

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5620**

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled  
"General sales tax act,"  
by amending section 12 (MCL 205.62), as amended by 2015 PA 251.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 12. (1) If an exemption from the tax under this act is  
2 claimed, the seller shall obtain identifying information of the  
3 purchaser and the reason for claiming the exemption at the time of  
4 the purchase or at a later date. The seller shall obtain the same  
5 information for a claimed exemption regardless of the medium in  
6 which the transaction occurred.

7           (2) A seller shall use a standard format for claiming an  
8 exemption electronically as adopted by the governing board under  
9 the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.

1           (3) A purchaser is not required to provide a signature to  
2 claim an exemption under this act unless a paper exemption form is  
3 used.

4           (4) A seller shall maintain a proper record of all exempt  
5 transactions and shall provide the record if requested by the  
6 department.

7           (5) A seller who complies with the requirements of this  
8 section is not liable for the tax if a purchaser improperly claims  
9 an exemption. A purchaser who improperly claims an exemption is  
10 liable for the tax due under this act. This subsection does not  
11 apply if a seller fraudulently fails to collect the tax, solicits a  
12 purchaser to make an improper claim for exemption, or accepts an  
13 exemption form when the purchaser claims an entity-based exemption  
14 if both of the following circumstances occur:

15           (a) The subject of the transaction sought to be covered by the  
16 exemption form is actually received by the purchaser at a location  
17 operated by the seller.

18           (b) The state in which that location operated by the seller is  
19 located provides an exemption form that clearly and affirmatively  
20 indicates that the claimed exemption is not available in that  
21 state.

22           (6) A seller who obtains a fully completed exemption form or  
23 captures the relevant data elements as outlined in this section  
24 within 120 days after the date of sale is not liable for the tax.

25           (7) If the seller has not obtained an exemption form or all  
26 relevant data elements, the seller may either prove that the  
27 transaction was not subject to tax by other means or obtain a fully

1 completed exemption form from the purchaser, by the later of the  
2 following:

3 (a) 120 days after a request by the department.

4 (b) The date an assessment becomes final.

5 (c) The denial of a claim for refund.

6 (d) In the instance of a credit audit, the issuance of an  
7 audit determination letter or informal conference decision and  
8 order of determination.

9 (e) The date of a final order of the court of claims or the  
10 Michigan tax tribunal, as applicable, with respect to an  
11 assessment, order, or decision of the department.

12 (8) The department may, in its discretion, allow a seller  
13 additional time to comply with subsection (7).

14 (9) A seller is not liable for the tax under this act if the  
15 seller obtains a blanket exemption form for a purchaser with which  
16 the seller has a recurring business relationship. Renewals of  
17 blanket exemption forms or updates of exemption form information or  
18 data elements are not required if there is a recurring business  
19 relationship between the seller and the purchaser. For purposes of  
20 this section, a recurring business relationship exists when a  
21 period of not more than 12 months elapses between sales  
22 transactions.

23 (10) A certified service provider shall be considered a seller  
24 under this section. As used in this section, "certified service  
25 provider" means that term as defined in section 25 of the  
26 streamlined sales and use tax administration act, 2004 PA 174, MCL  
27 205.825.

1           (11) A PURCHASER THAT FAILS TO CLAIM AN EXEMPTION AT THE TIME  
2 OF PURCHASE BY NOTIFYING THE SELLER OF THE EXEMPTION AND PROVIDING  
3 A COMPLETE AND PROPER CLAIM OF EXEMPTION MAY SUBMIT A CLAIM FOR A  
4 REFUND TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TAX RELATED TO THAT PURCHASE IF  
5 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

6           (A) THE CLAIM FOR A REFUND IS MADE WITHIN 4 YEARS OF THE DATE  
7 OF PURCHASE.

8           (B) THE PURCHASER SUBMITS TO THE DEPARTMENT AN ACCURATE RECORD  
9 OF THE PURCHASE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A PAPER,  
10 ELECTRONIC, OR DIGITAL RECEIPT, INVOICE, OR PURCHASE ORDER RELATED  
11 TO THE SALE, THAT INCLUDES THE DATE OF THE PURCHASE AND THE AMOUNT  
12 OF SALES TAX PAID TO THE SELLER FOR WHICH THE PURCHASER IS SEEKING  
13 A REFUND UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

14           (C) THE PURCHASER SUBMITS TO THE DEPARTMENT A FORM SIGNED BY  
15 THE SELLER AS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT CONTAINS  
16 INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO SUBSTANTIATE THE REFUND  
17 CLAIM. THE FORM SHALL CONTAIN A STATEMENT THAT THE SELLER REPORTED  
18 AND PAID THE TAX ON THE SALE FOR WHICH THE PURCHASER IS SEEKING A  
19 REFUND UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AND THAT THE SELLER HAS NOT CLAIMED,  
20 AND WILL NOT CLAIM, A REFUND OF THAT TAX.

21           (D) THE PURCHASER SUBMITS TO THE DEPARTMENT A PROPER EXEMPTION  
22 CLAIM ON A FORM AS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS  
23 SUBSECTION.

24           (E) THE PURCHASER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT ANY  
25 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE RELATED TO  
26 THE PURCHASER'S CLAIM FOR REFUND UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

27           Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January

1 1, 2019.