or lease may not appeal the	443
decision of the board of revision with respect to that original	444
complaint or counter-complaintor the legislative authority or	445
mayor of a subdivision may file such an appeal only if the	446
subdivision owns or leases the property that is the subject of	447
the board of revision's decision.	448
(2) No such appeal may be taken by a third party	449
complainant, as defined in section 5715.19 of the Revised Code.	450
Such	451
(B) An appeal under this section shall be taken by the	452
filing of a notice of appeal, in person or by certified mail,	453
express mail, facsimile transmission, electronic transmission,	454
or by authorized delivery service, with the board of tax appeals	455
and with the county board of revision. If notice of appeal is	456
filed by certified mail, express mail, or authorized delivery	457
service as provided in section 5703.056 of the Revised Code, the	458
date of the United States postmark placed on the sender's	459
receipt by the postal service or the date of receipt recorded by	460
the authorized delivery service shall be treated as the date of	461
filing. If notice of appeal is filed by facsimile transmission	462

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or electronic transmission, the date and time the notice is	463
received by the board shall be the date and time reflected on a	464
timestamp provided by the board's electronic system, and the	465
appeal shall be considered filed with the board on the date	466
reflected on that timestamp. Any timestamp provided by another	467
computer system or electronic submission device shall not affect	468
the time and date the notice is received by the board. Upon	469
receipt of such notice of appeal such county board of revision	470
shall notify all persons thereof who were parties to the	471
proceeding before such county board of revision by either	472
certified mail or, if the board has record of an internet	473
identifier of record associated with such a person, by ordinary	474
mail and by that internet identifier of record, and shall file	475
proof of such notice or, in the case of ordinary mail, an	476
affidavit attesting that the board sent the notice with the	477
board of tax appeals. The county board of revision shall	478
thereupon certify to the board of tax appeals a transcript of	479
the record of the proceedings of the county board of revision	480
pertaining to the original complaint, and all evidence offered	481
in connection therewith. Such appeal may be heard by the board	482
of tax appeals at its offices in Columbus or in the county where	483
the property is listed for taxation, or the board of tax appeals	484
may cause its examiners to conduct such hearing and to report to	485
it their findings for affirmation or rejection. An appeal may	486
proceed pursuant to section 5703.021 of the Revised Code on the	487
small claims docket if the appeal qualifies under that section.	488

The board of tax appeals may order the appeal to be heard 489 on the record and the evidence certified to it by the county board of revision, or it may order the hearing of additional evidence, and it may make such investigation concerning the appeal as it deems proper.

As used in this section, "internet identifier of record"	494
has the same meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code.	495
Sec. 5739.01. As used in this chapter:	496
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(A) "Person" includes individuals, receivers, assignees,	497
trustees in bankruptcy, estates, firms, partnerships,	498
associations, joint-stock companies, joint ventures, clubs,	499
societies, corporations, the state and its political	500
subdivisions, and combinations of individuals of any form.	501
(B) "Sale" and "selling" include all of the following	502
transactions for a consideration in any manner, whether	503
absolutely or conditionally, whether for a price or rental, in	504
money or by exchange, and by any means whatsoever:	505
(1) All transactions by which title or possession, or	506
both, of tangible personal property, is or is to be transferred,	507
or a license to use or consume tangible personal property is or	508
is to be granted;	509
(2) All transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is	510
to be furnished to transient guests;	511
(3) All transactions by which:	512
(a) An item of tangible personal property is or is to be	513
repaired, except property, the purchase of which would not be	514
subject to the tax imposed by section 5739.02 of the Revised	515
Code;	516
(b) An item of tangible personal property is or is to be	517
installed, except property, the purchase of which would not be	518
subject to the tax imposed by section 5739.02 of the Revised	519
Code or property that is or is to be incorporated into and will	520
become a part of a production, transmission, transportation, or	521

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As used in this division, "motor vehicle towing service" means
the towing or conveyance of a wrecked, disabled, or illegally
parked motor vehicle.

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- (r) Snow removal service is or is to be provided. As used in this division, "snow removal service" means the removal of snow by any mechanized means, but does not include the providing of such service by a person that has less than five thousand dollars in sales of such service during the calendar year.
- (s) Electronic publishing service is or is to be provided to a consumer for use in business, except that such transactions occurring between members of an affiliated group, as defined in division (B)(3)(e) of this section, are not sales.
- (4) All transactions by which printed, imprinted, overprinted, lithographic, multilithic, blueprinted, photostatic, or other productions or reproductions of written or graphic matter are or are to be furnished or transferred;
- (5) The production or fabrication of tangible personal property for a consideration for consumers who furnish either directly or indirectly the materials used in the production of fabrication work; and include 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 tangible personal property. Except as provided in section 5739.03 of the Revised Code, a construction contract pursuant to which tangible personal property is or is to be incorporated into a structure or improvement on and becoming a part of real property is not a sale of such tangible personal property. The construction contractor is the consumer of such tangible personal property, provided that the sale and installation of carpeting, the sale and installation of

agricultural land tile, the sale and erection or installation of	609
portable grain bins, or the provision of landscaping and lawn	610
care service and the transfer of property as part of such	611
service is never a construction contract.	612
As used in division (B)(5) of this section:	613
(a) "Agricultural land tile" means fired clay or concrete	614
tile, or flexible or rigid perforated plastic pipe or tubing,	615
incorporated or to be incorporated into a subsurface drainage	616
system appurtenant to land used or to be used primarily in	617
production by farming, agriculture, horticulture, or	618
floriculture. The term does not include such materials when they	619
are or are to be incorporated into a drainage system appurtenant	620
to a building or structure even if the building or structure is	621
used or to be used in such production.	622
(b) "Portable grain bin" means a structure that is used or	623
to be used by a person engaged in farming or agriculture to	624
shelter the person's grain and that is designed to be	625
disassembled without significant damage to its component parts.	626
(6) All transactions in which all of the shares of stock	627
of a closely held corporation are transferred, or an ownership	628
interest in a pass-through entity, as defined in section 5733.04	629
of the Revised Code, is transferred, if the corporation or pass-	630
through entity is not engaging in business and its entire assets	631
consist of boats, planes, motor vehicles, or other tangible	632
personal property operated primarily for the use and enjoyment	633
of the shareholders or owners;	634
(7) All transactions in which a warranty, maintenance or	635
service contract, or similar agreement by which the vendor of	636
the warranty, contract, or agreement agrees to repair or	637

maintain the tangible personal property of the consumer is or is	638
to be provided;	639
(8) The transfer of copyrighted motion picture films used	640
solely for advertising purposes, except that the transfer of	641
such films for exhibition purposes is not a sale;	642
(9) All transactions by which tangible personal property	643
is or is to be stored, except such property that the consumer of	644
the storage holds for sale in the regular course of business;	645
(10) All transactions in which "guaranteed auto	646
protection" is provided whereby a person promises to pay to the	647
consumer the difference between the amount the consumer receives	648
from motor vehicle insurance and the amount the consumer owes to	649
a person holding title to or a lien on the consumer's motor	650
vehicle in the event the consumer's motor vehicle suffers a	651
total loss under the terms of the motor vehicle insurance policy	652
or is stolen and not recovered, if the protection and its price	653
are included in the purchase or lease agreement;	654
(11)(a) Except as provided in division (B)(11)(b) of this	655
section, all transactions by which health care services are paid	656
for, reimbursed, provided, delivered, arranged for, or otherwise	657
made available by a medicaid health insuring corporation	658
pursuant to the corporation's contract with the state.	659
(b) If the centers for medicare and medicaid services of	660
the United States department of health and human services	661
determines that the taxation of transactions described in	662
division (B)(11)(a) of this section constitutes an impermissible	663
health care-related tax under the "Social Security Act," section	664
1903(w), 42 U.S.C. 1396b(w), and regulations adopted thereunder,	665
the medicaid director shall notify the tax commissioner of that	666

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determination. Beginning with the first day of the month	667
following that notification, the transactions described in	668
division (B)(11)(a) of this section are not sales for the	669
purposes of this chapter or Chapter 5741. of the Revised Code.	670
The tax commissioner shall order that the collection of taxes	671
under sections 5739.02, 5739.021, 5739.023, 5739.026, 5741.02,	672
5741.021, 5741.022, and 5741.023 of the Revised Code shall cease	673
for transactions occurring on or after that date.	674
(12) All transactions by which a specified digital product	675
is provided for permanent use or less than permanent use,	676
regardless of whether continued payment is required.	677
(13) All transactions by a delivery network company for	678
the company's delivery network services, provided the company	679
has a waiver issued under section 5741.072 of the Revised Code.	680
Except as provided in this section, "sale" and "selling"	681
do not include transfers of interest in leased property where	682
the original lessee and the terms of the original lease	683
agreement remain unchanged, or professional, insurance, or	684
personal service transactions that involve the transfer of	685
tangible personal property as an inconsequential element, for	686
which no separate charges are made.	687
(C) "Vendor" means the person providing the service or by	688
whom the transfer effected or license given by a sale is or is	689
to be made or given and, for sales described in division (B)(3)	690
(i) of this section, the telecommunications service vendor that	691
provides the nine hundred telephone service; if two or more	692
persons are engaged in business at the same place of business	693

under a single trade name in which all collections on account of

sales by each are made, such persons shall constitute a single

vendor.

Physicians, dentists, hospitals, and veterinarians who are engaged in selling tangible personal property as received from others, such as eyeglasses, mouthwashes, dentifrices, or similar articles, are vendors. Veterinarians who are engaged in transferring to others for a consideration drugs, the dispensing of which does not require an order of a licensed veterinarian or physician under federal law, are vendors.

