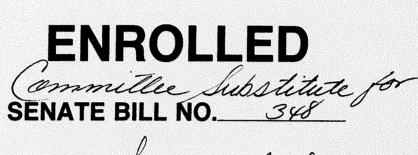
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Senate Bill No. 348

(Senators Spears, Wooton, Wehrle, Wiedebusch, Sharpe, Jones, Claypole, Chernenko, Boley, Blatnik, Burdette, Mr. President, and Whitlow, *original sponsors*)

[Passed March 7, 1992; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section nine, article fifteen. chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; and to further amend said article by adding thereto a new section, designated section eleven, removing nails and fencing from the definition of improvements to real property; exempting health and fitness organizations providing personalized fitness programs from remitting sales tax; exempting sales of services by baby-sitters from remitting sales tax under certain conditions; exempting certain community-based service organizations from collecting and remitting sales tax on specified programs and activities; prohibiting the tax commissioner from taking action against community-based organizations for taxes uncollected prior to the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-two; and barring refunds of taxes collected and paid over prior to that date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section nine, article fifteen, chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirtyone, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that said article be further amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section eleven, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 15. CONSUMERS SALES TAX.

§11-15-9. Exemptions.

1 The following sales and services are exempt:

2 (a) Sales of gas, steam and water delivered to 3 consumers through mains or pipes, and sales of 4 electricity;

5 (b) Sales of textbooks required to be used in any of 6 the schools of this state or in any institution in this 7 state which qualifies as a nonprofit or educational 8 institution subject to the West Virginia department of 9 education and the arts; board of trustees of the 10 university system of West Virginia, or the board of 11 directors for colleges located in this state;

12 (c) Sales of property or services to the state, its 13 institutions or subdivisions, governmental units, 14 institutions or subdivisions of other states: *Provided*, 15 That the law of such other state provides the same 16 exemption to governmental units or subdivisions of 17 this state and to the United States, including agencies 18 of federal, state or local governments for distribution 19 in public welfare or relief work;

(d) Sales of vehicles which are titled by the division
of motor vehicles and which are subject to the tax
imposed by section four, article three, chapter
seventeen-a of this code, or like tax;

(e) Sales of property or services to churches and
bona fide charitable organizations who make no
charge whatsoever for the services they render: *Provided*, That the exemption herein granted shall
apply only to services, equipment, supplies, food for
meals and materials directly used or consumed by
these organizations, and shall not apply to purchases of

31 gasoline or special fuel;

(f) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
a corporation or organization which has a current
registration certificate issued under article twelve of
this chapter is exempt from federal income taxes
under Section 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and is:

38 (1) A church or a convention or association of
39 churches as defined in Section 170 of the Internal
40 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

41 (2) An elementary or secondary school which main42 tains a regular faculty and curriculum and has a
43 regularly enrolled body of pupils or students in
44 attendance at the place in this state where its educa45 tional activities are regularly carried on;

46 (3) A corporation or organization which annually
47 receives more than one half of its support from any
48 combination of gifts, grants, direct or indirect charita49 ble contributions, or membership fees;

50 (4) An organization which has no paid employees 51 and its gross income from fund raisers, less reasonable 52 and necessary expenses incurred to raise such gross 53 income (or the tangible personal property or services 54 purchased with such net income), is donated to an 55 organization which is exempt from income taxes 56 under Section 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) of the Internal Reve-57 nue Code of 1986, as amended;

(5) A youth organization, such as the girl scouts of the United States of America, the boy scouts of America or the YMCA Indian guide/princess program and the local affiliates thereof, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and has as its primary purpose the nonsectarian character development and citizenship training of its members;

65 (6) For purposes of this subsection:

66 (A) The term "support" includes, but is not limited 67 to:

68 (i) Gifts, grants, contributions or membership fees;

(ii) Gross receipts from fund raisers which include
receipts from admissions, sales of merchandise, performance of services or furnishing of facilities in any
activity which is not an unrelated trade or business
within the meaning of Section 513 of the Internal
Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(iii) Net income from unrelated business activities,
whether or not such activities are carried on regularly
as a trade or business;

(iv) Gross investment income as defined in Section
509(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
amended;

(v) Tax revenues levied for the benefit of a corporation or organization either paid to or expended on
behalf of such organization; and

84 (vi) The value of services or facilities (exclusive of services or facilities generally furnished to the public 85 without charge) furnished by a governmental unit 86 87 referred to in Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue 88 Code of 1986, as amended, to an organization without 89 charge. This term does not include any gain from the 90 sale or other disposition of property which would be 91 considered as gain from the sale or exchange of a 92 capital asset, or the value of an exemption from any 93 federal, state or local tax or any similar benefit;

94 (B) The term "charitable contribution" means a
95 contribution or gift to or for the use of a corporation
96 or organization, described in Section 170(c)(2) of the
97 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

