

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4054**

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled
"General sales tax act,"
by amending section 4t (MCL 205.54t), as amended by 2015 PA 205.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4t. (1) The sale of tangible personal property to the
2 following after March 30, 1999, subject to subsection (2), is
3 exempt from the tax under this act:

4 (a) An industrial processor for use or consumption in
5 industrial processing.

6 (b) A person, whether or not the person is an industrial
7 processor, if the tangible personal property is intended for
8 ultimate use in and is used in industrial processing by an
9 industrial processor.

1 (c) A person, whether or not the person is an industrial
2 processor, if the tangible personal property is used by that person
3 to perform an industrial processing activity for or on behalf of an
4 industrial processor.

5 (d) A person, whether or not the person is an industrial
6 processor, if the tangible personal property is 1 of the following:

7 (i) A computer used in operating industrial processing
8 equipment.

9 (ii) Equipment used in a computer assisted manufacturing
10 system.

11 (iii) Equipment used in a computer assisted design or
12 engineering system integral to an industrial process.

13 (iv) A subunit or electronic assembly comprising a component in
14 a computer integrated industrial processing system.

15 (v) Computer equipment used in connection with the computer
16 assisted production, storage, and transmission of data if the
17 equipment would have been exempt had the data transfer been made
18 using tapes, disks, CD-ROMs, or similar media by a company whose
19 business includes publishing doctoral dissertations and information
20 archiving, and that sells the majority of the company's products to
21 nonprofit organizations exempt under section 4q.

22 (vi) Equipment used in the production of prewritten computer
23 software or software modified or adapted to the user's needs or
24 equipment by the seller, only if the software is available for sale
25 from a seller of software on an as-is basis or as an end product
26 without modification or adaptation.

27 (2) The property under subsection (1) is exempt only to the
28 extent that the property is used for the exempt purpose stated in
29 this section. The exemption is limited to the percentage of exempt

1 use to total use determined by a reasonable formula or method
2 approved by the department.

3 (3) Industrial processing includes the following activities:

4 (a) Production or assembly.

5 (b) Research or experimental activities.

6 (c) Engineering related to industrial processing.

7 (d) Inspection, quality control, or testing to determine
8 whether particular units of materials or products or processes
9 conform to specified parameters at any time before materials or
10 products first come to rest in finished goods inventory storage.

11 (e) Planning, scheduling, supervision, or control of
12 production or other exempt activities.

13 (f) Design, construction, or maintenance of production or
14 other exempt machinery, equipment, and tooling.

15 (g) Remanufacturing.

16 (h) Processing of production scrap and waste up to the point
17 it is stored for removal from the plant of origin.

18 (i) Recycling of used materials for ultimate sale at retail or
19 reuse.

20 (j) Production material handling.

21 (k) Storage of in-process materials.

22 **(l) Production, manufacturing, or recycling of aggregate by the**
23 **property, and for the purpose, described in subsection (4) (i) if**
24 **that aggregate is subject to the tax levied under the use tax act,**
25 **1937 PA 94, MCL 205.91 to 205.111.**

26 (4) Property that is eligible for an industrial processing
27 exemption includes the following:

28 (a) Property that becomes an ingredient or component part of
29 the finished product to be sold ultimately at retail **or affixed to**

1 **and made a structural part of real estate located in another state.**

2 (b) Machinery, equipment, tools, dies, patterns, foundations
3 for machinery or equipment, or other processing equipment used in
4 an industrial processing activity and in their repair and
5 maintenance.

6 (c) Property that is consumed or destroyed or that loses its
7 identity in an industrial processing activity.

8 (d) Tangible personal property, not permanently affixed and
9 not becoming a structural part of real estate, that becomes a part
10 of, or is used and consumed in installation and maintenance of,
11 systems used for an industrial processing activity.

12 (e) Fuel or energy used or consumed for an industrial
13 processing activity.

14 (f) Machinery, equipment, or materials used within a plant
15 site or between plant sites operated by the same person for
16 movement of tangible personal property in the process of
17 production. Property exempt under this subdivision includes front
18 end loaders, forklifts, pettibone lifts, skidsters, multipurpose
19 loaders, knuckle-boom log loaders, tractors, and log loaders used
20 to unload logs from trucks at a saw mill site for the purpose of
21 processing at the site and to load lumber onto trucks at a saw mill
22 site for purposes of transportation from the site.

23 (g) Office equipment, including data processing equipment,
24 used for an industrial processing activity.

25 (h) Tangible personal property used or consumed in an
26 industrial processing activity to produce alcoholic beverages that
27 are sold at retail by that industrial processor through its own
28 retail locations.

29 **(i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in subsection**

1 (6) (d), property that performs an industrial processing activity
2 upon an aggregate product or material that will be used as an
3 ingredient or component part for the construction, maintenance,
4 repair, or reconstruction of real property in this state if that
5 aggregate product or material is subject to the tax levied under
6 the use tax act, 1937 PA 94, MCL 205.91 to 205.111.

7 (5) Property that is not eligible for an industrial processing
8 exemption includes the following:

9 (a) Tangible personal property permanently affixed and
10 becoming a structural part of real estate including building
11 utility systems such as heating, air conditioning, ventilating,
12 plumbing, lighting, and electrical distribution, to the point of
13 the last transformer, switch, valve, or other device at which point
14 usable power, water, gas, steam, or air is diverted from
15 distribution circuits for use in industrial processing.

16 (b) Office equipment, including data processing equipment used
17 for nonindustrial processing purposes.

