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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the gross proceeds from certain products are exempt from rental, sales, and use taxes. This bill would exempt from rental, sales and use taxes the gross proceeds from the rental or sale of detection dogs.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Sections 40-12-223 and 40-23-4, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to exemptions from rental, sales and use taxes; to exempt from rental, sales and use taxes gross proceeds from the rental or sale of detection dogs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 40-12-223 and 40-23-4, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§40-12-223.

1           "There are exempted from the computation of the  
2 amount of the tax levied, assessed or payable under this  
3 article the following:

4           "(1) The gross proceeds accruing from the leasing or  
5 rental of a film or films to a lessee who charges, or proposes  
6 to charge, admission for viewing the said film or films;

7           "(2) The gross proceeds accruing from any charge in  
8 respect to the use of docks or docking facilities furnished  
9 for boats or other craft operated on waterways;

10          "(3) The gross proceeds accruing from any charge  
11 made by a landlord to a tenant in respect of the leasing or  
12 furnishing of tangible personal property to be used on the  
13 premises of real property leased by the same landlord to the  
14 same tenant for use as a residence or dwelling place,  
15 including mobile homes;

16          "(4) The gross proceeds accruing from the leasing or  
17 rental of tangible personal property to a lessee who acquires  
18 possession of the said property for the purpose of leasing or  
19 renting to another the same property under a leasing or rental  
20 transaction subject to the provisions of this article;

21          "(5) The gross proceeds accruing from any charge  
22 made by a landlord to a tenant in respect to the leasing or  
23 furnishing of tangible personal property to be used on the  
24 premises of any room or rooms, lodging or accommodations  
25 leased or rented to transients in any hotel, motel, inn,  
26 tourist camp, tourist cabin, or any other place in which

1 rooms, lodgings, or accommodations are regularly furnished to  
2 transients for a consideration;

3 "(6) The gross proceeds accruing from the leasing or  
4 rental of tangible personal property which the state is  
5 prohibited from taxing under the Constitution or laws of the  
6 United States or under the constitution of the state;

7 "(7) The gross proceeds accruing from the leasing or  
8 rental of nuclear fuel assemblies together with the nuclear  
9 material contained therein and other nuclear material used or  
10 useful in the production of electricity and assemblies  
11 containing ionizing radiation sources together with the  
12 ionizing radiation sources contained therein used or useful in  
13 medical treatment or scientific research;

14 "(8) A transaction whereunder the lessor leases a  
15 truck or tractor-trailer or semitrailer for operation over the  
16 public roads and highways and such lessor furnishes a driver  
17 or drivers for each such vehicle, and such transaction shall  
18 be deemed to constitute the rendition of service and not a  
19 "leasing or rental" within the meaning of this article;

20 "(9) The gross proceeds accruing from the leasing or  
21 rental of vehicles in interchange between regulated motor  
22 carriers on a per diem basis;

23 "(10) The gross proceeds accruing from the leasing  
24 or rental of all structures, devices, facilities, and  
25 identifiable components of any thereof acquired primarily for  
26 the control, reduction, or elimination of air or water  
27 pollution, and the gross proceeds accruing from the leasing or

1 rental of all materials used or intended for use in structures  
2 built primarily for the control, reduction, or elimination of  
3 air and water pollution;

4 "(11) The gross proceeds derived by the lessor,  
5 which term includes a sublessor, from the leasing or rental of  
6 tangible personal property when the lessor and lessee, which  
7 term includes a sublessee, are wholly-owned subsidiary  
8 corporations of the same parent corporation or one is the  
9 wholly-owned subsidiary of the other; provided, that the  
10 appropriate sales or use tax, if any was due, has been paid on  
11 such item of personal property; and provided further, that in  
12 the event of any subsequent subleasing of such tangible  
13 personal property to any person other than any such sister,  
14 parent or subsidiary corporation, any privilege or license tax  
15 due and payable with respect to such subsequent subleasing  
16 under the provisions of this article shall be paid;

17 "(12) The gross proceeds accruing from a transaction  
18 which involves the leasing or rental of vessels or railroad  
19 equipment which are engaged in interstate or foreign commerce,  
20 or both;

21 "(13) The gross proceeds accruing from the leasing  
22 or rental of aircraft, replacement parts, components, systems,  
23 sundries, and supplies affixed or used on said aircraft and  
24 all ground support equipment and vehicles used by or for the  
25 aircraft to or by a certificated or licensed air carrier with  
26 a hub operation within this state, for use in conducting  
27 intrastate, interstate or foreign commerce for transporting

1 people or property by air. For the purpose of this  
2 subdivision, the words "hub operation within this state" shall  
3 be construed to have all of the following criteria:

4 "a. There originates from the location 15 or more  
5 flight departures and five or more different first-stop  
6 destinations five days per week for six or more months during  
7 the calendar year; and