The operator of any peer-to-peer car sharing program shall be considered to be the vendor.

- (D) (1) "Consumer" means the person for whom the service is provided, to whom the transfer effected or license given by a sale is or is to be made or given, to whom the service described in division (B) (3) (f) or (i) of this section is charged, or to whom the admission is granted.
- (2) Physicians, dentists, hospitals, and blood banks operated by nonprofit institutions and persons licensed to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry are consumers of all tangible personal property and services purchased by them in connection with the practice of medicine, dentistry, the rendition of hospital or blood bank service, or the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry. In addition to being consumers of drugs administered by them or by their assistants according to their direction, veterinarians also are consumers of drugs that under federal law may be dispensed only by or upon the order of a licensed veterinarian or physician, when transferred by them to others for a consideration to provide treatment to animals as directed by the veterinarian.
- (3) A person who performs a facility management, or similar service contract for a contractee is a consumer of all

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tangible personal property and services purchased for use in	727
connection with the performance of such contract, regardless of	728
whether title to any such property vests in the contractee. The	729
purchase of such property and services is not subject to the	730
exception for resale under division (E) of this section.	731
(4)(a) In the case of a person who purchases printed	732
matter for the purpose of distributing it or having it	733
distributed to the public or to a designated segment of the	734
public, free of charge, that person is the consumer of that	735
printed matter, and the purchase of that printed matter for that	736
purpose is a sale.	737
(b) In the case of a person who produces, rather than	738
purchases, printed matter for the purpose of distributing it or	739
having it distributed to the public or to a designated segment	740
of the public, free of charge, that person is the consumer of	741
all tangible personal property and services purchased for use or	742
consumption in the production of that printed matter. That	743
person is not entitled to claim exemption under division (B) (42)	744
(f) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code for any material	745
incorporated into the printed matter or any equipment, supplies,	746
or services primarily used to produce the printed matter.	747
(c) The distribution of printed matter to the public or to	748
a designated segment of the public, free of charge, is not a	749
sale to the members of the public to whom the printed matter is	750
distributed or to any persons who purchase space in the printed	751
matter for advertising or other purposes.	752
(5) A person who makes sales of any of the services listed	753
in division (B)(3) of this section is the consumer of any	754

tangible personal property used in performing the service. The

purchase of that property is not subject to the resale exception

under division (E) of this section.	757
(6) A person who engages in highway transportation for	758
hire is the consumer of all packaging materials purchased by	759
that person and used in performing the service, except for	760
packaging materials sold by such person in a transaction	761
separate from the service.	762
(7) In the case of a transaction for health care services	763
under division (B)(11) of this section, a medicaid health	764
insuring corporation is the consumer of such services. The	765
purchase of such services by a medicaid health insuring	766
corporation is not subject to the exception for resale under	767
division (E) of this section or to the exemptions provided under	768
divisions (B)(12), (18), (19), and (22) of section 5739.02 of	769
the Revised Code.	770
(E) "Retail sale" and "sales at retail" include all sales,	771
except those in which the purpose of the consumer is to resell	772
the thing transferred or benefit of the service provided, by a	773
person engaging in business, in the form in which the same is,	774
or is to be, received by the person.	775
(F) "Business" includes any activity engaged in by any	776
person with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage, either	777
direct or indirect. "Business" does not include the activity of	778
a person in managing and investing the person's own funds.	779
(G) "Engaging in business" means commencing, conducting,	780
or continuing in business, and liquidating a business when the	781
liquidator thereof holds itself out to the public as conducting	782
such business. Making a casual sale is not engaging in business.	783
(H)(1)(a) "Price," except as provided in divisions (H)(2),	784

(3), and (4) of this section, means the total amount of

consideration, including cash, credit, property, and services,	786
for which tangible personal property or services are sold,	787
leased, or rented, valued in money, whether received in money or	788
otherwise, without any deduction for any of the following:	789
(i) The vendor's cost of the property sold;	790
(ii) The cost of materials used, labor or service costs,	791
interest, losses, all costs of transportation to the vendor, all	792
taxes imposed on the vendor, including the tax imposed under	793
Chapter 5751. of the Revised Code, and any other expense of the	794
vendor;	795
(iii) Charges by the vendor for any services necessary to	796
complete the sale;	797
(iv) Delivery charges. As used in this division, "delivery	798
charges" means charges by the vendor for preparation and	799
delivery to a location designated by the consumer of tangible	800
personal property or a service, including transportation,	801
shipping, postage, handling, crating, and packing.	802
(v) Installation charges;	803
(vi) Credit for any trade-in.	804
(b) "Price" includes consideration received by the vendor	805
from a third party, if the vendor actually receives the	806
consideration from a party other than the consumer, and the	807
consideration is directly related to a price reduction or	808
discount on the sale; the vendor has an obligation to pass the	809
price reduction or discount through to the consumer; the amount	810
of the consideration attributable to the sale is fixed and	811
determinable by the vendor at the time of the sale of the item	812
to the consumer; and one of the following criteria is met:	813

(i) The consumer presents a coupon, certificate, or other	814
document to the vendor to claim a price reduction or discount	815
where the coupon, certificate, or document is authorized,	816
distributed, or granted by a third party with the understanding	817
that the third party will reimburse any vendor to whom the	818
coupon, certificate, or document is presented;	819
(ii) The consumer identifies the consumer's self to the	820
seller as a member of a group or organization entitled to a	821
price reduction or discount. A preferred customer card that is	822
available to any patron does not constitute membership in such a	823
group or organization.	824
(iii) The price reduction or discount is identified as a	825
third party price reduction or discount on the invoice received	826
by the consumer, or on a coupon, certificate, or other document	827
presented by the consumer.	828
(c) "Price" does not include any of the following:	829
(i) Discounts, including cash, term, or coupons that are	830
not reimbursed by a third party that are allowed by a vendor and	831
taken by a consumer on a sale;	832
(ii) Interest, financing, and carrying charges from credit	833
extended on the sale of tangible personal property or services,	834
if the amount is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale,	835
or similar document given to the purchaser;	836
(iii) Any taxes legally imposed directly on the consumer	837
that are separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or	838
similar document given to the consumer. For the purpose of this	839
division, the tax imposed under Chapter 5751. of the Revised	840
Code is not a tax directly on the consumer, even if the tax or a	841
portion thereof is separately stated.	842

- (iv) Notwithstanding divisions (H)(1)(b)(i) to (iii) of 843 this section, any discount allowed by an automobile manufacturer 844 to its employee, or to the employee of a supplier, on the 945 purchase of a new motor vehicle from a new motor vehicle dealer 846 in this state.
- (v) The dollar value of a gift card that is not sold by a 848 vendor or purchased by a consumer and that is redeemed by the 849 consumer in purchasing tangible personal property or services if 850 the vendor is not reimbursed and does not receive compensation 851 from a third party to cover all or part of the gift card value. 852 For the purposes of this division, a gift card is not sold by a 853 vendor or purchased by a consumer if it is distributed pursuant 854 to an awards, loyalty, or promotional program. Past and present 855 purchases of tangible personal property or services by the 856 consumer shall not be treated as consideration exchanged for a 857 gift card. 8.58
- (2) In the case of a sale of any new motor vehicle by a 859 new motor vehicle dealer, as defined in section 4517.01 of the 860 Revised Code, in which another motor vehicle is accepted by the 861 dealer as part of the consideration received, "price" has the 862 same meaning as in division (H)(1) of this section, reduced by 863 the credit afforded the consumer by the dealer for the motor 864 vehicle received in trade.
- (3) In the case of a sale of any watercraft or outboard

 motor by a watercraft dealer licensed in accordance with section

 1547.543 of the Revised Code, in which another watercraft,

 watercraft and trailer, or outboard motor is accepted by the

 dealer as part of the consideration received, "price" has the

 same meaning as in division (H)(1) of this section, reduced by

 the credit afforded the consumer by the dealer for the

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watercraft, watercraft and trailer, or outboard motor received	873
in trade. As used in this division, "watercraft" includes an	874
outdrive unit attached to the watercraft.	875
(4) In the case of transactions for health care services	876
under division (B)(11) of this section, "price" means the amount	877
of managed care premiums received each month by a medicaid	878
health insuring corporation.	879
(I) "Receipts" means the total amount of the prices of the	880
sales of vendors, provided that the dollar value of gift cards	881
distributed pursuant to an awards, loyalty, or promotional	882
program, and cash discounts allowed and taken on sales at the	883
time they are consummated are not included, minus any amount	884
deducted as a bad debt pursuant to section 5739.121 of the	885
Revised Code. "Receipts" does not include the sale price of	886
property returned or services rejected by consumers when the	887
full sale price and tax are refunded either in cash or by	888
credit.	889
(J) "Place of business" means any location at which a	890
person engages in business.	891
(K) "Premises" includes any real property or portion	892
thereof upon which any person engages in selling tangible	893
personal property at retail or making retail sales and also	894
includes any real property or portion thereof designated for, or	895
devoted to, use in conjunction with the business engaged in by	896
such person.	897
(L) "Casual sale" means a sale of an item of tangible	898
personal property that was obtained by the person making the	899
sale, through purchase or otherwise, for the person's own use	900

and was previously subject to any state's taxing jurisdiction on

its sale or use, and includes such items acquired for the	902
seller's use that are sold by an auctioneer employed directly by	903
the person for such purpose, provided the location of such sales	904
is not the auctioneer's permanent place of business. As used in	905
this division, "permanent place of business" includes any	906
location where such auctioneer has conducted more than two	907
auctions during the year.	908

