

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 659

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled  
"Use tax act,"  
(MCL 205.91 to 205.111) by adding section 5a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           SEC. 5A. (1) A SELLER WHO SELLS TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IS  
2   PRESUMED TO HAVE NEXUS WITH THIS STATE AND SHALL REGISTER WITH THE  
3   DEPARTMENT AND COLLECT THE TAX LEVIED UNDER THIS ACT IF THE SELLER  
4   OR A PERSON, INCLUDING AN AFFILIATED PERSON, OTHER THAN A COMMON  
5   CARRIER ACTING AS A COMMON CARRIER, ENGAGES IN OR PERFORMS ANY OF  
6   THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES IN THIS STATE:

7           (A) SELLS A SIMILAR LINE OF PRODUCTS AS THE SELLER AND DOES SO  
8   UNDER THE SAME BUSINESS NAME AS THE SELLER OR A SIMILAR BUSINESS  
9   NAME AS THE SELLER.

10          (B) USES ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, OR

1 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS IN THIS STATE TO PROMOTE OR FACILITATE  
2 SALES BY THE SELLER TO PURCHASERS IN THIS STATE.

3 (C) MAINTAINS, OCCUPIES, OR USES AN OFFICE, DISTRIBUTION  
4 FACILITY, WAREHOUSE, STORAGE PLACE, OR SIMILAR PLACE OF BUSINESS IN  
5 THIS STATE TO FACILITATE THE DELIVERY OR SALE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL  
6 PROPERTY SOLD BY THE SELLER TO THE SELLER'S PURCHASERS IN THIS  
7 STATE FOR STORAGE, USE, OR CONSUMPTION IN THIS STATE.

8 (D) USES, WITH THE SELLER'S CONSENT OR KNOWLEDGE, TRADEMARKS,  
9 SERVICE MARKS, OR TRADE NAMES IN THIS STATE THAT ARE THE SAME OR  
10 SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE USED BY THE SELLER.

11 (E) DELIVERS, INSTALLS, ASSEMBLES, OR PERFORMS MAINTENANCE OR  
12 REPAIR SERVICES FOR THE SELLER'S PURCHASERS IN THIS STATE.

13 (F) FACILITATES THE SALE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TO  
14 PURCHASERS IN THIS STATE BY ALLOWING THE SELLER'S PURCHASERS IN  
15 THIS STATE TO PICK UP OR RETURN TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY SOLD BY  
16 THE SELLER AT AN OFFICE, DISTRIBUTION FACILITY, WAREHOUSE, STORAGE  
17 PLACE, OR SIMILAR PLACE OF BUSINESS MAINTAINED BY THAT PERSON IN  
18 THIS STATE.

19 (G) SHARES MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS SYSTEMS, BUSINESS PRACTICES,  
20 OR EMPLOYEES WITH THE SELLER, OR IN THE CASE OF AN AFFILIATED  
21 PERSON, ENGAGES IN INTERCOMPANY TRANSACTIONS RELATED TO THE  
22 ACTIVITIES OCCURRING WITH THE SELLER TO ESTABLISH OR MAINTAIN THE  
23 SELLER'S MARKET IN THIS STATE.

24 (H) CONDUCTS ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THIS STATE THAT ARE  
25 SIGNIFICANTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SELLER'S ABILITY TO ESTABLISH AND  
26 MAINTAIN A MARKET IN THIS STATE FOR THE SELLER'S SALES OF TANGIBLE  
27 PERSONAL PROPERTY TO PURCHASERS IN THIS STATE FOR STORAGE, USE, OR

1 CONSUMPTION IN THIS STATE.

2 (2) THE PRESUMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (1) MAY BE REBUTTED BY  
3 DEMONSTRATING THAT A PERSON'S ACTIVITIES IN THIS STATE ARE NOT  
4 SIGNIFICANTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SELLER'S ABILITY TO ESTABLISH OR  
5 MAINTAIN A MARKET IN THE STATE FOR THE SELLER'S SALES OF TANGIBLE  
6 PERSONAL PROPERTY TO PURCHASERS IN THIS STATE.

