HOUSE BILL 318

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; PROVIDING A PHASED-IN CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE PORTION OF GROSS RECEIPTS TAX FOR RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF FOOD AT RETAIL FOOD STORES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] CREDIT--GROSS RECEIPTS TAX--RECEIPTS FROM SALE OF FOOD AT RETAIL FOOD STORES.--The credit provided for in this section shall be considered a payment of the state portion of gross receipts tax. A credit shall be allowed for each reporting period against the gross receipts tax as follows:

A. for a taxpayer located in the unincorporated area of a county:

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- (1) on or after July 1, 2002 and before July 1, 2003, an amount equal to one and one-fourth percent of the taxpayer's taxable gross receipts from the sale of food at a retail food store for that reporting period;
- (2) on or after July 1, 2003 and before July 1, 2004, an amount equal to two and one-half percent of the taxpayer's taxable gross receipts from the sale of food at a retail food store for that reporting period;
- (3) on or after July 1, 2004 and before July 1, 2005, an amount equal to three and three-fourths percent of the taxpayer's taxable gross receipts from the sale of food at a retail store for that reporting period; and
- (4) on or after January 1, 2005, an amount equal to five percent of the taxpayer's taxable gross receipts from the sale of food at a retail food store for that reporting period; and
 - B. for a taxpayer located in a municipality:
- (1) on or after July 1, 2002 and before July 1, 2003, an amount equal to two hundred seventy-five thousandths percent of the taxpayer's taxable gross receipts from the sale of food at a retail food store for that reporting period;
- (2) on or after July 1, 2003 and before July 1, 2004, an amount equal to one and two hundred seventy-five thousandths percent of the taxpayer's taxable gross receipts . 140228.1

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- (3) on or after July 1, 2004 and before July 1, 2005, an amount equal to two and two hundred seventy-five thousandths percent of the taxpayer's taxable gross receipts from the sale of food at a retail store for that reporting period; and
- (4) on or after January 1, 2005, an amount equal to three and two hundred seventy-five thousandths percent of the taxpayer's taxable gross receipts from the sale of food at a retail food store for that reporting period."

Section 2. Section 7-9-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 46, Section 1, as amended by Laws 2001, Chapter 65, Section 1 and by Laws 2001, Chapter 343, Section 1) is amended to read:

- "7-9-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act:
- A. "department" means the taxation and revenue department, the secretary of taxation and revenue or any employee of the department exercising authority lawfully delegated to that employee by the secretary;
- B. "buying" or "selling" means any transfer of property for consideration or any performance of service for consideration;
- C. "construction" means building, altering,
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1	repairing or demolishing in the ordinary course of business
2	any:
3	(1) road, highway, bridge, parking area or
4	related project;
5	(2) building, stadium or other structure;
6	(3) airport, subway or similar facility;
7	(4) park, trail, athletic field, golf course
8	or similar facility;
9	(5) dam, reservoir, canal, ditch or similar
10	facility;
11	(6) sewerage or water treatment facility,
12	power generating plant, pump station, natural gas compressing
13	station, gas processing plant, coal gasification plant,
14	refinery, distillery or similar facility;
15	(7) sewerage, water, gas or other pipeline;
16	(8) transmission line;
17	(9) radio, television or other tower;
18	(10) water, oil or other storage tank;
19	(11) shaft, tunnel or other mining
20	appurtenance;
21	(12) microwave station or similar facility;
22	(13) retaining wall, wall, fence gate or
23	similar structure; or
24	(14) similar work;
25	"construction" also means:
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- (15) leveling or clearing land;
- (16) excavating earth;
- (17) drilling wells of any type, including seismograph shot holes or core drilling; or
 - (18) similar work:
- D. "financial corporation" means any savings and loan association or any incorporated savings and loan company, trust company, mortgage banking company, consumer finance company or other financial corporation;
- E. "engaging in business" means carrying on or causing to be carried on any activity with the purpose of direct or indirect benefit, except that:
- (1) "engaging in business" does not include having a worldwide web site as a third-party content provider on a computer physically located in New Mexico but owned by another nonaffiliated person; and
- (2) "engaging in business" does not include using a nonaffiliated third-party call center to accept and process telephone or electronic orders of tangible personal property or licenses primarily from non-New Mexico buyers, which orders are forwarded to a location outside New Mexico for filling, or to provide services primarily to non-New Mexico customers;
- F. "gross receipts" means the total amount of money or the value of other consideration received from . 140228.1

selling property in New Mexico, from leasing property employed
in New Mexico, from selling services performed outside New
Mexico the product of which is initially used in New Mexico or
from performing services in New Mexico. In an exchange in
which the money or other consideration received does not
represent the value of the property or service exchanged,
"gross receipts" means the reasonable value of the property or
service exchanged.
(1) "Gross receipts" includes:
(a) any receipts from sales of tangible
personal property handled on consignment;
(b) the total commissions or fees
derived from the business of buying, selling or promoting the

(c) amounts paid by members of any cooperative association or similar organization for sales or leases of personal property or performance of services by such organization; and

commission or fee basis, of any property, service, stock, bond

purchase, sale or leasing, as an agent or broker on a

- (d) amounts received from transmitting messages or conversations by persons providing telephone or telegraph services.
 - (2) "Gross receipts" excludes:
 - (a) cash discounts allowed and taken;

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or security;