98 (C) The term "membership fee" does not include
99 any amounts paid for tangible personal property or
100 specific services rendered to members by the corpora101 tion or organization; or *DEH*

102 (7) The exemption allowed by this subsection (f) does 103 not apply to sales of gasoline or special fuel or to sales 104 of tangible personal property or services to be used or 105 consumed in the generation of unrelated business 106 income as defined in Section 513 of the Internal 107 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The provisions of

this subsection as amended by this act shall apply to 108 109 sales made after the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine: Provided, That the 110 111 exemption herein granted shall apply only to services, 112 equipment, supplies and materials used or consumed 113 in the activities for which such organizations qualify 114 as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Reve-115 nue Code by these organizations and shall not apply to 116 purchases of gasoline or special fuel;

117 (g) Sales of property or services to persons engaged 118 in this state in the business of manufacturing, trans-119 portation, transmission, communication or in the 120 production of natural resources: Provided, That the 121 exemption herein granted shall apply only to services. 122machinery, supplies and materials directly used or 123consumed in the businesses or organizations named 124 above, and shall not apply to purchases of gasoline or 125special fuel: Provided, however, That on and after the 126first day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-127seven, the exemption provided in this subsection shall apply only to services, machinery, supplies and mate-128 129 rials directly used or consumed in the activities of 130manufacturing, transportation, transmission, communication or the production of natural resources in the 131 132 businesses or organizations named above and shall not 133 apply to purchases of gasoline or special fuel;

134 (h) An isolated transaction in which any taxable 135 service or any tangible personal property is sold, 136 transferred, offered for sale or delivered by the owner 137 thereof or by his representative for the owner's 138 account, such sale, transfer, offer for sale or delivery not being made in the ordinary course of repeated and 139140 successive transactions of like character by such owner 141 or on his account by such representative: Provided, 142 That nothing contained herein may be construed to 143 prevent an owner who sells, transfers or offers for sale 144 tangible personal property in an isolated transaction 145 through an auctioneer from availing himself or herself of the exemption provided herein, regardless where 146 147 such isolated sale takes place. The tax commissioner 148 may adopt such legislative rule pursuant to chapter

149 twenty-nine-a of this code as he deems necessary for150 the efficient administration of this exemption;

151 (i) Sales of tangible personal property or of any 152 taxable services rendered for use or consumption in 153 connection with the commercial production of an 154 agricultural product the ultimate sale of which will be 155 subject to the tax imposed by this article or which 156 would have been subject to tax under this article: 157 *Provided*, That sales of tangible personal property and 158 services to be used or consumed in the construction of 159 or permanent improvement to real property and sales 160 of gasoline and special fuel shall not be exempt: 161 *Provided*, *however*, That nails and fencing shall not be 162 considered as improvements to real property.

163 (j) Sales of tangible personal property to a person for 164 the purpose of resale in the form of tangible personal 165property: Provided, That sales of gasoline and special 166 fuel by distributors and importers shall be taxable 167except when the sale is to another distributor for resale: Provided, however, That sales of building 168 169materials or building supplies or other property to any 170person engaging in the activity of contracting, as 171 defined in this article, which is to be installed in, 172affixed to or incorporated by such person or his agent 173into any real property, building or structure shall not 174 be exempt under this subsection, except that sales of 175 tangible personal property to a person engaging in the 176activity of contracting pursuant to a written contract 177with the United States, this state, or with a political 178subdivision thereof, or with a public corporation 179created by the Legislature or by another governmental 180 entity pursuant to an act of the Legislature, for a 181 building or structure, or improvement thereto, or 182 other improvement to real property that is or will be 183 owned and used by the governmental entity for a 184 governmental or proprietary purpose, who incorporates such property in such building, structure or 185 improvement shall, with respect to such tangible 186 187 personal property, nevertheless be deemed to be the 188 vendor of such property to the governmental entity 189 and any person seeking to qualify for and assert this

190 exception must do so pursuant to such legislative rules 191 and regulations as the tax commissioner may promul-192 gate and upon such forms as the tax commissioner 193 may prescribe. A subcontractor who, pursuant to a 194 written subcontract with a prime contractor who 195 qualifies for this exception, provides equipment, or 196 materials, and labor to such a prime contractor shall 197 be treated in the same manner as the prime contractor 198 is treated with respect to the prime contract under 199 this exception and the legislative rules and regulations 200promulgated by the tax commissioner: Provided 201 further, That the exemption for government contrac-202 tors in the preceding proviso shall expire on the first 203 day of October, one thousand nine hundred ninety, 204 subject to the transition rules set forth in section 205 eight-c of this article:

206 (k) Sales of property or services to nationally
207 chartered fraternal or social organizations for the sole
208 purpose of free distribution in public welfare or relief
209 work: *Provided*, That sales of gasoline and special fuel
210 shall be taxable;