- (M) "Hotel" means every establishment kept, used,

 maintained, advertised, or held out to the public to be a place

 where sleeping accommodations are offered to guests, in which

 five or more rooms are used for the accommodation of such

 guests, whether the rooms are in one or several structures,

 except as otherwise provided in section 5739.091 of the Revised

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- (N) "Transient guests" means persons occupying a room or916rooms for sleeping accommodations for less than thirty917consecutive days.
- (O) "Making retail sales" means the effecting of 919 transactions wherein one party is obligated to pay the price and 920 the other party is obligated to provide a service or to transfer 921 title to or possession of the item sold. "Making retail sales" 922 does not include the preliminary acts of promoting or soliciting 923 the retail sales, other than the distribution of printed matter 924 which displays or describes and prices the item offered for 925 sale, nor does it include delivery of a predetermined quantity 926 of tangible personal property or transportation of property or 927 personnel to or from a place where a service is performed. 928
- (P) "Used directly in the rendition of a public utility 929 service" means that property that is to be incorporated into and 930 will become a part of the consumer's production, transmission, 931

transportation, or distribution system and that retains its	932
classification as tangible personal property after such	933
incorporation; fuel or power used in the production,	934
transmission, transportation, or distribution system; and	935
tangible personal property used in the repair and maintenance of	936
the production, transmission, transportation, or distribution	937
system, including only such motor vehicles as are specially	938
designed and equipped for such use. Tangible personal property	939
and services used primarily in providing highway transportation	940
for hire are not used directly in the rendition of a public	941
utility service. In this definition, "public utility" includes a	942
citizen of the United States holding, and required to hold, a	943
certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under 49	944
U.S.C. 41102.	945

- (Q) "Refining" means removing or separating a desirable product from raw or contaminated materials by distillation or physical, mechanical, or chemical processes.
- (R) "Assembly" and "assembling" mean attaching or fitting together parts to form a product, but do not include packaging a product.
- (S) "Manufacturing operation" means a process in which materials are changed, converted, or transformed into a different state or form from which they previously existed and includes refining materials, assembling parts, and preparing raw materials and parts by mixing, measuring, blending, or otherwise committing such materials or parts to the manufacturing process.

 "Manufacturing operation" does not include packaging.
- (T) "Fiscal officer" means, with respect to a regional 959 transit authority, the secretary-treasurer thereof, and with 960 respect to a county that is a transit authority, the fiscal 961

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officer of the county transit board if one is appointed pursuant
to section 306.03 of the Revised Code or the county auditor if
the board of county commissioners operates the county transit

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system.

- (U) "Transit authority" means a regional transit authority 966 created pursuant to section 306.31 of the Revised Code or a 967 county in which a county transit system is created pursuant to 968 section 306.01 of the Revised Code. For the purposes of this 969 chapter, a transit authority must extend to at least the entire 970 area of a single county. A transit authority that includes 971 territory in more than one county must include all the area of 972 the most populous county that is a part of such transit 973 974 authority. County population shall be measured by the most recent census taken by the United States census bureau. 975
- (V) "Legislative authority" means, with respect to a 976 regional transit authority, the board of trustees thereof, and 977 with respect to a county that is a transit authority, the board 978 of county commissioners. 979
- (W) "Territory of the transit authority" means all of the area included within the territorial boundaries of a transit authority as they from time to time exist. Such territorial boundaries must at all times include all the area of a single county or all the area of the most populous county that is a part of such transit authority. County population shall be measured by the most recent census taken by the United States census bureau.
- (X) "Providing a service" means providing or furnishing anything described in division (B)(3) of this section for consideration.

(Y)(1)(a) "Automatic data processing" means processing of	991
others' data, including keypunching or similar data entry	992
services together with verification thereof, or providing access	993
to computer equipment for the purpose of processing data.	994
(b) "Computer services" means providing services	995
consisting of specifying computer hardware configurations and	996
evaluating technical processing characteristics, computer	997
programming, and training of computer programmers and operators,	998
provided in conjunction with and to support the sale, lease, or	999
operation of taxable computer equipment or systems.	1000
(c) "Electronic information services" means providing	1001
access to computer equipment by means of telecommunications	1002
equipment for the purpose of either of the following:	1003
(i) Examining or acquiring data stored in or accessible to	1004
the computer equipment;	1005
(ii) Placing data into the computer equipment to be	1006
retrieved by designated recipients with access to the computer	1007
equipment.	1008
"Electronic information services" does not include	1009
electronic publishing.	1010
(d) "Automatic data processing, computer services, or	1011
electronic information services" shall not include personal or	1012
professional services.	1013
(2) As used in divisions (B)(3)(e) and (Y)(1) of this	1014
section, "personal and professional services" means all services	1015
other than automatic data processing, computer services, or	1016
electronic information services, including but not limited to:	1017
(a) Accounting and legal services such as advice on tax	1018

matters, asset management, budgetary matters, quality control,	1019
information security, and auditing and any other situation where	1020
the service provider receives data or information and studies,	1021
alters, analyzes, interprets, or adjusts such material;	1022
(b) Analyzing business policies and procedures;	1023
(c) Identifying management information needs;	1024
(d) Feasibility studies, including economic and technical	1025
analysis of existing or potential computer hardware or software	1026
needs and alternatives;	1027
(e) Designing policies, procedures, and custom software	1028
for collecting business information, and determining how data	1029
should be summarized, sequenced, formatted, processed,	1030
controlled, and reported so that it will be meaningful to	1031
management;	1032
(f) Developing policies and procedures that document how	1033
business events and transactions are to be authorized, executed,	1034
and controlled;	1035
(g) Testing of business procedures;	1036
(h) Training personnel in business procedure applications;	1037
(i) Providing credit information to users of such	1038
information by a consumer reporting agency, as defined in the	1039
"Fair Credit Reporting Act," 84 Stat. 1114, 1129 (1970), 15	1040
U.S.C. 1681a(f), or as hereafter amended, including but not	1041
limited to gathering, organizing, analyzing, recording, and	1042
furnishing such information by any oral, written, graphic, or	1043
electronic medium;	1044
(j) Providing debt collection services by any oral,	1045
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(k) Providing digital advertising services;	1047
(1) Providing services to electronically file any federal,	1048
state, or local individual income tax return, report, or other	1049
related document or schedule with a federal, state, or local	1050
government entity or to electronically remit a payment of any	1051
such individual income tax to such an entity. For the purpose of	1052
this division, "individual income tax" does not include federal,	1053
state, or local taxes withheld by an employer from an employee's	1054
compensation.	1055
The services listed in divisions (Y)(2)(a) to (1) of this	1056
section are not automatic data processing or computer services.	1057
(Z) "Highway transportation for hire" means the	1058
transportation of personal property belonging to others for	1059
consideration by any of the following:	1060
(1) The holder of a permit or certificate issued by this	1061
state or the United States authorizing the holder to engage in	1062
transportation of personal property belonging to others for	1063
consideration over or on highways, roadways, streets, or any	1064
similar public thoroughfare;	1065
(2) A person who engages in the transportation of personal	1066
property belonging to others for consideration over or on	1067
highways, roadways, streets, or any similar public thoroughfare	1068
but who could not have engaged in such transportation on	1069
December 11, 1985, unless the person was the holder of a permit	1070
or certificate of the types described in division (Z)(1) of this	1071
section;	1072
(3) A person who leases a motor vehicle to and operates it	1073
for a person described by division (Z)(1) or (2) of this	1074
section.	1075

"Highway transportation for hire" does not include	1076
delivery network services.	1077
(AA)(1) "Telecommunications service" means the electronic	1078
transmission, conveyance, or routing of voice, data, audio,	1079
video, or any other information or signals to a point, or	1080
between or among points. "Telecommunications service" includes	1081
such transmission, conveyance, or routing in which computer	1082
processing applications are used to act on the form, code, or	1083
protocol of the content for purposes of transmission,	1084
conveyance, or routing without regard to whether the service is	1085
referred to as voice-over internet protocol service or is	1086
classified by the federal communications commission as enhanced	1087
or value-added. "Telecommunications service" does not include	1088
any of the following:	1089
(a) Data processing and information services that allow	1090
data to be generated, acquired, stored, processed, or retrieved	1091
and delivered by an electronic transmission to a consumer where	1092
the consumer's primary purpose for the underlying transaction is	1093
the processed data or information;	1094
(b) Installation or maintenance of wiring or equipment on	1095
a customer's premises;	1096
(c) Tangible personal property;	1097
(d) Advertising, including directory advertising;	1098
(e) Billing and collection services provided to third	1099
parties;	1100
(f) Internet access service;	1101
(g) Radio and television audio and video programming	1102
services, regardless of the medium, including the furnishing of	1103

transmission, conveyance, and routing of such services by the	1104
programming service provider. Radio and television audio and	1105
video programming services include, but are not limited to,	1106
cable service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 522(6), and audio and	1107
video programming services delivered by commercial mobile radio	1108
service providers, as defined in 47 C.F.R. 20.3;	1109
(h) Ancillary service;	1110
(i) Digital products delivered electronically, including	1111
software, music, video, reading materials, or ring tones.	1112
(2) "Ancillary service" means a service that is associated	1113
with or incidental to the provision of telecommunications	1114
service, including conference bridging service, detailed	1115
telecommunications billing service, directory assistance,	1116
vertical service, and voice mail service. As used in this	1117
division:	1118
(a) "Conference bridging service" means an ancillary	1119
service that links two or more participants of an audio or video	1120
conference call, including providing a telephone number.	1121
"Conference bridging service" does not include	1122
telecommunications services used to reach the conference bridge.	1123
(b) "Detailed telecommunications billing service" means an	1124
ancillary service of separately stating information pertaining	1125
to individual calls on a customer's billing statement.	1126
(c) "Directory assistance" means an ancillary service of	1127
providing telephone number or address information.	1128
(d) "Vertical service" means an ancillary service that is	1129
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(d) "Vertical service" means an ancillary service that is	

connections, including conference bridging service.