8 "b. Passengers and/or property are regularly  
9 exchanged at the location between flights of the same or a  
10 different certificated or licensed air carrier; and

11 "(14) The gross proceeds derived by the lessor,  
12 which term includes a sublessor, from the leasing of tangible  
13 personal property under the following conditions:

14 "a. Prior to being leased under the lease subject to  
15 this exemption, the leased tangible personal property shall  
16 have been owned, or considered to be owned for either Alabama  
17 or federal income tax purposes or both, or subject to  
18 acquisition pursuant to a binding contract, by the lessee or  
19 by a corporation, partnership or other entity controlled by,  
20 or under common control with, such lessee;

21 "b. The leased tangible personal property, or the  
22 right to ownership thereof, shall have been acquired by the  
23 lessor from the lessee or a corporation, partnership or other  
24 entity controlled by, or under common control with, such  
25 lessee and leased back to the lessee under a lease (i) that is  
26 considered a lease and not a sale for either Alabama or  
27 federal income tax purposes or both and (ii) that has a term

1 of not less than 15 years, except that the lessor and the  
2 lessee may agree in the lease or any subsequent amendment  
3 thereof for the termination of the lease on any date through  
4 purchase of the leased tangible personal property by the  
5 lessee, which right to purchase such property shall be  
6 exercisable solely at the option of the lessee;

7 "c. The appropriate sales or use tax levied by the  
8 state shall have been paid with respect to the acquisition or  
9 use of the leased tangible personal property, or,  
10 alternatively, the acquisition or use of such property shall  
11 be exempt by law from such sales or use tax;

12 "d. The leased tangible personal property shall be  
13 installed in or about an industrial plant or other real  
14 property that was specially constructed or modified for the  
15 location and use of such tangible personal property and that  
16 is owned, or considered to be owned for either Alabama or  
17 federal income tax purposes or both, by a corporation,  
18 partnership, or other entity controlled by, or under common  
19 control with, the lessee of such tangible personal property;  
20 and

21 "e. The leased tangible property shall be used only  
22 by a lessee engaged in the iron and steel industry, and the  
23 exemption from the tax levied by this article shall apply only  
24 to the gross proceeds derived from leases that become binding  
25 contracts of the parties thereto within 180 calendar days  
26 following the date on which the act adding the exemption  
27 contained in this subsection (14) shall become effective.

1           "(15) The gross proceeds accruing from the leasing  
2 or rental of detection dogs from or to a certified detection  
3 dog trainer or a company employing certified detection dog  
4 trainers.

5           a. For the purpose of this subdivision, a detection  
6 dog is a dog trained to use its senses to detect substances  
7 such as weapons, explosives, illegal drugs, accelerants,  
8 wildlife scat, currency, blood, plant and mammalian viruses,  
9 bed bugs, and contraband electronics.

10           "§40-23-4.

11           "(a) There are exempted from the provisions of this  
12 division and from the computation of the amount of the tax  
13 levied, assessed, or payable under this division the  
14 following:

15           "(1) The gross proceeds of the sales of lubricating  
16 oil and gasoline as defined in Sections 40-17-30 and 40-17-170  
17 and the gross proceeds from those sales of lubricating oil  
18 destined for out-of-state use which are transacted in a manner  
19 whereby an out-of-state purchaser takes delivery of such oil  
20 at a distributor's plant within this state and transports it  
21 out-of-state, which are otherwise taxed.

22           "(2) The gross proceeds of the sale, or sales, of  
23 fertilizer when used for agricultural purposes. The word  
24 "fertilizer" shall not be construed to include cottonseed  
25 meal, when not in combination with other materials.

26           "(3) The gross proceeds of the sale, or sales, of  
27 seeds for planting purposes and baby chicks and poults.



1 Nothing herein shall be construed to exempt or exclude from  
2 the computation of the tax levied, assessed, or payable, the  
3 gross proceeds of the sale or sales of plants, seedlings,  
4 nursery stock, or floral products.

5 "(4) The gross proceeds of sales of insecticides and  
6 fungicides when used for agricultural purposes or when used by  
7 persons properly permitted by the Department of Agriculture  
8 and Industries or any applicable local or state governmental  
9 authority for structural pest control work and feed for  
10 livestock and poultry, but not including prepared food for  
11 dogs and cats.

12 "(5) The gross proceeds of sales of all livestock by  
13 whomsoever sold, and also the gross proceeds of poultry and  
14 other products of the farm, dairy, grove, or garden, when in  
15 the original state of production or condition of preparation  
16 for sale, when such sale or sales are made by the producer or  
17 members of his immediate family or for him by those employed  
18 by him to assist in the production thereof. Nothing herein  
19 shall be construed to exempt or exclude from the measure or  
20 computation of the tax levied, assessed, or payable hereunder,  
21 the gross proceeds of sales of poultry or poultry products  
22 when not products of the farm.