211 (1) Sales and services, fire fighting or station house
212 equipment, including construction and automotive,
213 made to any volunteer fire department organized and
214 incorporated under the laws of the state of West
215 Virginia: *Provided*, That sales of gasoline and special
216 fuel shall be taxable;

(m) Sales of newspapers when delivered to consu-mers by route carriers;

(n) Sales of drugs dispensed upon prescription andsales of insulin to consumers for medical purposes;

(o) Sales of radio and television broadcasting time,
preprinted advertising circulars and newspaper and
outdoor advertising space for the advertisement of
goods or services;

225 (p) Sales and services performed by day-care centers;

(q) Casual and occasional sales of property or services not conducted in a repeated manner or in the ordinary course of repetitive and successive transactions of like character by a corporation or organizationwhich is exempt from tax under subsection (f) of thissection on its purchases of tangible personal propertyor services:

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233 (1) For purposes of this subsection, the term "casual 234 and occasional sales not conducted in repeated manner 235 or in the ordinary course of repetitive and successive 236 transactions of like character'' means sales of tangible 237 personal property or services at fund raisers sponsored 238 by a corporation or organization which is exempt, 239under subsection (f) of this section, from payment of 240 the tax imposed by this article on its purchases, when 241 such fund raisers are of limited duration and are held 242 no more than six times during any twelve-month 243 period and limited duration means no more than 244 eighty-four consecutive hours;

(2) The provisions of this subsection, as amended bythis article, shall apply to sales made after the thirtiethday of June, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine;

(r) Sales of property or services to a school which has approval from the board of trustees of the university system of West Virginia or the board of directors of the state college system to award degrees, which has its principal campus in this state, and which is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended: *Provided*, That sales of gasoline and special fuel shall be taxable;

(s) Sales of mobile homes to be utilized by purchasers as their principal year-round residence and dwelling: *Provided*, That these mobile homes shall be
subject to tax at the three percent rate;

(t) Sales of lottery tickets and materials by licensed
lottery sales agents and lottery retailers authorized by
the state lottery commission, under the provisions of
article twenty-two, chapter twenty-nine of this code;

(u) Leases of motor vehicles titled pursuant to theprovisions of article three, chapter seventeen-a of thiscode to lessees for a period of thirty or more consec-

268 utive days. This exemption shall apply to leases
269 executed on or after the first day of July, one thou270 sand nine hundred eighty-seven, and to payments
271 under long-term leases executed before such date, for
272 months thereof beginning on or after such date;

273 (v) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (g) 274 of this section or any provisions of this article to the 275contrary, sales of property and services to persons 276subject to tax under article thirteen, thirteen-a or 277 thirteen-b of this chapter: Provided, That the exemp-278tion herein granted shall apply both to property or 279services directly or not directly used or consumed in 280 the conduct of privileges which are subject to tax 281 under such articles but shall not apply to purchases of 282 gasoline or special fuel;

283 (w) Sales of propane to consumers for poultry house 284 heating purposes, with any seller to such consumer 285who may have prior paid such tax in his price, to not 286 pass on the same to the consumer, but to make application and receive refund of such tax from the 287 288 tax commissioner, pursuant to rules and regulations 289which shall be promulgated by the tax commissioner; 290 and notwithstanding the provisions of section eighteen 291 of this article or any other provisions of such article to 292 the contrary;

293 (x) Any sales of tangible personal property or 294 services purchased after the thirtieth day of September, one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven, and 295296 lawfully paid for with food stamps pursuant to the 297federal food stamp program codified in 7 United States 298 Code, §2011, et seq., as amended, or with drafts issued 299through the West Virginia special supplemental food 300 program for women, infants and children codified in 301 42 United States Code, §1786;

302 (y) Sales of tickets for activities sponsored by
303 elementary and secondary schools located within this
304 state;

305 (z) Sales of electronic data processing services and 306 related software: *Provided*, That for the purposes of 307 this subsection "electronic data processing services"

308 means: (1) The processing of another's data, including 309 all processes incident to processing of data such as 310 keypunching, keystroke verification, rearranging or 311 sorting of previously documented data for the purpose 312 of data entry or automatic processing, and changing the medium on which data is sorted, whether these 313 314 processes are done by the same person or several 315 persons; and (2) providing access to computer equip-316 ment for the purpose of processing data or examining or acquiring data stored in or accessible to such 317 computer equipment; 318

319 (aa) Tuition charged for attending educational320 summer camps;

321 (bb) Sales of building materials or building supplies 322 or other property to an organization qualified under Section 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code 323 324 of 1986, as amended, which are to be installed in, 325 affixed to or incorporated by such organization or its 326agent into real property, or into a building or structure 327 which is or will be used as permanent low-income 328 housing, transitional housing, emergency homeless 329 shelter, domestic violence shelter or emergency chil-330 dren and youth shelter if such shelter is owned, managed, developed or operated by an organization 331 332 qualified under Section 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) of the 333 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