- (e) "Voice mail service" means an ancillary service that 1134 enables the customer to store, send, or receive recorded 1135 messages. "Voice mail service" does not include any vertical 1136 services that the customer may be required to have in order to 1137 utilize the voice mail service. 1138
- (3) "900 service" means an inbound toll telecommunications 1139 service purchased by a subscriber that allows the subscriber's 1140 1141 customers to call in to the subscriber's prerecorded announcement or live service, and which is typically marketed 1142 under the name "900 service" and any subsequent numbers 1143 designated by the federal communications commission. "900 1144 service" does not include the charge for collection services 1145 provided by the seller of the telecommunications service to the 1146 subscriber, or services or products sold by the subscriber to 1147 the subscriber's customer. 1148
- (4) "Prepaid calling service" means the right to access 1149 exclusively telecommunications services, which must be paid for 1150 in advance and which enables the origination of calls using an 1151 access number or authorization code, whether manually or 1152 electronically dialed, and that is sold in predetermined units 1153 or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known 1154 amount.
- (5) "Prepaid wireless calling service" means a 1156
 telecommunications service that provides the right to utilize 1157
 mobile telecommunications service as well as other non- 1158
 telecommunications services, including the download of digital 1159
 products delivered electronically, and content and ancillary 1160
 services, that must be paid for in advance and that is sold in 1161
 predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with 1162

use in a known amount. 1163 (6) "Value-added non-voice data service" means a 1164 telecommunications service in which computer processing 1165 applications are used to act on the form, content, code, or 1166 protocol of the information or data primarily for a purpose 1167 other than transmission, conveyance, or routing. 1168 (7) "Coin-operated telephone service" means a 1169 telecommunications service paid for by inserting money into a 1170 telephone accepting direct deposits of money to operate. 1171 (8) "Customer" has the same meaning as in section 5739.034 1172 of the Revised Code. 1173 (BB) "Laundry and dry cleaning services" means removing 1174 soil or dirt from towels, linens, articles of clothing, or other 1175 fabric items that belong to others and supplying towels, linens, 1176 articles of clothing, or other fabric items. "Laundry and dry 1177 cleaning services" does not include the provision of self-1178 service facilities for use by consumers to remove soil or dirt 1179 from towels, linens, articles of clothing, or other fabric 1180 items. 1181 (CC) "Magazines distributed as controlled circulation 1182 publications" means magazines containing at least twenty-four 1183 pages, at least twenty-five per cent editorial content, issued 1184 at regular intervals four or more times a year, and circulated 1185 without charge to the recipient, provided that such magazines 1186 are not owned or controlled by individuals or business concerns 1187 which conduct such publications as an auxiliary to, and 1188 essentially for the advancement of the main business or calling 1189 of, those who own or control them. 1190

(DD) "Landscaping and lawn care service" means the

services of planting, seeding, sodding, removing, cutting,	1192
trimming, pruning, mulching, aerating, applying chemicals,	1193
watering, fertilizing, and providing similar services to	1194
establish, promote, or control the growth of trees, shrubs,	1195
flowers, grass, ground cover, and other flora, or otherwise	1196
maintaining a lawn or landscape grown or maintained by the owner	1197
for ornamentation or other nonagricultural purpose. However,	1198
"landscaping and lawn care service" does not include the	1199
providing of such services by a person who has less than five	1200
thousand dollars in sales of such services during the calendar	1201
year.	1202

- (EE) "Private investigation and security service" means 1203 the performance of any activity for which the provider of such 1204 service is required to be licensed pursuant to Chapter 4749. of 1205 the Revised Code, or would be required to be so licensed in 1206 performing such services in this state, and also includes the 1207 services of conducting polygraph examinations and of monitoring 1208 or overseeing the activities on or in, or the condition of, the 1209 consumer's home, business, or other facility by means of 1210 electronic or similar monitoring devices. "Private investigation 1211 and security service" does not include special duty services 1212 provided by off-duty police officers, deputy sheriffs, and other 1213 peace officers regularly employed by the state or a political 1214 subdivision. 1215
- (FF) "Information services" means providing conversation,

 giving consultation or advice, playing or making a voice or

 other recording, making or keeping a record of the number of

 callers, and any other service provided to a consumer by means

 of a nine hundred telephone call, except when the nine hundred

 telephone call is the means by which the consumer makes a

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 contribution to a recognized charity.

(GG) "Research and development" means designing, creating,	1223
or formulating new or enhanced products, equipment, or	1224
manufacturing processes, and also means conducting scientific or	1225
technological inquiry and experimentation in the physical	1226
sciences with the goal of increasing scientific knowledge which	1227
may reveal the bases for new or enhanced products, equipment, or	1228
manufacturing processes.	1229
(HH) "Qualified research and development equipment" means	1230
either of the following:	1231
(1) Capitalized tangible personal property, and leased	1232
personal property that would be capitalized if purchased, used	1233
by a person primarily to perform research and development;	1234
(2) Any tangible personal property used by a megaproject	1235
operator primarily to perform research and development at the	1236
site of a megaproject that satisfies the criteria described in	1237
division (A)(11)(a)(ii) of section 122.17 of the Revised Code	1238
during the period that the megaproject operator has an agreement	1239
for such megaproject with the tax credit authority under	1240
division (D) of that section that remains in effect and has not	1241
expired or been terminated.	1242
"Qualified research and development equipment" does not	1243
include tangible personal property primarily used in testing, as	1244
defined in division (A)(4) of section 5739.011 of the Revised	1245
Code, or used for recording or storing test results, unless such	1246
property is primarily used by the consumer in testing the	1247
product, equipment, or manufacturing process being created,	1248
designed, or formulated by the consumer in the research and	1249
development activity or in recording or storing such test	1250
results.	1251

- (II) "Building maintenance and janitorial service" means 1252 cleaning the interior or exterior of a building and any tangible 1253 personal property located therein or thereon, including any 1254 services incidental to such cleaning for which no separate 1255 charge is made. However, "building maintenance and janitorial 1256 service" does not include the providing of such service by a 1257 person who has less than five thousand dollars in sales of such 1258 service during the calendar year. As used in this division, 1259 "cleaning" does not include sanitation services necessary for an 1260 establishment described in 21 U.S.C. 608 to comply with rules 1261 and regulations adopted pursuant to that section. 1262
- (JJ) "Exterminating service" means eradicating or 1263 attempting to eradicate vermin infestations from a building or 1264 structure, or the area surrounding a building or structure, and 1265 includes activities to inspect, detect, or prevent vermin 1266 infestation of a building or structure.
- (KK) "Physical fitness facility service" means all 1268 transactions by which a membership is granted, maintained, or 1269 renewed, including initiation fees, membership dues, renewal 1270 fees, monthly minimum fees, and other similar fees and dues, by 1271 a physical fitness facility such as an athletic club, health 1272 spa, or gymnasium, which entitles the member to use the facility 1273 for physical exercise.
- (LL) "Recreation and sports club service" means all

 transactions by which a membership is granted, maintained, or

 renewed, including initiation fees, membership dues, renewal

 fees, monthly minimum fees, and other similar fees and dues, by

 a recreation and sports club, which entitles the member to use

 the facilities of the organization. "Recreation and sports club"

 means an organization that has ownership of, or controls or

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leases on a continuing, long-term basis, the facilities used by	1282
its members and includes an aviation club, gun or shooting club,	1283
yacht club, card club, swimming club, tennis club, golf club,	1284
country club, riding club, amateur sports club, or similar	1285
organization.	1286
(MM) "Livestock" means farm animals commonly raised for	1287
food, food production, or other agricultural purposes,	1288
including, but not limited to, cattle, sheep, goats, swine,	1289
poultry, and captive deer. "Livestock" does not include	1290
invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, domestic pets, animals for	1291
use in laboratories or for exhibition, or other animals not	1292
commonly raised for food or food production.	1293
(NN) "Livestock structure" means a building or structure	1294
used exclusively for the housing, raising, feeding, or	1295
sheltering of livestock, and includes feed storage or handling	1296
structures and structures for livestock waste handling.	1297
(00) "Horticulture" means the growing, cultivation, and	1298
production of flowers, fruits, herbs, vegetables, sod,	1299
mushrooms, and nursery stock. As used in this division, "nursery	1300
stock" has the same meaning as in section 927.51 of the Revised	1301
Code.	1302
(PP) "Horticulture structure" means a building or	1303
structure used exclusively for the commercial growing, raising,	1304
or overwintering of horticultural products, and includes the	1305
area used for stocking, storing, and packing horticultural	1306
products when done in conjunction with the production of those	1307
products.	1308
(QQ) "Newspaper" means an unbound publication bearing a	1309
title or name that is regularly published, at least as	1310

- (RR)(1) "Feminine hygiene products" means tampons, panty liners, menstrual cups, sanitary napkins, and other similar tangible personal property designed for feminine hygiene in connection with the human menstrual cycle, but does not include grooming and hygiene products.
- (2) "Grooming and hygiene products" means soaps and
 cleaning solutions, shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash,
 antiperspirants, and sun tan lotions and screens, regardless of
 whether any of these products are over-the-counter drugs.