7 (3) IN ADDITION TO THE PRESUMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (1), A  
8 SELLER OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IS PRESUMED TO HAVE NEXUS IN  
9 THIS STATE AND SHALL REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND COLLECT THE  
10 TAX LEVIED UNDER THIS ACT IF THE SELLER ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT,  
11 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WITH 1 OR MORE RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE  
12 UNDER WHICH THE RESIDENT, FOR A COMMISSION OR OTHER CONSIDERATION,  
13 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, REFERS POTENTIAL PURCHASERS, WHETHER BY A  
14 LINK ON AN INTERNET WEBSITE, IN-PERSON ORAL PRESENTATION, OR  
15 OTHERWISE, TO THE SELLER, IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE  
16 SATISFIED:

17 (A) THE CUMULATIVE GROSS RECEIPTS FROM SALES BY THE SELLER FOR  
18 STORAGE, USE, OR CONSUMPTION IN THIS STATE TO PURCHASERS IN THIS  
19 STATE WHO ARE REFERRED TO THE SELLER BY ALL RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE  
20 WITH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SELLER ARE GREATER THAN \$10,000.00  
21 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12 MONTHS.

22 (B) THE SELLER'S TOTAL CUMULATIVE GROSS RECEIPTS FROM SALES  
23 FOR STORAGE, USE, OR CONSUMPTION TO PURCHASERS IN THIS STATE EXCEED  
24 \$50,000.00 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12 MONTHS.

25 (4) THE PRESUMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (3) MAY BE REBUTTED BY  
26 DEMONSTRATING THAT THE RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE WITH WHOM THE SELLER  
27 HAS AN AGREEMENT DID NOT ENGAGE IN ANY SOLICITATION OR ANY OTHER

1 ACTIVITY WITHIN THIS STATE THAT WAS SIGNIFICANTLY ASSOCIATED WITH  
2 THE SELLER'S ABILITY TO ESTABLISH OR MAINTAIN A MARKET IN THIS  
3 STATE FOR THE SELLER'S SALES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TO  
4 PURCHASERS IN THIS STATE FOR STORAGE, USE, OR CONSUMPTION IN THIS  
5 STATE. THE PRESUMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (3) SHALL BE CONSIDERED  
6 REBUTTED BY EVIDENCE OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

7 (A) WRITTEN AGREEMENTS PROHIBITING ALL OF THE RESIDENTS WITH  
8 AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SELLER FROM ENGAGING IN ANY SOLICITATION  
9 ACTIVITIES IN THIS STATE ON BEHALF OF THE SELLER.

10 (B) WRITTEN STATEMENTS FROM ALL OF THE RESIDENTS WITH AN  
11 AGREEMENT WITH THE SELLER STATING THAT THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES  
12 DID NOT ENGAGE IN ANY SOLICITATION OR OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THIS  
13 STATE ON BEHALF OF THE SELLER DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12  
14 MONTHS, IF THE STATEMENTS ARE PROVIDED AND OBTAINED IN GOOD FAITH.

15 (5) AN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH A SELLER PURCHASES ADVERTISEMENTS  
16 FROM A PERSON OR PERSONS IN THIS STATE TO BE DELIVERED THROUGH  
17 TELEVISION, RADIO, PRINT, THE INTERNET, OR ANY OTHER MEDIUM IS NOT  
18 AN AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) UNLESS THE ADVERTISEMENT  
19 REVENUE PAID TO THE PERSON OR PERSONS IN THIS STATE CONSISTS OF  
20 COMMISSIONS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION THAT IS BASED UPON COMPLETED  
21 SALES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.

22 (6) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO TRANSACTIONS OCCURRING ON OR AFTER  
23 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION  
24 AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE DATE THE SELLER AND THE RESIDENT ENTERED  
25 INTO AN AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3). THE 12 MONTHS BEFORE  
26 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION  
27 ARE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12 MONTHS FOR

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1 PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (3).

2 (7) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

3 (A) "AFFILIATED PERSON" MEANS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (i) ANY PERSON THAT IS A PART OF THE SAME CONTROLLED GROUP OF  
5 CORPORATIONS AS THE SELLER.

6 (ii) ANY OTHER PERSON THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING ITS FORM OF  
7 ORGANIZATION, BEARS THE SAME OWNERSHIP RELATIONSHIP TO THE SELLER  
8 AS A CORPORATION THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE SAME CONTROLLED GROUP OF  
9 CORPORATIONS.

10 (B) "CONTROLLED GROUP OF CORPORATIONS" MEANS THAT TERM AS  
11 DEFINED IN SECTION 1563(A) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, 26 USC  
12 1563.

13 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect October  
14 1, [2015].