2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1327

AMENDMENT 1327B FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL

1	An Act to reduce certain gross receipts tax rates and a use tax rate, and to repeal a
2	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:

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

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

Beginning on July 1, 2022, the tax imposed under 10-45-2 on gross receipts from the sale of food and food ingredients is zero percent.

Section 3. That § 10-45-1 be AMENDED:

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

- (1) "Agricultural purposes," the producing, raising, growing, or harvesting of food or fiber upon agricultural land, including dairy products, livestock, and crops. The services of custom harvesters, chemical applicators, fertilizer spreaders, hay grinders, and cultivators are considered agricultural purposes. The harvesting of timber on land within the state is considered an agricultural purpose;
- (2) "Business," any activity engaged in by any person or caused to be engaged in by such person with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect;
- (3) "Candy," any preparation of sugar, honey, or other natural or artificial sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruits, nuts or other ingredients or flavorings in the

form of bars, drops, or pieces. The term, candy, does not include any preparation containing flour and does not require refrigeration;

- (4) "Delivery charges," charges by the retailer for preparation and delivery to a location designated by the purchaser of tangible personal property, any product transferred electronically, or services including transportation, shipping, postage, handling, crating, and packing. The term does not include postage for direct mail;
- (5) "Food" and "food ingredient," any substance, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated form, that is sold for ingestion or chewing by humans and is consumed for its taste or nutritional value. The term, food, does not include alcoholic beverages, tobacco, candy, soft drinks, or prepared food;
- (6) Repealed by SL 2007, ch 56, § 1.

- (7) "Person," any individual, firm, copartnership, joint adventure, association, limited liability company, corporation, municipal corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, the State of South Dakota and its political subdivisions, or any group or combination acting as a unit;
- (8) "Prepared food," any food sold in a heated state or heated by the seller; two or more food ingredients mixed or combined by the seller for sale as a single item; or food sold with eating utensils provided by the seller, including plates, knives, forks, spoons, glasses, cups, napkins, or straws. A plate does not include a container or packaging used to transport the food.
- Prepared food does not include food that is only cut, repackaged, or pasteurized by the seller, and eggs, fish, meat, poultry, and foods containing these raw animal foods requiring cooking by the consumer as recommended by the Food and Drug Administration in chapter 3, part 401.11 of its Food Code as of January 1, 2003, so as to prevent food borne illnesses;
- (8A) "Product transferred electronically," any product obtained by the purchaser by means other than tangible storage media. A product transferred electronically does not include any intangible such as a patent, stock, bond, goodwill, trademark, franchise, or copyright.
- (9) "Relief agency," the state, and county, municipality or district thereof, or any agency engaged in actual relief work;
- (10) "Retail sale" or "sale at retail," any sale, lease, or rental for any purpose other than for resale, sublease, or subrent;
- (11) "Retailer," any person engaged in the business of selling tangible goods, wares, or merchandise at retail, or the furnishing of gas, electricity, water, and

communication service, and tickets or admissions to places of amusement and athletic events as provided in this chapter, and the sale at retail of products transferred electronically. The term also includes any person subject to the tax imposed by §§ 10-45-4 and 10-45-5. The isolated or occasional sale of tangible personal property or any product transferred electronically at retail by a person who does not hold himself or herself out as engaging in the business of selling such tangible personal property or products transferred electronically at retail does not constitute such person a retailer;

- (12) "Sale," any transfer, exchange, or barter, conditional or otherwise, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, for a consideration;
- (13) "Soft drinks," any nonalcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. The term, soft drinks, does not include any beverage that contains milk or milk products, soy, rice of similar milk substitutes, or greater than fifty percent of vegetable or fruit juice by volume;
- (14) "Tangible personal property," personal property that can be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or touched, or that is in any other manner perceptible to the senses. The term includes electricity, water, gas, steam, and prewritten computer software.