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- (3) "Over-the-counter drugs" means a drug that contains a 1324 label that identifies the product as a drug as required by 21 1325 C.F.R. 201.66, which label includes a drug facts panel or a 1326 statement of the active ingredients with a list of those 1327 ingredients contained in the compound, substance, or 1328 preparation.
- (SS)(1) "Lease" or "rental" means any transfer of the 1330 possession or control of tangible personal property for a fixed 1331 or indefinite term, for consideration. "Lease" or "rental" 1332 includes future options to purchase or extend, and agreements 1333 described in 26 U.S.C. 7701(h)(1) covering motor vehicles and 1334 trailers where the amount of consideration may be increased or 1335 decreased by reference to the amount realized upon the sale or 1336 disposition of the property. "Lease" or "rental" does not 1337 include: 1338
 - (a) A transfer of possession or control of tangible 1339

personal property under a security agreement or a deferred	1340
payment plan that requires the transfer of title upon completion	1341
of the required payments;	1342
(b) A transfer of possession or control of tangible	1343
personal property under an agreement that requires the transfer	1344
of title upon completion of required payments and payment of an	1345
option price that does not exceed the greater of one hundred	1346
dollars or one per cent of the total required payments;	1347
(c) Providing tangible personal property along with an	1348
operator for a fixed or indefinite period of time, if the	1349
operator is necessary for the property to perform as designed.	1350
For purposes of this division, the operator must do more than	1351
maintain, inspect, or set up the tangible personal property.	1352
(2) "Lease" and "rental," as defined in division (SS) of	1353
this section, shall not apply to leases or rentals that exist	1354
before June 26, 2003.	1355
(3) "Lease" and "rental" have the same meaning as in	1356
division (SS)(1) of this section regardless of whether a	1357
transaction is characterized as a lease or rental under	1358
generally accepted accounting principles, the Internal Revenue	1359
Code, Title XIII of the Revised Code, or other federal, state,	1360
or local laws.	1361
(TT) "Mobile telecommunications service" has the same	1362
meaning as in the "Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act," Pub.	1363
L. No. 106-252, 114 Stat. 631 (2000), 4 U.S.C.A. 124(7), as	1364
amended, and, on and after August 1, 2003, includes related fees	1365
and ancillary services, including universal service fees,	1366
detailed billing service, directory assistance, service	1367
initiation, voice mail service, and vertical services, such as	1368

caller ID and three-way calling. 1369 (UU) "Certified service provider" has the same meaning as 1370 in section 5740.01 of the Revised Code. 1371 (VV) "Satellite broadcasting service" means the 1372 distribution or broadcasting of programming or services by 1373 satellite directly to the subscriber's receiving equipment 1374 without the use of ground receiving or distribution equipment, 1375 except the subscriber's receiving equipment or equipment used in 1376 the uplink process to the satellite, and includes all service 1377 and rental charges, premium channels or other special services, 1378 installation and repair service charges, and any other charges 1379 having any connection with the provision of the satellite 1380 broadcasting service. 1381 (WW) "Tangible personal property" means personal property 1382 that can be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or touched, or that 1383 is in any other manner perceptible to the senses. For purposes 1384 of this chapter and Chapter 5741. of the Revised Code, "tangible 1385 personal property" includes motor vehicles, electricity, water, 1386 gas, steam, and prewritten computer software. 1387 (XX) "Municipal gas utility" means a municipal corporation 1388 that owns or operates a system for the distribution of natural 1389 1390 gas. (YY) "Computer" means an electronic device that accepts 1391 information in digital or similar form and manipulates it for a 1392 result based on a sequence of instructions. 1393 (ZZ) "Computer software" means a set of coded instructions 1394 designed to cause a computer or automatic data processing 1395 equipment to perform a task. 1396 (AAA) "Delivered electronically" means delivery of 1397

computer software from the seller to the purchaser by means	1398
other than tangible storage media.	1399

(BBB) "Prewritten computer software" means computer 1400 software, including prewritten upgrades, that is not designed 1401 and developed by the author or other creator to the 1402 specifications of a specific purchaser. The combining of two or 1403 more prewritten computer software programs or prewritten 1404 portions thereof does not cause the combination to be other than 1405 prewritten computer software. "Prewritten computer software" 1406 includes software designed and developed by the author or other 1407 creator to the specifications of a specific purchaser when it is 1408 sold to a person other than the purchaser. If a person modifies 1409 or enhances computer software of which the person is not the 1410 author or creator, the person shall be deemed to be the author 1411 or creator only of such person's modifications or enhancements. 1412 Prewritten computer software or a prewritten portion thereof 1413 that is modified or enhanced to any degree, where such 1414 modification or enhancement is designed and developed to the 1415 specifications of a specific purchaser, remains prewritten 1416 computer software; provided, however, that where there is a 1417 reasonable, separately stated charge or an invoice or other 1418 statement of the price given to the purchaser for the 1419 modification or enhancement, the modification or enhancement 1420 shall not constitute prewritten computer software. 1421

(CCC) (1) "Food" means substances, whether in liquid, 1422 concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated form, that are 1423 sold for ingestion or chewing by humans and are consumed for 1424 their taste or nutritional value. "Food" does not include 1425 alcoholic beverages, dietary supplements, soft drinks, or 1426 tobacco.

(2) As used in division (CCC)(1) of this section:	1428
(a) "Dietary supplements" means any product, other than	1429
tobacco, that is intended to supplement the diet and that is	1430
intended for ingestion in tablet, capsule, powder, softgel,	1431
gelcap, or liquid form, or, if not intended for ingestion in	1432
such a form, is not represented as conventional food for use as	1433
a sole item of a meal or of the diet; that is required to be	1434
labeled as a dietary supplement, identifiable by the "supplement	1435
facts" box found on the label, as required by 21 C.F.R. 101.36;	1436
and that contains one or more of the following dietary	1437
ingredients:	1438
(i) A vitamin;	1439
(ii) A mineral;	1440
(iii) An herb or other botanical;	1441
(iv) An amino acid;	1442
(v) A dietary substance for use by humans to supplement	1443
the diet by increasing the total dietary intake;	1444
(vi) A concentrate, metabolite, constituent, extract, or	1445
combination of any ingredient described in divisions (CCC)(2)(a)	1446
(i) to (v) of this section.	1447
(b) "Soft drinks" means nonalcoholic beverages that	1448
contain natural or artificial sweeteners. "Soft drinks" does not	1449
include beverages that contain milk or milk products, soy, rice,	1450
or similar milk substitutes, or that contains greater than fifty	1451
per cent vegetable or fruit juice by volume.	1452
(DDD) "Drug" means a compound, substance, or preparation,	1453
and any component of a compound, substance, or preparation,	1454
other than food, dietary supplements, or alcoholic beverages	1455

that is recognized in the official United States pharmacopoeia,	1456
official homeopathic pharmacopoeia of the United States, or	1457
official national formulary, and supplements to them; is	1458
intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment,	1459
or prevention of disease; or is intended to affect the structure	1460
or any function of the body.	1461
(EEE) "Prescription" means an order, formula, or recipe	1462
issued in any form of oral, written, electronic, or other means	1463
of transmission by a duly licensed practitioner authorized by	1464
the laws of this state to issue a prescription.	1465
(FFF) "Durable medical equipment" means equipment,	1466
including repair and replacement parts for such equipment, that	1467
can withstand repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to	1468
serve a medical purpose, generally is not useful to a person in	1469
the absence of illness or injury, and is not worn in or on the	1470
body. "Durable medical equipment" does not include mobility	1471
enhancing equipment.	1472
(GGG) "Mobility enhancing equipment" means equipment,	1473
including repair and replacement parts for such equipment, that	1474
is primarily and customarily used to provide or increase the	1475
ability to move from one place to another and is appropriate for	1476
use either in a home or a motor vehicle, that is not generally	1477
used by persons with normal mobility, and that does not include	1478
any motor vehicle or equipment on a motor vehicle normally	1479
provided by a motor vehicle manufacturer. "Mobility enhancing	1480
equipment" does not include durable medical equipment.	1481
(HHH) "Prosthetic device" means a replacement, corrective,	1482
or supportive device, including repair and replacement parts for	1483
the device, worn on or in the human body to artificially replace	1484
a missing portion of the body, prevent or correct physical	1485

deformity or malfunction, or support a weak or deformed portion	1486
of the body. As used in this division, before July 1, 2019,	1487
"prosthetic device" does not include corrective eyeglasses,	1488
contact lenses, or dental prosthesis. On or after July 1, 2019,	1489
"prosthetic device" does not include dental prosthesis but does	1490
include corrective eyeglasses or contact lenses.	1491
(III)(1) "Fractional aircraft ownership program" means a	1492
program in which persons within an affiliated group sell and	1493
manage fractional ownership program aircraft, provided that at	1494
least one hundred airworthy aircraft are operated in the program	1495
and the program meets all of the following criteria:	1496
(a) Management services are provided by at least one	1497
program manager within an affiliated group on behalf of the	1498
fractional owners.	1499
(b) Each program aircraft is owned or possessed by at	1500
least one fractional owner.	1501
(c) Each fractional owner owns or possesses at least a	1502
one-sixteenth interest in at least one fixed-wing program	1503
aircraft.	1504
(d) A dry-lease aircraft interchange arrangement is in	1505
effect among all of the fractional owners.	1506
(e) Multi-year program agreements are in effect regarding	1507
the fractional ownership, management services, and dry-lease	1508
aircraft interchange arrangement aspects of the program.	1509
(2) As used in division (III)(1) of this section:	1510
(a) "Affiliated group" has the same meaning as in division	1511
(B)(3)(e) of this section.	1512
(b) "Fractional owner" means a person that owns or	1513