23 "(6) Cottonseed meal exchanged for cottonseed at or  
24 by cotton gins.

25 "(7) The gross receipts from the business on which,  
26 or for engaging in which, a license or privilege tax is levied  
27 by or under the provisions of Sections 40-21-50, 40-21-53, and

1 40-21-56 through 40-21-60; provided, that nothing contained in  
2 this subdivision shall be construed to exempt or relieve the  
3 person or persons operating the business enumerated in said  
4 sections from the payments of the tax levied by this division  
5 upon or measured by the gross proceeds of sales of any  
6 tangible personal property, except gas and water, the gross  
7 receipts from the sale of which are the measure of the tax  
8 levied by said Section 40-21-50, merchandise or other tangible  
9 commodities sold at retail by said persons, unless the gross  
10 proceeds of sale thereof are otherwise specifically exempted  
11 by the provisions of this division.

12 "(8) The gross proceeds of sales or gross receipts  
13 of or by any person, firm, or corporation, from the sale of  
14 transportation, gas, water, or electricity, of the kinds and  
15 natures, the rates and charges for which, when sold by public  
16 utilities, are customarily fixed and determined by the Public  
17 Service Commission of Alabama or like regulatory bodies.

18 "(9) The gross proceeds of the sale, or sales of  
19 wood residue, coal, or coke to manufacturers, electric power  
20 companies, and transportation companies for use or consumption  
21 in the production of by-products, or the generation of heat or  
22 power used in manufacturing tangible personal property for  
23 sale, for the generation of electric power or energy for use  
24 in manufacturing tangible personal property for sale or for  
25 resale, or for the generation of motive power for  
26 transportation.

1           "(10) The gross proceeds from the sale or sales of  
2 fuel and supplies for use or consumption aboard ships,  
3 vessels, towing vessels, or barges, or drilling ships, rigs or  
4 barges, or seismic or geophysical vessels, or other watercraft  
5 (herein for purposes of this exemption being referred to as  
6 "vessels") engaged in foreign or international commerce or in  
7 interstate commerce; provided, that nothing in this division  
8 shall be construed to exempt or exclude from the measure of  
9 the tax herein levied the gross proceeds of sale or sales of  
10 material and supplies to any person for use in fulfilling a  
11 contract for the painting, repair, or reconditioning of  
12 vessels, barges, ships, other watercraft, and commercial  
13 fishing vessels of over five tons load displacement as  
14 registered with the U.S. Coast Guard and licensed by the State  
15 of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

16           "For purposes of this subdivision, it shall be  
17 presumed that vessels engaged in the transportation of cargo  
18 between ports in the State of Alabama and ports in foreign  
19 countries or possessions or territories of the United States  
20 or between ports in the State of Alabama and ports in other  
21 states are engaged in foreign or international commerce or  
22 interstate commerce, as the case may be. For the purposes of  
23 this subdivision, the engaging in foreign or international  
24 commerce or interstate commerce shall not require that the  
25 vessel involved deliver cargo to or receive cargo from a port  
26 in the State of Alabama. For purposes of this subdivision,  
27 vessels carrying passengers for hire, and no cargo, between

1 ports in the State of Alabama and ports in foreign countries  
2 or possessions or territories of the United States or between  
3 ports in the State of Alabama and ports in other states shall  
4 be engaged in foreign or international commerce or interstate  
5 commerce, as the case may be, if, and only if, both of the  
6 following conditions are met: (i) The vessel in question is a  
7 vessel of at least 100 gross tons; and (ii) the vessel in  
8 question has an unexpired certificate of inspection issued by  
9 the United States Coast Guard or by the proper authority of a  
10 foreign country for a foreign vessel, which certificate is  
11 recognized as acceptable under the laws of the United States.  
12 Vessels that are engaged in foreign or international commerce  
13 or interstate commerce shall be deemed for the purposes of  
14 this subdivision to remain in such commerce while awaiting or  
15 under repair in a port of the State of Alabama if such vessel  
16 returns after such repairs are completed to engaging in  
17 foreign or international commerce or interstate commerce. For  
18 purposes of this subdivision, seismic or geophysical vessels  
19 which are engaged either in seismic or geophysical tests or  
20 evaluations exclusively in offshore federal waters or in  
21 traveling to or from conducting such tests or evaluations  
22 shall be deemed to be engaged in international or foreign  
23 commerce. For purposes of this subdivision, proof that fuel  
24 and supplies purchased are for use or consumption aboard  
25 vessels engaged in foreign or international commerce or in  
26 interstate commerce may be accomplished by the merchant or  
27 seller securing the duly signed certificate of the vessel

