

2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 166**AMENDMENT 166G FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to reduce the rate of gross receipts tax on certain food, and to repeal a law**
2 **that allows for the conditional reduction of certain gross receipts tax rates.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 10-45-2 be AMENDED:**

5 **10-45-2.** ~~There~~Subject to the provisions of § 10-45-2.10, there is hereby imposed
6 a tax upon the privilege of engaging in business as a retailer, a tax of four and one-half
7 percent upon the gross receipts of all sales of tangible personal property consisting of
8 goods, wares, or merchandise, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, sold at retail
9 in the State of South Dakota to consumers or users.

10 **Section 2. That chapter 10-45 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

11 During the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022, the tax
12 imposed under § 10-45-2 on gross receipts from the sale of SNAP items is four percent.

13 During the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2023, the tax
14 imposed under § 10-45-2 on gross receipts from the sale of SNAP items is three percent.

15 During the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2024, the tax
16 imposed under § 10-45-2 on gross receipts from the sale of SNAP items is two percent.

17 During the period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2025, the tax
18 imposed under § 10-45-2 on gross receipts from the sale of SNAP items is one percent.

19 Beginning on July 1, 2026, the tax imposed under § 10-45-2 on gross receipts from
20 the sale of SNAP items is zero percent.

21 **Section 3. That § 10-45-1 be AMENDED:**

22 **10-45-1.** Terms used in this chapter mean:

- 1 (1) "Agricultural purposes," the producing, raising, growing, or harvesting of food or
2 fiber upon agricultural land, including dairy products, livestock, and crops. The
3 services of custom harvesters, chemical applicators, fertilizer spreaders, hay
4 grinders, and cultivators are considered agricultural purposes. The harvesting of
5 timber on land within the state is considered an agricultural purpose;
- 6 (2) "Business," any activity engaged in by any person or caused to be engaged in by
7 such person with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect;
- 8 (3) "Candy," any preparation of sugar, honey, or other natural or artificial sweeteners
9 in combination with chocolate, fruits, nuts or other ingredients or flavorings in the
10 form of bars, drops, or pieces. The term, candy, does not include any preparation
11 containing flour and does not require refrigeration;
- 12 (4) "Delivery charges," charges by the retailer for preparation and delivery to a location
13 designated by the purchaser of tangible personal property, any product transferred
14 electronically, or services including transportation, shipping, postage, handling,
15 crating, and packing. The term does not include postage for direct mail;
- 16 (5) "Food" and "food ingredient," any substance, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid,
17 frozen, dried, or dehydrated form, that is sold for ingestion or chewing by humans
18 and is consumed for its taste or nutritional value. The term, food, does not include
19 alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or prepared food;
- 20 (6) Repealed by SL 2007, ch 56, § 1.
- 21 (7) "Person," any individual, firm, copartnership, joint adventure, association, limited
22 liability company, corporation, municipal corporation, estate, trust, business trust,
23 receiver, the State of South Dakota and its political subdivisions, or any group or
24 combination acting as a unit;
- 25 (8) "Prepared food," any food sold in a heated state or heated by the seller; two or
26 more food ingredients mixed or combined by the seller for sale as a single item; or
27 food sold with eating utensils provided by the seller, including plates, knives, forks,
28 spoons, glasses, cups, napkins, or straws. A plate does not include a container or
29 packaging used to transport the food.
- 30 Prepared food does not include food that is only cut, repackaged, or pasteurized
31 by the seller, and eggs, fish, meat, poultry, and foods containing these raw animal
32 foods requiring cooking by the consumer as recommended by the Food and Drug
33 Administration in chapter 3, part 401.11 of its Food Code as of January 1, 2003,
34 so as to prevent food borne illnesses;

- 1 (8A) "Product transferred electronically," any product obtained by the purchaser by
2 means other than tangible storage media. A product transferred electronically does
3 not include any intangible such as a patent, stock, bond, goodwill, trademark,
4 franchise, or copyright.
- 5 (9) "Relief agency," the state, and county, municipality or district thereof, or any
6 agency engaged in actual relief work;
- 7 (10) "Retail sale" or "sale at retail," any sale, lease, or rental for any purpose other than
8 for resale, sublease, or subrent;
- 9 (11) "Retailer," any person engaged in the business of selling tangible goods, wares, or
10 merchandise at retail, or the furnishing of gas, electricity, water, and
11 communication service, and tickets or admissions to places of amusement and
12 athletic events as provided in this chapter, and the sale at retail of products
13 transferred electronically. The term also includes any person subject to the tax
14 imposed by §§ 10-45-4 and 10-45-5. The isolated or occasional sale of tangible
15 personal property or any product transferred electronically at retail by a person
16 who does not hold himself or herself out as engaging in the business of selling such
17 tangible personal property or products transferred electronically at retail does not
18 constitute such person a retailer;
- 19 (12) "Sale," any transfer, exchange, or barter, conditional or otherwise, in any manner
20 or by any means whatsoever, for a consideration;
- 21 (13) "SNAP item," any item eligible for purchase using an electronic benefit transfer
22 card issued pursuant to 7 U.S.C § 2016 (2018).
- 23 ~~(13)(14)~~ "Soft drinks," any nonalcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial
24 sweeteners. The term, soft drinks, does not include any beverage that contains
25 milk or milk products, soy, rice or similar milk substitutes, or greater than fifty
26 percent of vegetable or fruit juice by volume;
- 27 ~~(14)(15)~~ "Tangible personal property," personal property that can be seen, weighed,
28 measured, felt, or touched, or that is in any other manner perceptible to the
29 senses. The term includes electricity, water, gas, steam, and prewritten computer
30 software.

31 **Section 4. That § 10-64-9 be REPEALED:**

32 ~~If the state is able to enforce the obligation to collect and remit sales tax on remote~~
33 ~~sellers who deliver tangible personal property, products transferred electronically, or~~
34 ~~services directly to the citizens of South Dakota, the additional net revenue from such~~

1 ~~obligation shall be used to reduce the rate of certain taxes. The rate of tax imposed by~~
2 ~~§§ 10-45-2, 10-45-5, 10-45-5.3, 10-45-6, 10-45-6.1, 10-45-6.2, 10-45-8, 10-45-71, 10-~~
3 ~~46-2.1, 10-46-2.2, 10-46-58, 10-46-69, 10-46-69.1, 10-46-69.2, 10-46E-1, and 10-58-~~
4 ~~1 shall be reduced by one-tenth percent on July first following the calendar year for which~~
5 ~~each additional twenty million dollar increment of net revenue is collected and remitted~~
6 ~~by such remote sellers. However, the rate of tax imposed by §§ 10-45-2, 10-45-5, 10-~~
7 ~~45-5.3, 10-45-6, 10-45-6.1, 10-45-6.2, 10-45-8, 10-45-71, 10-46-2.1, 10-46-2.2, 10-~~
8 ~~46-58, 10-46-69, 10-46-69.1, 10-46-69.2, 10-46E-1, and 10-58-1 may not be reduced~~
9 ~~below four percent pursuant to the provisions of this section.~~