205.181 Storage, registration, or transfer of aircraft; tax.

Sec. 11. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), there is levied upon and there shall be collected from every person in this state a specific tax for the privilege of storing, registering, or transferring ownership in this state of a qualified aircraft at a rate of 6% of the retail value of the aircraft at the time it first enters this state. The transferee shall pay the tax to the department. An aircraft is qualified if it was purchased outside of this state and is used solely for personal, nonbusiness purposes and if 1 of the following applies:

(a) The aircraft is purchased by a person who is not a resident of this state at the time of purchase and is brought into this state more than 90 days after the date of purchase.

(b) The aircraft is purchased by a person who is a resident of this state at the time of purchase and is brought into this state more than 360 days after the date of purchase.

(2) The storage, registration, or transfer of an aircraft for purposes of resale or of an aircraft that is exempt under any other exemption under the use tax act is exempt from the tax levied under subsection (1).

(3) A credit against the tax levied under subsection (1) is allowed in an amount equal to the amount by which any use tax on the aircraft if paid exceeds the amount of the tax under this act, which shall be refunded by the department.