1 owner, operator, or captain or their respective agent, on a  
2 form prescribed by the department, that the fuel and supplies  
3 purchased are for use or consumption aboard vessels engaged in  
4 foreign or international commerce or in interstate commerce.  
5 Any person filing a false certificate shall be guilty of a  
6 misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than  
7 \$25 nor more than \$500 for each offense. Each false  
8 certificate filed shall constitute a separate offense. Any  
9 person filing a false certificate shall be liable to the  
10 department for all taxes imposed by this division upon the  
11 merchant or seller, together with any interest or penalties  
12 thereon, by reason of the sale or sales of fuel and supplies  
13 applicable to such false certificate. If a merchant or seller  
14 of fuel and supplies secures the certificate herein mentioned,  
15 properly completed, such merchant or seller shall not be  
16 liable for the taxes imposed by this division, if such  
17 merchant or seller had no knowledge that such certificate was  
18 false when it was filed with such merchant or seller.

19 "(11) The gross proceeds of sales of tangible  
20 personal property to the State of Alabama, to the counties  
21 within the state and to incorporated municipalities of the  
22 State of Alabama.

23 "(12) The gross proceeds of the sale or sales of  
24 railroad cars, vessels, barges, and commercial fishing vessels  
25 of over five tons load displacement as registered with the  
26 U.S. Coast Guard and licensed by the State of Alabama

1 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, when sold by  
2 the manufacturers or builders thereof.

3 "(13) The gross proceeds of the sale or sales of  
4 materials, equipment, and machinery that, at any time, enter  
5 into and become a component part of ships, vessels, towing  
6 vessels or barges, or drilling ships, rigs or barges, or  
7 seismic or geophysical vessels, other watercraft and  
8 commercial fishing vessels of over five tons load displacement  
9 as registered with the U.S. Coast Guard and licensed by the  
10 State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural  
11 Resources. Additionally, the gross proceeds from the sale or  
12 sales of lifeboats, personal flotation devices, ring life  
13 buoys, survival craft equipment, distress signals, EPIRB's,  
14 fire extinguishers, injury placards, waste management plans  
15 and logs, marine sanitation devices, navigation rulebooks,  
16 navigation lights, sound signals, navigation day shapes, oil  
17 placard cards, garbage placards, FCC SSL, stability  
18 instructions, first aid equipment, compasses, anchor and radar  
19 reflectors, general alarm systems, bilge pumps, piping, and  
20 discharge and electronic position fixing devices which are  
21 used on the aforementioned watercraft.

22 "(14) The gross proceeds of the sale or sales of  
23 fuel oil purchased as fuel for kiln use in manufacturing  
24 establishments.

25 "(15) The gross proceeds of the sale or sales of  
26 tangible personal property to county and city school boards  
27 within the State of Alabama, independent school boards within

1 the State of Alabama, all educational institutions and  
2 agencies of the State of Alabama, the counties within the  
3 state, or any incorporated municipalities of the State of  
4 Alabama, and private educational institutions operating within  
5 the State of Alabama offering conventional and traditional  
6 courses of study, such as those offered by public schools,  
7 colleges, or universities within the State of Alabama; but not  
8 including nurseries, day care centers, and home schools.

9 "(16) The gross proceeds from the sale of all  
10 devices or facilities, and all identifiable components  
11 thereof, or materials for use therein, acquired primarily for  
12 the control, reduction, or elimination of air or water  
13 pollution and the gross proceeds from the sale of all  
14 identifiable components of, or materials used or intended for  
15 use in, structures built primarily for the control, reduction,  
16 or elimination of air and water pollution.

17 "(17) The gross proceeds of sales of tangible  
18 personal property or the gross receipts of any business which  
19 the state is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution or  
20 laws of the United States or under the Constitution of this  
21 state.

22 "(18) When dealers or distributors use parts taken  
23 from stocks owned by them in making repairs without charge for  
24 such parts to the owner of the property repaired pursuant to  
25 warranty agreements entered into by manufacturers, such use  
26 shall not constitute taxable sales to the manufacturers,

1 distributors, or to the dealers, under this division or under  
2 any county sales tax law.

3 "(19) The gross proceeds received from the sale or  
4 furnishing of food, including potato chips, candy, fruit and  
5 similar items, soft drinks, tobacco products, and stationery  
6 and other similar or related articles by hospital canteens  
7 operated by Alabama state hospitals at Bryce Hospital and  
8 Partlow State School for Mental Deficients at Tuscaloosa,  
9 Alabama, and Searcy Hospital at Mt. Vernon, Alabama, for the  
10 benefit of the patients therein.

11 "(20) The gross proceeds of the sale, or sales, of  
12 wrapping paper and other wrapping materials when used in  
13 preparing poultry or poultry products for delivery, shipment,  
14 or sale by the producer, processor, packer, or seller of such  
15 poultry or poultry products, including pallets used in  
16 shipping poultry and egg products, paper or other materials  
17 used for lining boxes or other containers in which poultry or  
18 poultry products are packed together with any other materials  
19 placed in such containers for the delivery, shipment, or sale  
20 of poultry or poultry products.