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	(b) New Mexico gross receipts tax,	
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- (c) taxes imposed pursuant to the provisions of any local option gross receipts tax that is payable on transactions for the reporting period;
- (d) any gross receipts or sales taxes imposed by an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo; provided that the tax is approved, if approval is required by federal law or regulation, by the secretary of the interior of the United States; and provided further that the gross receipts or sales tax imposed by the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo provides a reciprocal exclusion for gross receipts, sales or gross receipts-based excise taxes imposed by the state or its political subdivisions;
- (e) any type of time-pricedifferential; and
- (f) amounts received solely on behalf of another in a disclosed agency capacity.
- (3) When the sale of property or service is made under any type of charge, conditional or time-sales contract or the leasing of property is made under a leasing contract, the seller or lessor may elect to treat all receipts, excluding any type of time-price differential, under such contracts as gross receipts as and when the payments are

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actually received. If the seller or lessor transfers his interest in any such contract to a third person, the seller or lessor shall pay the gross receipts tax upon the full sale or leasing contract amount, excluding any type of time-price differential;

G. "manufacturing" means combining or processing components or materials to increase their value for sale in the ordinary course of business, but does not include construction:

H. "person" means:

- (1) an individual, estate, trust, receiver, cooperative association, club, corporation, company, firm, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, joint venture, syndicate or other entity, including any gas, water or electric utility owned or operated by a county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state: or
- (2) a national, federal, state, Indian or other governmental unit or subdivision, or an agency, department or instrumentality of any of the foregoing;
- I. "property" means real property, tangible personal property, licenses, franchises, patents, trademarks and copyrights. Tangible personal property includes electricity and manufactured homes;
- J. "leasing" means an arrangement whereby, for a . 140228.1

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consideration, property is employed for or by any person other than the owner of the property, except that the granting of a license to use property is the sale of a license and not a lease:

K. "service" means all activities engaged in for other persons for a consideration, which activities involve predominantly the performance of a service as distinguished from selling or leasing property. "Service" includes activities performed by a person for its members or In determining what is a service, the intended shareholders. use, principal objective or ultimate objective of the contracting parties shall not be controlling. "Servi ce" includes construction activities and all tangible personal property that will become an ingredient or component part of a construction project. Such tangible personal property retains its character as tangible personal property until it is installed as an ingredient or component part of a construction project in New Mexico. However, sales of tangible personal property that will become an ingredient or component part of a construction project to persons engaged in the construction business are sales of tangible personal property;

L. "use" or "using" includes use, consumption or storage other than storage for subsequent sale in the ordinary course of business or for use solely outside this state;

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- N. "manufactured home" means a movable or portable housing structure for human occupancy that exceeds either a width of eight feet or a length of forty feet constructed to be towed on its own chassis and designed to be installed with or without a permanent foundation;
- 0. "initial use" or "initially used" means the first employment for the intended purpose and does not include the following activities:
- (1) observation of tests conducted by the performer of services;
- (2) participation in progress reviews, briefings, consultations and conferences conducted by the performer of services;
- (3) review of preliminary drafts, drawings and other materials prepared by the performer of the services;
- (4) inspection of preliminary prototypes developed by the performer of services; or
 - (5) similar activities:
- P. "research and development services" means an activity engaged in for other persons for consideration, for one or more of the following purposes:
- (1) advancing basic knowledge in a recognized field of natural science;
 - (2) advancing technology in a field of

technical endeavor;

- (3) the development of a new or improved product, process or system with new or improved function, performance, reliability or quality, whether or not the new or improved product, process or system is offered for sale, lease or other transfer:
- (4) the development of new uses or applications for an existing product, process or system, whether or not the new use or application is offered as the rationale for purchase, lease or other transfer of the product, process or system;
- (5) analytical or survey activities incorporating technology review, application, trade-off study, modeling, simulation, conceptual design or similar activities, whether or not offered for sale, lease or other transfer; or
- (6) the design and development of prototypes or the integration of systems incorporating advances, developments or improvements included in Paragraphs (1) through (5) of this subsection;
- Q. "local option gross receipts tax" means a tax authorized to be imposed by a county or municipality upon the taxpayer's gross receipts and required to be collected by the department at the same time and in the same manner as the gross receipts tax; "local option gross receipts tax" includes the taxes imposed pursuant to the Municipal Local Option Gross

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Receipts Taxes Act, Supplemental Municipal Gross Receipts Tax Act, County Local Option Gross Receipts Taxes Act, Local Hospital Gross Receipts Tax Act, County Correctional Facility Gross Receipts Tax Act and such other acts as may be enacted authorizing counties or municipalities to impose taxes on gross receipts, which taxes are to be collected by the department;

- "prescription drugs" means insulin and R. substances that are:
- dispensed by or under the supervision of (1) a licensed pharmacist or by a physician or other person authorized under state law to do so;
- prescribed for a specified person by a person authorized under state law to prescribe the substance; and
- subject to the restrictions on sale (3) contained in Subparagraph 1 of Subsection (b) of 21 USCA 353; [and]
- S. "construction material" means tangible personal property that becomes or is intended to become an ingredient or component part of a construction project, but "construction material" does not include a replacement fixture when the replacement is not construction or a replacement part for a fixture:
- "food" means any food or food product for home . 140228. 1

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2012(g)(1) for purposes of the federal food stamp program, and
U. "retail food store" means an establishment that
sells food for home preparation and consumption that meets the
definition of retail food store in 7 USCA 2012(k)(1) for
purposes of the federal food stamp program, whether or not the
establishment participates in the food stamp program."

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2002.

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