18 (c) Office furniture or office supplies.

19 (d) An industrial processor's own product or finished good
20 that it uses or consumes for purposes other than industrial
21 processing.

22 (e) Tangible personal property used for receiving and storage
23 of materials, supplies, parts, or components purchased by the user
24 or consumer.

25 (f) Tangible personal property used for receiving or storage
26 of natural resources extracted by the user or consumer.

27 (g) Vehicles, including special bodies or attachments,
28 required to display a vehicle permit or license plate to operate on
29 public highways, except for a vehicle bearing a manufacturer's

1 plate or a specially designed vehicle, together with parts, used to
2 mix and agitate materials at a plant or job site in the concrete
3 manufacturing process.

4 (h) Tangible personal property used for the preparation of
5 food or beverages by a retailer for ultimate sale at retail through
6 its own locations, except as provided in subsection (4) (h).

7 (i) Tangible personal property used or consumed for the
8 preservation or maintenance of a finished good once it first comes
9 to rest in finished goods inventory storage.

10 (j) Returnable shipping containers or materials, except as
11 provided in subsection (4) (f).

12 (k) Tangible personal property used in the production of
13 computer software originally designed for the exclusive use and
14 special needs of the purchaser.

15 (6) Industrial processing does not include the following
16 activities:

17 (a) Purchasing, receiving, or storage of raw materials.

18 (b) Sales, distribution, warehousing, shipping, or advertising
19 activities.

20 (c) Administrative, accounting, or personnel services.

21 (d) Design, engineering, construction, or maintenance of real
22 property and nonprocessing equipment.

23 (e) Plant security, fire prevention, or medical or hospital
24 services.

25 **(7) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this act, the**
26 **following applies only to industrial processing activities and**
27 **property described in subsection (3) (l) or (4) (i):**

28 **(a) Not later than 90 days after the effective date of the**
29 **amendatory act that added this subsection, the department shall**

1 cancel all outstanding balances related to such industrial
2 processing activities and property on notices of intent to assess
3 that were issued under section 21 of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.21, for
4 the tax levied under this act and that were issued before the
5 effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection.

6 (b) Not later than 90 days after the effective date of the
7 amendatory act that added this subsection, the department shall
8 cancel all outstanding balances related to such industrial
9 processing activities and property on final assessments that were
10 issued under section 22 of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.22, for the tax
11 levied under this act and that were issued before the effective
12 date of the amendatory act that added this subsection.

13 (c) After the effective date of the amendatory act that added
14 this subsection, the department shall not issue any new assessments
15 for the tax levied under this act on such industrial processing
16 activities and property for any tax period before the effective
17 date of the amendatory act that added this subsection that is open
18 under the statute of limitations provided in section 27a of 1941 PA
19 122, MCL 205.27a.

20 (8) ~~(7)~~—As used in this section:

21 (a) "Aggregate" means common variety building materials like
22 sand, gravel, crushed stone, slag, recycled concrete, recycled
23 asphalt, and geosynthetic aggregates.

24 (b) ~~(a)~~—"Industrial processing" means the activity of
25 converting or conditioning tangible personal property by changing
26 the form, composition, quality, combination, or character of the
27 property for ultimate sale at retail, ~~or~~ for use in the
28 manufacturing of a product to be ultimately sold at retail or to be
29 affixed to and made a structural part of real estate located in

1 **another state, or for the exempt purposes described in subsection**
2 **(3) (l) or (4) (i).** Industrial processing begins when tangible
3 personal property begins movement from raw materials storage to
4 begin industrial processing and ends when finished goods first come
5 to rest in finished goods inventory storage.

6 **(c)** ~~(b)~~—"Industrial processor" means a person who performs the
7 activity of converting or conditioning tangible personal property
8 for ultimate sale at retail, ~~or~~ **for** use in the manufacturing of a
9 product to be ultimately sold at retail **or to be affixed to and**
10 **made a structural part of real estate located in another state, or**
11 **for the exempt purposes described in subsection (3) (l) or (4) (i).**

12 **(d)** ~~(e)~~—"Product", as used in subdivision ~~(e)~~, **(f)**, includes,
13 but is not limited to, a prototype, pilot model, process, formula,
14 invention, technique, patent, or similar property, whether intended
15 to be used in a trade or business or to be sold, transferred,
16 leased, or licensed.

17 **(e)** ~~(d)~~—"Remanufacturing" means the activity of overhauling,
18 retrofitting, fabricating, or repairing a product or its component
19 parts for ultimate sale at retail.

20 **(f)** ~~(e)~~—"Research or experimental activity" means activity
21 incident to the development, discovery, or modification of a
22 product or a product related process. Research or experimental
23 activity also includes activity necessary for a product to satisfy
24 a government standard or to receive government approval. Research
25 or experimental activity does not include the following:

26 **(i)** Ordinary testing or inspection of materials or products for
27 quality control purposes.

28 **(ii)** Efficiency surveys.

29 **(iii)** Management surveys.

1 (iv) Market or consumer surveys.

2 (v) Advertising or promotions.

3 (vi) Research in connection with literacy, historical, or
4 similar projects.

5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
6 unless Senate Bill No. 97 of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into
7 law.

8 Enacting section 2. It is the intent of the legislature to
9 annually appropriate sufficient funds from the state general fund
10 to the state school aid fund created in section 11 of article IX of
11 the state constitution of 1963 to fully compensate for any loss of
12 revenue to the state school aid fund resulting from the enactment
13 of this amendatory act.

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