possesses at least a one-sixteenth interest in a program	1514
aircraft and has entered into the agreements described in	1515
division (III)(1)(e) of this section.	1516
(c) "Fractional ownership program aircraft" or "program	1517
aircraft" means a turbojet aircraft that is owned or possessed	1518
by a fractional owner and that has been included in a dry-lease	1519
aircraft interchange arrangement and agreement under divisions	1520
(III) (1) (d) and (e) of this section, or an aircraft a program	1521
manager owns or possesses primarily for use in a fractional	1522
aircraft ownership program.	1523
(d) "Management services" means administrative and	1524
aviation support services furnished under a fractional aircraft	1525
ownership program in accordance with a management services	1526
agreement under division (III)(1)(e) of this section, and	1527
offered by the program manager to the fractional owners,	1528
including, at a minimum, the establishment and implementation of	1529
safety guidelines; the coordination of the scheduling of the	1530
program aircraft and crews; program aircraft maintenance;	1531
program aircraft insurance; crew training for crews employed,	1532
furnished, or contracted by the program manager or the	1533
fractional owner; the satisfaction of record-keeping	1534
requirements; and the development and use of an operations	1535
manual and a maintenance manual for the fractional aircraft	1536
ownership program.	1537
(e) "Program manager" means the person that offers	1538
management services to fractional owners pursuant to a	1539
management services agreement under division (III) (1) (e) of this	1540
section.	1541
(JJJ) "Electronic publishing" means providing access to	1542
one or more of the following primarily for business customers,	1543

including the federal government or a state government or a	1544
political subdivision thereof, to conduct research: news;	1545
business, financial, legal, consumer, or credit materials;	1546
editorials, columns, reader commentary, or features; photos or	1547
images; archival or research material; legal notices, identity	1548
verification, or public records; scientific, educational,	1549
instructional, technical, professional, trade, or other literary	1550
materials; or other similar information which has been gathered	1551
and made available by the provider to the consumer in an	1552
electronic format. Providing electronic publishing includes the	1553
functions necessary for the acquisition, formatting, editing,	1554
storage, and dissemination of data or information that is the	1555
subject of a sale.	1556
(KKK) "Medicaid health insuring corporation" means a	1557
health insuring corporation that holds a certificate of	1558
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authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code and is under	
contract with the department of medicaid pursuant to section	1560
5167.10 of the Revised Code.	1561
(LLL) "Managed care premium" means any premium,	1562
capitation, or other payment a medicaid health insuring	1563
corporation receives for providing or arranging for the	1564
provision of health care services to its members or enrollees	1565
residing in this state.	1566
(MMM) "Captive deer" means deer and other cervidae that	1567
have been legally acquired, or their offspring, that are	1568
privately owned for agricultural or farming purposes.	1569
privately owned for agricultural or larming purposes.	1309
(NNN) "Gift card" means a document, card, certificate, or	1570
other record, whether tangible or intangible, that may be	1571
redeemed by a consumer for a dollar value when making a purchase	1572
of tangible personal property or services.	1573

(000) "Specified digital product" means an electronically	1574
transferred digital audiovisual work, digital audio work, or	1575
digital book.	1576
As used in division (000) of this section:	1577
(1) "Digital audiovisual work" means a series of related	1578
images that, when shown in succession, impart an impression of	1579
motion, together with accompanying sounds, if any.	1580
(2) "Digital audio work" means a work that results from	1581
the fixation of a series of musical, spoken, or other sounds,	1582
including digitized sound files that are downloaded onto a	1583
device and that may be used to alert the customer with respect	1584
to a communication.	1585
(3) "Digital book" means a work that is generally	1586
recognized in the ordinary and usual sense as a book.	1587
(4) "Electronically transferred" means obtained by the	1588
purchaser by means other than tangible storage media.	1589
(PPP) "Digital advertising services" means providing	1590
access, by means of telecommunications equipment, to computer	1591
equipment that is used to enter, upload, download, review,	1592
manipulate, store, add, or delete data for the purpose of	1593
electronically displaying, delivering, placing, or transferring	1594
promotional advertisements to potential customers about products	1595
or services or about industry or business brands.	1596
(QQQ) "Peer-to-peer car sharing program" has the same	1597
meaning as in section 4516.01 of the Revised Code.	1598
(RRR) "Megaproject" and "megaproject operator" have the	1599
same meanings as in section 122.17 of the Revised Code.	1600
(SSS)(1) "Diaper" means an absorbent garment worn by	1601

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operates a business platform, including a web site or mobile	1630
application, to facilitate delivery network services.	1631
(2) "Delivery network courier" means an individual	1632
connected to a consumer through a delivery network company and	1633
who provides delivery network services to that consumer.	1634
(3) "Delivery network services" means both of the	1635
following when performed as part of a single transaction:	1636
(a) Pickup of a local product by a delivery network	1637
courier from a local merchant that is not under common ownership	1638
or control of the delivery network company through which the	1639
transaction was initiated, and which may include selection,	1640
collection, and purchase of the local product;	1641
(b) Delivery by the delivery network courier of that local	1642
product to a location designated by the consumer that is not	1643
more than seventy-five miles from the local merchant's place of	1644
business where the pickup described in division (XXX)(3)(a) of	1645
this section occurs.	1646
(4) "Local merchant" means a person engaged in selling	1647
local products from a temporary or fixed place of business in	1648
this state, including a kitchen, restaurant, grocery store,	1649
retail store, or convenience store.	1650
(5) "Local product" means any tangible personal property,	1651
including food, but excluding freight, mail, or a package to	1652
which postage is affixed.	1653
Sec. 5741.01. As used in this chapter:	1654
(A) "Person" includes individuals, receivers, assignees,	1655
trustees in bankruptcy, estates, firms, partnerships,	1656
associations, joint-stock companies, joint ventures, clubs,	1657

societies, corporations, business trusts, governments, and 1658 combinations of individuals of any form.

- (B) "Storage" means and includes any keeping or retention 1660 in this state for use or other consumption in this state. 1661
- (C) "Use" means and includes the exercise of any right or
 power incidental to the ownership of the thing used. A thing is
 also "used" in this state if its consumer gives or otherwise
 distributes it, without charge, to recipients in this state.

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- (D) "Purchase" means acquired or received for a 1666 consideration, whether such acquisition or receipt was effected 1667 by a transfer of title, or of possession, or of both, or a 1668 license to use or consume; whether such transfer was absolute or 1669 conditional, and by whatever means the transfer was effected; 1670 and whether the consideration was money, credit, barter, or 1671 exchange. Purchase includes production, even though the article 1672 produced was used, stored, or consumed by the producer. The 1673 transfer of copyrighted motion picture films for exhibition 1674 purposes is not a purchase, except such films as are used solely 1675 for advertising purposes. 1676
- (E) "Seller" means the person from whom a purchase is 1677 made, and includes every person engaged in this state or 1678 elsewhere in the business of selling tangible personal property 1679 or providing a service for storage, use, or other consumption or 1680 benefit in this state; and when, in the opinion of the tax 1681 commissioner, it is necessary for the efficient administration 1682 of this chapter, to regard any salesperson, representative, 1683 peddler, or canvasser as the agent of a dealer, distributor, 1684 supervisor, or employer under whom the person operates, or from 1685 whom the person obtains tangible personal property, sold by the 1686 person for storage, use, or other consumption in this state, 1687

irrespective of whether or not the person is making such sales	1688
on the person's own behalf, or on behalf of such dealer,	1689
distributor, supervisor, or employer, the commissioner may	1690
regard the person as such agent, and may regard such dealer,	1691
distributor, supervisor, or employer as the seller. $A-$	1692

Except as provided in sections 5741.071 and 5747.072 of 1693 the Revised Code, a marketplace facilitator shall be treated as 1694 the "seller" with respect to all sales facilitated by the 1695 marketplace facilitator on behalf of one or more marketplace 1696 sellers on and after the first day of the first month that 1697 begins at least thirty days after the marketplace facilitator 1698 first has substantial nexus with this state. Otherwise, "seller" 1699 does not include any person to the extent the person provides a 1700 communications medium, such as, but not limited to, newspapers, 1701 magazines, radio, television, or cable television, by means of 1702 which sellers solicit purchases of their goods or services. 1703

(F) "Consumer" means any person who has purchased tangible 1704 personal property or has been provided a service for storage, 1705 use, or other consumption or benefit in this state. "Consumer" 1706 does not include a person who receives, without charge, tangible 1707 personal property or a service.

