

LEGISLATIVE BILL 557

Approved by the Governor April 10, 2000

Introduced by Jones, 43

AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2704.15, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1999; to exempt purchases by city, county, or joint airport authorities from sales and use taxes; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 77-2704.15, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1999, is amended to read:

77-2704.15. (1) Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of purchases by the state, including public educational institutions recognized or established under the provisions of Chapter 85, or by any county, township, city, village, rural or suburban fire protection district, city airport authority, county airport authority, joint airport authority, natural resources district, or joint entity or agency formed to fulfill the purposes described in the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act by any combination of two or more counties, townships, cities, or villages pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act, or the Joint Public Agency Act, except for purchases for use in the business of furnishing gas, water, electricity, or heat, or by any irrigation or reclamation district, the irrigation division of any public power and irrigation district, or public schools established under Chapter 79.

(2) The appointment of purchasing agents shall be recognized for the purpose of altering the status of the construction contractor as the ultimate consumer of property which is physically annexed to the structure and which subsequently belongs to the state or the governmental unit. The appointment of purchasing agents shall be in writing and occur prior to having any property annexed to real estate in the construction, improvement, or repair. The contractor who has been appointed as a purchasing agent may apply for a refund of or use as a credit against a future use tax liability the tax paid on inventory items annexed to real estate in the construction, improvement, or repair of a project for the state or a governmental unit.

(3) Any governmental unit listed in subsection (1) of this section, except the state, which enters into a contract of construction, improvement, or repair upon property annexed to real estate without first issuing a purchasing agent authorization to a contractor or repairperson prior to property being annexed to real estate in the project may apply to the Tax Commissioner for a refund of any sales and use tax paid by the contractor or repairperson on the property physically annexed to real estate in the construction, improvement, or repair.

Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on October 1, 2000.

Sec. 3. Original section 77-2704.15, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1999, is repealed.