21 "(21) The gross proceeds of the sales of all  
22 antibiotics, hormones and hormone preparations, drugs,  
23 medicines or medications, vitamins, minerals or other  
24 nutrients, and all other feed ingredients including  
25 concentrates, supplements, and other feed ingredients when  
26 such substances are used as ingredients in mixing and  
27 preparing feed for fish raised to be sold on a commercial



1 basis, livestock, and poultry. Such exemption herein granted  
2 shall be in addition to exemptions now provided by law for  
3 feed for fish raised to be sold on a commercial basis,  
4 livestock, and poultry, but not including prepared foods for  
5 dogs or cats.

6 "(22) The gross proceeds of the sale, or sales, of  
7 seedlings, plants, shoots, and slips which are to be used for  
8 planting vegetable gardens or truck farms and other  
9 agricultural purposes. Nothing herein shall be construed to  
10 exempt, or exclude from the computation of the tax levied,  
11 assessed, or payable, the gross proceeds of the sale, or the  
12 use of plants, seedlings, shoots, slips, nursery stock, and  
13 floral products, except as hereinabove exempted.

14 "(23) The gross proceeds of the sale, or sales, of  
15 fabricated steel tube sections, when produced and fabricated  
16 in this state by any person, firm, or corporation for any  
17 vehicular tunnel for highway vehicular traffic, when sold by  
18 the manufacturer or fabricator thereof, and also the gross  
19 proceeds of the sale, or sales, of steel which enters into and  
20 becomes a component part of such fabricated steel tube  
21 sections of said tunnel.

22 "(24) The gross proceeds from sales of admissions to  
23 any theatrical production, symphonic or other orchestral  
24 concert, ballet, or opera production when such concert or  
25 production is presented by any society, association, guild, or  
26 workshop group, organized within this state, whose members or  
27 some of whose members regularly and actively participate in

1 such concerts or productions for the purposes of providing a  
2 creative outlet for the cultural and educational interests of  
3 such members, and of promoting such interests for the  
4 betterment of the community by presenting such productions to  
5 the general public for an admission charge. The employment of  
6 a paid director or conductor to assist in any such  
7 presentation described in this subdivision shall not be  
8 construed to prohibit the exemptions herein provided.

9 "(25) The gross proceeds of sales of herbicides for  
10 agricultural uses by whomsoever sold. The term herbicides, as  
11 used in this subdivision, means any substance or mixture of  
12 substances intended to prevent, destroy, repel, or retard the  
13 growth of weeds or plants. It shall include preemergence  
14 herbicides, postemergence herbicides, lay-by herbicides,  
15 pasture herbicides, defoliant herbicides, and desiccant  
16 herbicides.

17 "(26) The Alabama Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis  
18 Research Foundation and the Jefferson Tuberculosis Sanatorium  
19 and any of their departments or agencies, heretofore or  
20 hereafter organized and existing in good faith in the State of  
21 Alabama for purposes other than for pecuniary gain and not for  
22 individual profit, shall be exempted from the computation of  
23 the tax on the gross proceeds of all sales levied, assessed,  
24 or payable.

25 "(27) The gross proceeds from the sale or sales of  
26 fuel for use or consumption aboard commercial fishing vessels  
27 are hereby exempt from the computation of all sales taxes

1 levied, assessed, or payable under the provisions of this  
2 division or levied under any county or municipal sales tax  
3 law.

4 "The words commercial fishing vessels shall mean  
5 vessels whose masters and owners are regularly and exclusively  
6 engaged in fishing as their means of livelihood.

7 "(28) The gross proceeds of sales of sawdust, wood  
8 shavings, wood chips, and other like materials sold for use as  
9 chicken litter by poultry producers and poultry processors.

10 "(29) The gross proceeds of the sales of all  
11 antibiotics, hormones and hormone preparations, drugs,  
12 medicines, and other medications including serums and  
13 vaccines, vitamins, minerals, or other nutrients for use in  
14 the production and growing of fish, livestock, and poultry by  
15 whomsoever sold. Such exemption as herein granted shall be in  
16 addition to the exemption provided by law for feed for fish,  
17 livestock, and poultry, and in addition to the exemptions  
18 provided by law for the above-enumerated substances and  
19 products when mixed and used as ingredients in fish,  
20 livestock, and poultry feed.

21 "(30) The gross proceeds of the sale or sales of all  
22 medicines prescribed by physicians for persons who are 65  
23 years of age or older, and when said prescriptions are filled  
24 by licensed pharmacists, shall be exempted under this division  
25 or under any county or municipal sales tax law. The exemption  
26 provided in this section shall not apply to any medicine  
27 purchased in any manner other than as is herein provided.