A person who performs a facility management or similar 1709 service contract for a contractee is a consumer of all tangible 1710 personal property and services purchased for use in connection 1711 with the performance of such contract, regardless of whether 1712 title to any such property vests in the contractee. The purchase 1713 of such property and services is not subject to the exception 1714 for resale under division (E) of section 5739.01 of the Revised 1715 Code. 1716

(G)(1) "Price," except as provided in divisions (G)(2) to 1717

- (6) of this section, has the same meaning as in division (H)(1) 1718 of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code. 1719
- (2) In the case of watercraft, outboard motors, or newmotor vehicles, "price" has the same meaning as in divisions (H)(2) and (3) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.1722
- (3) In the case of a nonresident business consumer that 1723 purchases and uses tangible personal property outside this state 1724 and subsequently temporarily stores, uses, or otherwise consumes 1725 such tangible personal property in the conduct of business in 1726 this state, the consumer or the tax commissioner may determine 1727 the price based on the value of the temporary storage, use, or 1728 other consumption, in lieu of determining the price pursuant to 1729 division (G)(1) of this section. A price determination made by 1730 the consumer is subject to review and redetermination by the 1731 commissioner. 1732
- (4) In the case of tangible personal property held in this

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 state as inventory for sale or lease, and that is temporarily

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 stored, used, or otherwise consumed in a taxable manner, the

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 price is the value of the temporary use. A price determination

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 made by the consumer is subject to review and redetermination by

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 the commissioner.
- (5) In the case of tangible personal property originally 1739 purchased and used by the consumer outside this state, and that 1740 becomes permanently stored, used, or otherwise consumed in this 1741 state more than six months after its acquisition by the 1742 consumer, the consumer or the commissioner may determine the 1743 price based on the current value of such tangible personal 1744 property, in lieu of determining the price pursuant to division 1745 (G)(1) of this section. A price determination made by the 1746 consumer is subject to review and redetermination by the 1747

commissioner.	1748
(6) If a consumer produces tangible personal property for	1749
sale and removes that property from inventory for the consumer's	1750
own use, the price is the produced cost of that tangible	1751
personal property.	1752
(H) "Nexus with this state" means that the seller engages	1753
in continuous and widespread solicitation of purchases from	1754
residents of this state or otherwise purposefully directs its	1755
business activities at residents of this state.	1756
(I)(1) "Substantial nexus with this state" means that the	1757
seller has sufficient contact with this state, in accordance	1758
with Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution of the United	1759
States, to allow the state to require the seller to collect and	1760
remit use tax on sales of tangible personal property or services	1761
made to consumers in this state.	1762
(2) "Substantial nexus with this state" is presumed to	1763
exist when the seller does any of the following:	1764
(a) Uses an office, distribution facility, warehouse,	1765
storage facility, or similar place of business within this	1766
state, whether operated by the seller or any other person, other	1767
than a common carrier acting in its capacity as a common	1768
carrier.	1769
(b) Regularly uses employees, agents, representatives,	1770
solicitors, installers, repairers, salespersons, or other	1771
persons in this state for the purpose of conducting the business	1772
of the seller or either to engage in a business with the same or	1773
a similar industry classification as the seller selling a	1774
similar product or line of products as the seller, or to use	1775
trademarks, service marks, or trade names in this state that are	1776

the same or substantially similar to those used by the seller.	1777
(c) Uses any person, other than a common carrier acting in	1778
its capacity as a common carrier, in this state for any of the	1779
following purposes:	1780
(i) Receiving or processing orders of the seller's goods	1781
or services;	1782
(ii) Using that person's employees or facilities in this	1783
state to advertise, promote, or facilitate sales by the seller	1784
to customers;	1785
(iii) Delivering, installing, assembling, or performing	1786
maintenance services for the seller's customers;	1787
(iv) Facilitating the seller's delivery of tangible	1788
personal property to customers in this state by allowing the	1789
seller's customers to pick up property sold by the seller at an	1790
office, distribution facility, warehouse, storage facility, or	1791
similar place of business.	1792
(d) Makes regular deliveries of tangible personal property	1793
into this state by means other than common carrier.	1794
(e) Has an affiliated person that has substantial nexus	1795
with this state.	1796
(f) Owns tangible personal property that is rented or	1797
leased to a consumer in this state, or offers tangible personal	1798
property, on approval, to consumers in this state.	1799
(g) Has gross receipts in excess of one hundred thousand	1800
dollars in the current or preceding calendar year from the sale	1801
of tangible personal property for storage, use, or consumption	1802
in this state or from providing services the benefit of which is	1803
realized in this state.	1804

- (h) Engages, in the current or preceding calendar year, in 1805 two hundred or more separate transactions selling tangible 1806 personal property for storage, use, or consumption in this state 1807 or providing services the benefit of which is realized in this 1808 state.
- (3) A seller presumed to have substantial nexus with this 1810 state under divisions (I)(2)(a) to (f), (g), and (h) of this 1811 section may rebut that presumption by demonstrating that 1812 activities described in any of those divisions that are 1813 conducted by a person in this state on the seller's behalf are 1814 not significantly associated with the seller's ability to 1815 establish or maintain a market in this state for the seller's 1816 sales. 1817
- (4) A marketplace facilitator is presumed to have 1818 substantial nexus with this state if either of the following 1819 apply in the current or preceding calendar year: 1820
- (a) The aggregate gross receipts derived from sales of
 tangible personal property for storage, use, or consumption in
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 this state or services the benefit of which is realized in this
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 state, including sales made by the marketplace facilitator on
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 its own behalf and sales facilitated by the marketplace
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 facilitator on behalf of one or more marketplace sellers, exceed
 one hundred thousand dollars;
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- (b) The marketplace facilitator engages in on its own

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 behalf, or facilitates on behalf of one or more marketplace

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 sellers, two hundred or more separate transactions selling

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 tangible personal property for storage, use, or consumption in

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 this state or services the benefit of which is realized in this

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 state.

(5) A seller that does not have substantial nexus with	1834
this state, and any affiliated person of the seller, before	1835
selling or leasing tangible personal property or services to a	1836
state agency, shall register with the tax commissioner in the	1837
same manner as a seller described in division (A)(1) of section	1838
5741.17 of the Revised Code.	1839
(6) As used in division (I) of this section:	1840
(a) "Affiliated person" means any person that is a member	1841
of the same controlled group of corporations as the seller or	1842
any other person that, notwithstanding the form of organization,	1843
bears the same ownership relationship to the seller as a	1844
corporation that is a member of the same controlled group of	1845
corporations.	1846
(b) "Controlled group of corporations" has the same	1847
meaning as in section 1563(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.	1848
(c) "State agency" has the same meaning as in section 1.60	1849
of the Revised Code.	1850
(J) "Fiscal officer" means, with respect to a regional	1851
transit authority, the secretary-treasurer thereof, and with	1852
respect to a county which is a transit authority, the fiscal	1853
officer of the county transit board appointed pursuant to	1854
section 306.03 of the Revised Code or, if the board of county	1855
commissioners operates the county transit system, the county	1856
auditor.	1857
(K) "Territory of the transit authority" means all of the	1858
area included within the territorial boundaries of a transit	1859
authority as they from time to time exist. Such territorial	1860
boundaries must at all times include all the area of a single	1861
county or all the area of the most populous county which is a	1862

part of such transit authority. County population shall be	1863
measured by the most recent census taken by the United States	1864
census bureau.	1865
(L) "Transit authority" means a regional transit authority	1866
created pursuant to section 306.31 of the Revised Code or a	1867
county in which a county transit system is created pursuant to	1868
section 306.01 of the Revised Code. For the purposes of this	1869
chapter, a transit authority must extend to at least the entire	1870
area of a single county. A transit authority which includes	1871
territory in more than one county must include all the area of	1872
the most populous county which is a part of such transit	1873
authority. County population shall be measured by the most	1874
recent census taken by the United States census bureau.	1875
(M) "Providing a service" has the same meaning as in	1876
section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.	1877
(N) "Other consumption" includes receiving the benefits of	1878
a service.	1879
(O) Wigger was the same marries of in section	1880
(0) "Lease" or "rental" has the same meaning as in section	
5739.01 of the Revised Code.	1881
(P) "Certified service provider" has the same meaning as	1882
in section 5740.01 of the Revised Code.	1883
(Q) "Marketplace facilitator" means a person that owns,	1884
operates, or controls a physical or electronic marketplace	1885
through which retail sales or delivery network services, or	1886
both, are facilitated on behalf of one or more marketplace	1887
sellers, or an affiliate of such a person. "Marketplace	1888
facilitator" does not include a person that provides advertising	1889
services, including tangible personal property or services	1890
listed for sale, if the advertising service platform or forum	1891

does not engage directly or indirectly through one or more	1892
affiliated persons in the activities described in division (T)	1893
(2) of this section.	1894
(R) "Marketplace seller" means a person on behalf of which	1895
a marketplace facilitator facilitates the sale of tangible	1896
personal property for storage, use, or consumption in this state	1897
or services the benefit of which are realized in this state,	1898
regardless of whether or not the person has a substantial nexus	1899
with this state.	1900
(S) "Electronic marketplace" includes digital distribution	1901
services, digital distribution platforms, online portals,	1902
application stores, computer software applications, in-app	1903
purchase mechanisms, or other digital products.	1904
(T) A sale is "facilitated" by a marketplace facilitator	1905
on behalf of a marketplace seller if it satisfies divisions (T)	1906
(1), (2), and (3) of this section:	1907
(1) The marketplace facilitator, directly or indirectly,	1908
does any of the following:	1909
(a) Lists, makes available, or advertises the tangible	1910
personal property or services that are the subject of the sale	1911
in a physical or electronic marketplace owned, operated, or	1912
controlled by the marketplace facilitator;	1913
(b) Transmits or otherwise communicates an offer or	1914
acceptance of the sale between the marketplace seller and the	1915
purchaser in a shop, store, booth, catalog, internet site, or	1916
other similar forum;	1917
(c) Owns, rents, licenses, makes available, or operates	1918
any electronic or physical infrastructure or any property,	1919
process, method, copyright, trademark, or patent that connects	1920

the marketplace seller to the purchaser for the purpose of	1921
making sales;	1922
(d) Provides the marketplace in which the sale was made or	1923
otherwise facilitates the sale regardless of ownership or	1924
control of the tangible personal property or services that are	1925
the subject of the sale;	1926
(e) Provides software development or research and	1927
development services directly related to a physical or	1928
electronic marketplace that is involved in one or more of the	1929
activities described in division (T)(1) of this section;	1930
(f) Provides fulfillment or storage services for the	1931
marketplace seller that are related to the tangible personal	1932
property or services that are the subject of the sale;	1933
(g) Sets the price of the sale on behalf of the	1934
marketplace seller;	1935
(h) Provides or offers customer service to the marketplace	1936
seller or the marketplace seller's customers, or accepts or	1937
assists with taking orders, returns, or exchanges of the	1938
tangible personal property or services that are the subject of	1939
the sale;	1940
(i) Brands or otherwise identifies the sale as a sale of	1941
the marketplace facilitator.	1942
(2) The marketplace facilitator, directly or indirectly,	1943
does any of the following:	1944
(a) Collects the price of the tangible personal property	1945
or services sold to the consumer;	1946
(b) Provides payment processing services for the sale;	1947