Section 4. That § 10-45-5 be AMENDED:

10-45-5. There is imposed a tax at the rate of four—and—one—half_and one—half_percent upon the gross receipts of any person from engaging or continuing in any of the following businesses or services in this state: abstracters; accountants; ancillary services; architects; barbers; beauty shops; bill collection services; blacksmith shops; car washing; dry cleaning; dyeing; exterminators; garage and service stations; garment alteration; cleaning and pressing; janitorial services and supplies; specialty cleaners; laundry; linen and towel supply; membership or entrance fees for the use of a facility or for the right to purchase tangible personal property, any product transferred electronically, or services; photography; photo developing and enlarging; tire recapping; welding and all repair services, except repair services for farm machinery, attachment units, and irrigation equipment used exclusively for agricultural purposes; cable television; and rentals of tangible personal property except leases of tangible personal property between one telephone company and another telephone company, motor vehicles as defined pursuant to § 32-5-1 leased under a single contract for more than twenty-eight days and mobile

homes. However, the specific enumeration of businesses and professions made in this section does not, in any way, limit the scope and effect of the provisions of § 10-45-4.

Section 5. That § 10-45-5.3 be AMENDED:

10-45-5.3. There is imposed, at the rate of four-and one-half and one-half percent, an excise tax on the gross receipts of any person engaging in oil and gas field services (group no. 138) as enumerated in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987, as prepared by the Statistical Policy Division of the Office of Management and Budget, Office of the President.

Section 6. That § 10-45-6 be AMENDED:

10-45-6. There is hereby imposed a tax of four-and-one-half and one-half percent upon the gross receipts from sales, furnishing, or service of gas, electricity, and water, including the gross receipts from such sales by any municipal corporation furnishing gas, and electricity, to the public in its proprietary capacity, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, when sold at retail in the State of South Dakota to consumers or users.

Section 7. That § 10-45-6.1 be AMENDED:

- **10-45-6.1.** Except as provided in § 10-45-6.2, there is hereby imposed a tax of four—and one half and one-half percent upon the gross receipts from providing any intrastate, interstate, or international telecommunications service that originates or terminates in this state and that is billed or charged to a service address in this state, or that both originates and terminates in this state. However, the tax imposed by this section does not apply to:
- (1) Any eight hundred or eight hundred type service unless the service both originates and terminates in this state;
- (2) Any sale of a telecommunication service to a provider of telecommunication services, including access service, for use in providing any telecommunication service; or
- (3) Any sale of interstate telecommunication service provided to a call center that has been certified by the secretary of revenue to meet the criterion established in § 10-45-6.3 and the call center has provided to the telecommunications service provider an exemption certificate issued by the secretary indicating that it meets the criterion.

If a call center uses an exemption certificate to purchase services not meeting the criterion established in § 10-45-6.3, the call center is liable for the applicable tax, penalty, and interest.

Section 8. That § 10-45-6.2 be AMENDED:

10-45-6.2. There is hereby imposed a tax of four—and one-half and one-half percent upon the gross receipts of mobile telecommunications services, as defined in 4 U.S.C. § 124(7) as of January 1, 2002, that originate and terminate in the same state and are billed to a customer with a place of primary use in this state or are deemed to have originated or been received in this state and to be billed or charged to a service address in this state if the customer's place of primary use is located in this state regardless of where the service actually originates or terminates. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and for purposes of the tax imposed by this section, the tax imposed upon mobile telecommunication services shall be administered in accordance with 4 U.S.C. §§ 116-126 as in effect on July 28, 2000.

Section 9. That § 10-45-8 be AMENDED:

10-45-8. There is imposed a tax of four—and one—half and one—half percent upon the gross receipts from all sales of tickets or admissions to places of amusement and athletic contests or events, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

Section 10. That § 10-45-71 be AMENDED:

10-45-71. There is imposed a tax of four—and one—half and one—half percent on the gross receipts from the transportation of passengers. The tax imposed by this section shall apply to any transportation of passengers if the passenger boards and exits the mode of transportation within this state.

Section 11. That § 10-64-9 be REPEALED:

If the state is able to enforce the obligation to collect and remit sales tax on remote sellers who deliver tangible personal property, products transferred electronically, or services directly to the citizens of South Dakota, the additional net revenue from such obligation shall be used to reduce the rate of certain taxes. The rate of tax imposed by §§ 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, 10-46-2.1, 10-46-2.2, 10-46-58, 10-46-69, 10-46-69.1, 10-46-69.2, 10-46E-1, and 10-58-

1 shall be reduced by one-tenth percent on July first following the calendar year for which each additional twenty million dollar increment of net revenue is collected and remitted by such remote sellers. However, the rate of tax imposed by §§ 10-45-2, 10-45-5, 10-45-5, 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, 10-46-58, 10-46-69, 10-46-69.1, 10-46-69.2, 10-46E-1, and 10-58-1 may not be reduced below four percent pursuant to the provisions of this section.