1           "For the purposes of this subdivision, proof of age  
2 may be accomplished by filing with the dispensing pharmacist  
3 any one or more of the following documents:

4           "a. The name and claim number as shown on a Medicare  
5 card issued by the United States Social Security  
6 Administration.

7           "b. A certificate executed by any adult person  
8 having knowledge of the fact that the person for whom the  
9 medicine was prescribed is not less than 65 years of age.

10          "c. An affidavit executed by any adult person having  
11 knowledge of the fact that the person for whom the medicine  
12 was prescribed is not less than 65 years of age.

13          "For the purposes of this subdivision, any person  
14 filing a false proof of age shall be guilty of a misdemeanor  
15 and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of  
16 \$100.

17          "(31) There shall be exempted from the tax levied by  
18 this division the gross receipts of sales of grass sod of all  
19 kinds and character when in the original state of production  
20 or condition of preparation for sale, when such sales are made  
21 by the producer or members of his family or for him by those  
22 employed by him to assist in the production thereof; provided,  
23 that nothing herein shall be construed to exempt sales of sod  
24 by a person engaged in the business of selling plants,  
25 seedlings, nursery stock, or floral products.

26          "(32) The gross receipts of sales of the following  
27 items or materials which are necessary in the farm-to-market

1 production of tomatoes when such items or materials are used  
2 by the producer or members of his family or for him by those  
3 employed by him to assist in the production thereof: Twine for  
4 tying tomatoes, tomato stakes, field boxes (wooden boxes used  
5 to take tomatoes from the fields to shed), and tomato boxes  
6 used in shipments to customers.

7 "(33) The gross proceeds from the sale of liquefied  
8 petroleum gas or natural gas sold to be used for agricultural  
9 purposes.

10 "(34) The gross receipts of sales from state  
11 nurseries of forest tree seedlings.

12 "(35) The gross receipts of sales of forest tree  
13 seed by the state.

14 "(36) The gross receipts of sales of Lespedeza  
15 bicolor and other species of perennial plant seed and  
16 seedlings sold for wildlife and game food production purposes  
17 by the state.

18 "(37) The gross receipts of any aircraft  
19 manufactured, sold, and delivered in this state if said  
20 aircraft are not permanently domiciled in Alabama and are  
21 removed to another state.

22 "(38) The gross proceeds from the sale or sales of  
23 all diesel fuel used for off-highway agricultural purposes.

24 "(39) The gross proceeds from sales of admissions to  
25 any sporting event which:

26 "a. Takes place in the State of Alabama on or after  
27 January 1, 1984, regardless of when such sales occur; and

1            "b. Is hosted by a not-for-profit corporation  
2 organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama;  
3 and

4            "c. Determines a national championship of a national  
5 organization, including but not limited to the Professional  
6 Golfers Association of America, the Tournament Players  
7 Association, the United States Golf Association, the United  
8 States Tennis Association, and the National Collegiate  
9 Athletic Association; and

10           "d. Has not been held in the State of Alabama on  
11 more than one prior occasion, provided, however, that for such  
12 purpose the Professional Golfers Association Championship, the  
13 United States Open Golf Championship, the United States  
14 Amateur Golf Championship of the United States Golf  
15 Association, and the United States Open Tennis Championship  
16 shall each be treated as a separate event.

17           "(40) The gross receipts from the sale of any  
18 aircraft and replacement parts, components, systems, supplies,  
19 and sundries affixed or used on said aircraft and ground  
20 support equipment and vehicles used by or for the aircraft to  
21 or by a certificated or licensed air carrier with a hub  
22 operation within this state, for use in conducting intrastate,  
23 interstate, or foreign commerce for transporting people or  
24 property by air. For the purpose of this subdivision, the  
25 words "hub operation within this state" shall be construed to  
26 have all of the following criteria:

1            "a. There originates from the location 15 or more  
2 flight departures and five or more different first-stop  
3 destinations five days per week for six or more months during  
4 the calendar year; and

5            "b. Passengers and/or property are regularly  
6 exchanged at the location between flights of the same or a  
7 different certificated or licensed air carrier.

8            "(41) The gross receipts from the sale of hot or  
9 cold food and beverage products sold to or by a certificated  
10 or licensed air carrier with a hub operation within this  
11 state, for use in conducting intrastate, interstate, or  
12 foreign commerce for transporting people or property by air.  
13 For the purpose of this subdivision, the words "hub operation  
14 within this state" shall be construed to have all of the  
15 following criteria:

16            "a. There originates from the location 15 or more  
17 flight departures and five or more different first-stop  
18 destinations five days per week for six or more months during  
19 the calendar year; and

20            "b. Passengers and/or property are regularly  
21 exchanged at the location between flights of the same or a  
22 different certificated or licensed air carrier.