(c) Collects payment in connection with the sale from the	1948
consumer through terms and conditions, agreements, or	1949
arrangements with a third party, and transmits that payment to	1950
the marketplace seller, regardless of whether the person	1951
collecting and transmitting such payment receives compensation	1952
or other consideration in exchange for the service;	1953
(d) Provides virtual currency that consumers are allowed	1954
or required to use to purchase the tangible personal property or	1955
services that are the subject of the sale.	1956
(3) The subject of the sale is tangible personal property	1957
or services other than lodging by a hotel that is or is to be	1958
furnished to transient guests.	1959
(U) "Delivery network company," "delivery network	1960
services," and "local merchant" have the same meanings as in	1961
section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.	1962
Sec. 5741.072. (A) If all of the following conditions are	1963
met, a delivery network company that facilitates delivery	1964
network services may request a waiver from the requirement in	1965
division (E) of section 5741.01 of the Revised Code that a	1966
marketplace facilitator be treated as the seller of goods sold	1967
by marketplace sellers through the marketplace facilitator:	1968
(1) The delivery network company is current on all taxes,	1969
fees, and charges administered by the department of taxation	1970
that are not subject to a bona fide dispute.	1971
(2) The delivery network company has not, within the	1972
twelve months preceding the request for waiver, requested that a	1973
previously granted waiver be canceled or had a previously	1974
granted waiver revoked by the commissioner.	1975
(3) The delivery network company has not violated division	1976

(B) of section 5739.30 of the Revised Code.	1977
A waiver granted under this section does not affect the	1978
delivery network company's status as the seller of its delivery	1979
network services.	1980
(B) A delivery network company that requests a waiver	1981
pursuant to this section shall make the request to the tax	1982
commissioner on a form prescribed by the commissioner. A waiver	1983
that is not affirmatively granted or denied by the commissioner	1984
within thirty days of the date it was filed with the	1985
commissioner is automatically granted. A waiver that is granted	1986
by the commissioner or granted automatically is effective on and	1987
after the first day of the first month that begins at least	1988
thirty days after the commissioner grants the waiver or the	1989
waiver is automatically granted. The waiver is valid until the	1990
first day of the first month that begins at least sixty days	1991
after it is revoked by the commissioner or canceled by the	1992
delivery network company.	1993
(C)(1) When a waiver is granted pursuant to division (B)	1994
of this section, the commissioner shall notify the delivery	1995
network company, which shall then notify each local merchant	1996
operating on the delivery network company's physical or	1997
electronic marketplace that the local merchant shall be	1998
considered a vendor pursuant to division (C) of section 5739.01	1999
of the Revised Code or a seller pursuant to division (E) of	2000
section 5741.01 of the Revised Code, as applicable, with respect	2001
to the local products sold by the seller through the delivery	2002
network company's physical or electronic marketplace.	2003
(2) A delivery network company that has been granted a	2004
waiver under this section may cancel the waiver by sending	2005
notice to the commissioner. The commissioner may revoke a waiver	2006

if the commissioner determines that any of the conditions	2007
described in divisions (A)(1) to (3) of this section are no	2008
longer met by the delivery network company. The commissioner	2009
shall notify the delivery network company upon revoking a	2010
waiver. A delivery network for which a waiver has been canceled	2011
or revoked shall promptly notify each local merchant operating	2012
on the delivery network company's physical or electronic	2013
marketplace that its waiver has been canceled or revoked.	2014
(D) Notwithstanding section 5703.21 of the Revised Code,	2015
the commissioner may divulge information related to the status	2016
of a waiver granted to a delivery network company if requested	2017
by a local merchant operating on the delivery network company's	2018
physical or electronic marketplace.	2019
(E) The commissioner may adopt any rules necessary to	2020
administer this section.	2021
Sec. 5751.033. For the purposes of this chapter, gross	2022
receipts shall be sitused to this state as follows:	2023
(A) Gross rents and royalties from real property located	2024
in this state shall be sitused to this state.	2025
(B) Gross rents and royalties from tangible personal	2026
property shall be sitused to this state to the extent the	2027
tangible personal property is located or used in this state.	2028
(C) Gross receipts from the sale of electricity and	2029
electric transmission and distribution services shall be sitused	2030
to this state in the manner provided under section 5733.059 of	2031
the Revised Code.	2032
(D) Gross receipts from the sale of real property located	2033
in this state shall be sitused to this state.	2034

(E) Gross Except as otherwise provided in division (M) of	2035
this section, gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal	2036
property shall be sitused to this state if the property is	2037
received in this state by the purchaser. In the case of delivery	2038
of tangible personal property by motor carrier or by other means	2039
of transportation, the place at which such property is	2040
ultimately received after all transportation has been completed	2041
shall be considered the place where the purchaser receives the	2042
property. For purposes of this section, the phrase "delivery of	2043
tangible personal property by motor carrier or by other means of	2044
transportation" includes the situation in which a purchaser	2045
accepts the property in this state and then transports the	2046
property directly or by other means to a location outside this	2047
state. Direct delivery in this state, other than for purposes of	2048
transportation, to a person or firm designated by a purchaser	2049
constitutes delivery to the purchaser in this state, and direct	2050
delivery outside this state to a person or firm designated by a	2051
purchaser does not constitute delivery to the purchaser in this	2052
state, regardless of where title passes or other conditions of	2053
sale.	2054

(F) Gross receipts from the sale, exchange, disposition, 2055 or other grant of the right to use trademarks, trade names, 2056 patents, copyrights, and similar intellectual property shall be 2057 sitused to this state to the extent that the receipts are based 2058 on the amount of use of the property in this state. If the 2059 receipts are not based on the amount of use of the property, but 2060 rather on the right to use the property, and the payor has the 2061 right to use the property in this state, then the receipts from 2062 the sale, exchange, disposition, or other grant of the right to 2063 use such property shall be sitused to this state to the extent 2064 the receipts are based on the right to use the property in this 2065 state. 2066

- (G) Gross receipts from the sale of transportation 2067 services by a motor carrier shall be sitused to this state in 2068 proportion to the mileage traveled by the carrier during the tax 2069 period on roadways, waterways, airways, and railways in this 2070 state to the mileage traveled by the carrier during the tax 2071 period on roadways, waterways, airways, and railways everywhere. 2072 With prior written approval of the tax commissioner, a motor 2073 carrier may use an alternative situsing procedure for 2074 2075 transportation services.
- (H) Gross receipts from dividends, interest, and other 2076 sources of income from financial instruments described in 2077 divisions (F)(4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), and (13)2078 of section 5733.056 of the Revised Code shall be sitused to this 2079 state in accordance with the situsing provisions set forth in 2080 those divisions. When applying the provisions of divisions (F) 2081 (6), (8), and (13) of section 5733.056 of the Revised Code, 2082 "gross receipts" shall be substituted for "net gains" wherever 2083 "net gains" appears in those divisions. Nothing in this division 2084 limits or modifies the exclusions enumerated in divisions (E) 2085 and (F)(2) of section 5751.01 of the Revised Code. The tax 2086 commissioner may promulgate rules to further specify the manner 2087 in which to situs gross receipts subject to this division. 2088
- (I) Gross receipts from the sale of all other services,

 and all other gross receipts not otherwise sitused under this

 section, shall be sitused to this state in the proportion that

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 the purchaser's benefit in this state with respect to what was

 purchased bears to the purchaser's benefit everywhere with

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 respect to what was purchased. The physical location where the

 purchaser ultimately uses or receives the benefit of what was

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purchased shall be paramount in determining the proportion of	2096
the benefit in this state to the benefit everywhere. If a	2097
taxpayer's records do not allow the taxpayer to determine that	2098
location, the taxpayer may use an alternative method to situs	2099
gross receipts under this division if the alternative method is	2100
reasonable, is consistently and uniformly applied, and is	2101
supported by the taxpayer's records as the records exist when	2102
the service is provided or within a reasonable period of time	2103
thereafter.	2104
(J) If the situsing provisions of divisions (A) to (H) of	2105
this section do not fairly represent the extent of a person's	2106
activity in this state, the person may request, or the tax	2107
commissioner may require or permit, an alternative method. Such	2108
request by a person must be made within the applicable statute	2109
of limitations set forth in this chapter.	2110
(K) The tax commissioner may adopt rules to provide	2111
additional guidance to the application of this section, and	2112
provide alternative methods of situsing gross receipts that	2113
apply to all persons, or subset of persons, that are engaged in	2114
similar business or trade activities.	2115
(L) As used in this section, "motor carrier" has the same	2116
meaning as in section 4923.01 of the Revised Code.	2117
(M) Gross receipts from the sale or lease of a motor	2118
vehicle, as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code, by a	2119
motor vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised	2120
Code or the law of another state, shall only be sitused to this	2121
state if the motor vehicle is issued a certificate of title	2122
evidencing the owner's or lessee's address in this state.	2123

Section 2. That existing sections 5715.19, 5717.01,

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5739.01, 5741.01, and 5751.033 of the Revised Code are hereby	2125
repealed.	2126
Section 3. The amendment by this act of sections 5715.19	2127
and 5717.01 of the Revised Code applies to original complaints,	2128
counter-complaints, or appeals filed on or after the effective	2129
date of this section.	2130
Section 4. The amendment by this act of section 5751.033	2131
of the Revised Code applies to tax periods beginning before, on,	2132
or after the effective date of this section.	2133