23            "(42) The gross receipts from the sale of any  
24 aviation jet fuel to a certificated or licensed air carrier  
25 purchased for use in scheduled all-cargo operations being  
26 conducted on international flights or in international

1 commerce. For purposes of this subdivision, the following  
2 words or terms shall be defined and interpreted as follows:

3 "a. Air Carrier. Any person, firm, corporation, or  
4 entity undertaking by any means, directly or indirectly, to  
5 provide air transportation.

6 "b. All-Cargo Operations. Any flight conducted by an  
7 air carrier for compensation or hire other than a passenger  
8 carrying flight, except passengers as specified in 14 C.F.R.  
9 §121.583(a) or 14 C.F.R. §135.85, as amended.

10 "c. International Commerce. Any air carrier engaged  
11 in all-cargo operations transporting goods for compensation or  
12 hire on international flights.

13 "d. International Flights. Any air carrier  
14 conducting scheduled all-cargo operations between any point  
15 within the 50 states of the United States and the District of  
16 Columbia and any point outside the 50 states of the United  
17 States and the District of Columbia, including any interim  
18 stops within the United States so long as the ultimate origin  
19 or destination of the aircraft is outside the United States  
20 and the District of Columbia.

21 "(43) The gross proceeds of the sale or sales of the  
22 following:

23 "a. Drill pipe, casing, tubing, and other pipe used  
24 for the exploration for or production of oil, gas, sulphur, or  
25 other minerals in offshore federal waters.



1            "b. Tangible personal property exclusively used for  
2 the exploration for or production of oil, gas, sulphur, or  
3 other minerals in offshore federal waters.

4            "c. Fuel and supplies for use or consumption aboard  
5 boats, ships, aircraft, and towing vessels when used  
6 exclusively in transporting persons or property between a  
7 point in Alabama and a point or points in offshore federal  
8 waters for the exploration for or production of oil, gas,  
9 sulphur, or other minerals in offshore federal waters.

10           "d. Drilling equipment that is used for the  
11 exploration for or production of oil, gas, sulphur, or other  
12 minerals, that is built for exclusive use outside this state  
13 and that is, on completion, removed forthwith from this state.

14           "The delivery of items exempted by this subdivision  
15 to the purchaser or lessee in this state does not disqualify  
16 the purchaser or lessee from the exemption if the property is  
17 removed from the state by any means, including by the use of  
18 the purchaser's or lessee's own facilities.

19           "The shipment to a place in this state of equipment  
20 exempted by this subdivision for further assembly or  
21 fabrication does not disqualify the purchaser or lessee from  
22 the exemption if on completion of the further assembly or  
23 fabrication the equipment is removed forthwith from this  
24 state. This subdivision applies to a sale that may occur when  
25 the equipment exempted is further assembled or fabricated if  
26 on completion the equipment is removed forthwith from this  
27 state.

1           "(44) The gross receipts derived from all bingo  
2 games and operations which are conducted in compliance with  
3 validly enacted legislation authorizing the conduct of such  
4 games and operations, and which comply with the distribution  
5 requirements of the applicable local laws; provided that the  
6 exemption from sales taxation granted by this subdivision  
7 shall apply only to gross receipts taxable under subdivision  
8 (2) of Section 40-23-2. It is further provided that this  
9 exemption shall not apply to any gross receipts from the sale  
10 of tangible personal property, such as concessions, novelties,  
11 food, beverages, etc. The exemption provided for in this  
12 section shall be limited to those games and operations by  
13 organizations which have qualified for exemption under the  
14 provisions of 26 U.S.C. § 501 (c) (3), (4), (7), (8), (10), or  
15 (19), or which are defined in 26 U.S.C. § 501(d).

16           "(45) The gross receipts derived from the sale or  
17 sales of fruit or other agricultural products by the person or  
18 company, as defined in Section 40-23-1, that planted or  
19 cultivated and harvested the fruit or agricultural product,  
20 when the land is owned or leased by the seller.

21           "(46) The gross receipts derived from the sale or  
22 sales of all domestically mined or produced coal, coke, and  
23 coke by-products used in cogeneration plants.

24           "(47) The gross receipts from the sale or sales of  
25 metal, other than gold or silver, when such metal is purchased  
26 for the purpose of transferring such metal to an investment  
27 trust in exchange for shares or other units, each of which are

1 both publicly traded and represent fractional undivided  
2 beneficial interests in the trust's net assets, including  
3 metal stored in warehouses located in this state, as well as  
4 the gross proceeds from the sale or other transfer of such  
5 metal to or from such investment trust in exchange for shares  
6 or other units that are publicly traded and represent  
7 fractional undivided beneficial interests in the trust's net  
8 assets but not to the extent that metal is transferred to or  
9 from the investment trust in exchange for consideration other  
10 than such publicly traded shares or other units. For purposes  
11 of this subdivision, the term metals includes, but is not  
12 limited to, copper, aluminum, nickel, zinc, tin, lead, and  
13 other similar metals typically used in commercial and  
14 industrial applications.

15 "(48) For the period commencing on October 1, 2012,  
16 and ending May 30, 2022, unless extended by joint resolution,  
17 the gross receipts from the sale of parts, components, and  
18 systems that become a part of a fixed or rotary wing military  
19 aircraft or certified transport category aircraft that  
20 undergoes conversion, reconfiguration, or general maintenance  
21 so long as the address of the aircraft for FAA registration is  
22 not in the state; provided, however, that this exemption shall  
23 not apply to a local sales tax unless previously exempted by  
24 local law or approved by resolution of the local governing  
25 body.

26 "(49) The gross proceeds from the sale or sales  
27 within school buildings of lunches to pupils of kindergarten,

1 grammar, and high schools, either public or private, that are  
2 not sold for profit.

3 "(50) The gross proceeds of services provided by  
4 photographers, including but not limited to sitting fees and  
5 consultation fees, even when provided as part of a transaction  
6 ultimately involving the sale of one or more photographs, so  
7 long as the exempt services are separately stated to the  
8 customer on a bill of sale, invoice, or like memorialization  
9 of the transaction. For transactions occurring before October  
10 1, 2017, neither the Department of Revenue nor local tax  
11 officials may seek payment for sales tax not collected. With  
12 regard to such transactions in which sales tax was collected  
13 and remitted on services provided by photographers, neither  
14 the taxpayer nor the entity remitting sales tax shall have the  
15 right to seek refund of such tax.

16 "(51) a. For the period commencing on June 1, 2018,  
17 and ending five years thereafter, unless extended by an act of  
18 the Legislature, the gross proceeds of sales of bullion or  
19 money, as defined in Section 40-1-1(7).

20 "b. For purposes of this subdivision, the following  
21 words or terms shall be defined and interpreted as follows:

22 "1. Bullion. Gold, silver, platinum, palladium, or a  
23 combination of each precious metal, that has gone through a  
24 refining process and for which the item's value depends on its  
25 mass and purity, and not on its form, numismatic value, or  
26 other value. The term includes bullion in the form of bars,  
27 ingots, or coins that meet the requirements set forth above.

1 Qualifying bullion may contain other metals or substances,  
2 provided that the other substances are minimal in value  
3 compared with the value of the gold, silver, platinum, or  
4 palladium and the other substances do not add value to the  
5 item. For purposes of this subparagraph, "gold, silver,  
6 platinum, or palladium" does not include jewelry or works of  
7 art.

8 "2. Mass Purity. An item's mass is its weight in  
9 precious metal, and its purity is the amount of precious metal  
10 contained within the item.

11 "3. Numismatic Value. An external value above and  
12 beyond the base value of the underlying precious metal, due to  
13 the item's rarity, condition, age, or other external factor.

14 "c. In order for bullion to qualify for the sales  
15 tax exemption, gold, silver, platinum, and palladium items  
16 must meet all of the following requirements:

17 "1. Must be refined.

18 "2. Must contain at least ninety percent gold,  
19 silver, platinum, or palladium or some combination of these  
20 metals.

21 "3. The sales price of the item must fluctuate with  
22 and depend on the market price of the underlying precious  
23 metal, and not on the item's rarity, condition, age, or other  
24 external factor.

25 "(52) a. The gross proceeds of the initial retail  
26 sales of adaptive equipment that is permanently affixed to a  
27 motor vehicle.

1            "b. For the purposes of this subdivision, the  
2 following words or terms shall be defined and interpreted as  
3 follows:

4            "1. Adaptive Equipment. Equipment not generally used  
5 by persons with normal mobility that is appropriate for use in  
6 a motor vehicle and that is not normally provided by a motor  
7 vehicle manufacturer.

8            "2. Motor Vehicle. A vehicle as defined in Section  
9 40-12-240.

10           "3. Motor Vehicle Manufacturer. Every person engaged  
11 in the business of constructing or assembling vehicles or  
12 manufactured homes.

13           "c. In order to qualify for the exemption provided  
14 for herein, the adaptive equipment must be separately stated  
15 to the customer on a bill of sale, invoice, or like  
16 memorialization of the transaction.

17           "(53) The gross receipts from the sale of detection  
18 dogs when the detection dog is purchased from or to a  
19 certified detection dog trainer or a company employing  
20 certified detection dog trainers.

21           "a. For the purpose of this subdivision, a detection  
22 dog is a dog trained to use its senses to detect substances  
23 such as weapons, explosives, illegal drugs, accelerants,  
24 wildlife scat, currency, blood, plant and mammalian viruses,  
25 bed bugs, and contraband electronics.

26           "(b) Any violation of any provision of this section  
27 shall be punishable in a court of competent jurisdiction by a

1 fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and no more  
2 than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and imprisonment of not  
3 less than six months nor more than one year in the county  
4 jail."

5 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
6 first day of the third month following its passage and  
7 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.