334 (cc) Dispensing of services performed by one corpo-335 ration for another corporation when both corporations 336 are members of the same controlled group. Control 337 means ownership, directly or indirectly, of stock possessing fifty percent or more of the total combined 338 339 voting power of all classes of the stock of a corporation entitled to vote or ownership, directly or indirectly, of 340 341 stock possessing fifty percent or more of the value of 342 the corporation;

343 (dd) Food for the following shall be exempt:

344 (1) Food purchased or sold by public or private
345 schools, school sponsored student organizations, or
346 school sponsored parent-teacher associations to stu347 dents enrolled in such school or to employees of such

348 school during normal school hours; but not those sales349 of food made to the general public;

(2) Food purchased or sold by a public or private college or university or by a student organization officially recognized by such college or university to students enrolled at such college or university when such sales are made on a contract basis so that a fixed price is paid for consumption of food products for a specific period of time without respect to the amount of food product actually consumed by the particular individual contracting for the sale and no money is paid at the time the food product is served or consumed;

361 (3) Food purchased or sold by a charitable or private
362 nonprofit organization, a nonprofit organization or a
363 governmental agency under a program to provide food
364 to low-income persons at or below cost;

(4) Food sold in an occasional sale by a charitable or
nonprofit organization including volunteer fire departments and rescue squads, if the purpose of the sale is
to obtain revenue for the functions and activities of
the organization and the revenue so obtained is
actually expended for that purpose;

(5) Food sold by any religious organization at a social or other gathering conducted by it or under its auspices, if the purpose in selling the food is to obtain revenue for the functions and activities of the organization and the revenue obtained from selling the food is actually used in carrying on such functions and activities: *Provided*, That purchases made by such organizations shall not be exempt as a purchase for resale;

(ee) Sales of food by little leagues, midget football leagues, youth football or soccer leagues and similar types of organizations, including scouting groups and church youth groups, if the purpose in selling the food is to obtain revenue for the functions and activities of the organization and the revenues obtained from selling the food is actually used in supporting or carrying on functions and activities of the groups:

388 Provided, That such purchases made by such organi-389 zations shall not be exempt as a purchase for resale;

(ff) Charges for room and meals by fraternities and
sororities to their members: *Provided*, That such
purchases made by a fraternity or sorority shall not be
exempt as a purchase for resale;

(gg) Sales of or charges for the transportation ofpassengers in interstate commerce;

(hh) Sales of tangible personal property or services
to any person which this state is prohibited from
taxing under the laws of the United States or under
the constitution of this state;

400 (ii) Sales of tangible personal property or services to
401 any person who claims exemption from the tax
402 imposed by this article or article fifteen-a of this
403 chapter pursuant to the provisions of any other
404 chapter of this code;

405 (jj) Charges for the services of opening and closing406 a burial lot;

407 (kk) Sales of livestock, poultry or other farm pro-408 ducts in their original state by the producer thereof or 409 a member of the producer's immediate family who is not otherwise engaged in making retail sales of 410 411 tangible personal property; and sales of livestock sold 412 at public sales sponsored by breeder's or registry 413 associations or livestock auction markets: Provided, 414 That the exemptions allowed by this subsection shall apply to sales made on or after the first day of July, 415 416 one thousand nine hundred ninety, and may be 417 claimed without presenting or obtaining exemption certificates: Provided, however, That the farmer shall 418 419 maintain adequate records;

420 (ll) Sales of motion picture films to motion picture 421 exhibitors for exhibition if the sale of tickets or the 422 charge for admission to the exhibition of the film is 423 subject to the tax imposed by this article and sales of 424 coin-operated video arcade machines or video arcade 425 games to a person engaged in the business of providing 426 such machines to the public for a charge upon which 427 the tax imposed by this article is remitted to the tax 428 commissioner: *Provided*, That the exemption provided 429 in this subsection shall apply to sales made on or after 430 the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred 431 ninety, and may be claimed by presenting to the seller 432 a properly executed exemption certificate;

(mm) Sales of aircraft repair, remodeling and 433 434 maintenance services when such services are to an 435 aircraft operated by a certified or licensed carrier of 436 persons or property, or by a governmental entity, or to 437 an engine or other component part of an aircraft 438 operated by a certificated or licensed carrier of persons or property, or by a governmental entity and 439 sales of tangible personal property that is permanently 440 441 affixed or permanently attached as a component part of an aircraft owned or operated by a certificated or 442 licensed carrier of persons or property, or by a 443 444 governmental entity, as part of the repair, remodeling 445 or maintenance service and sales of machinery, tools, 446 or equipment, directly used or consumed exclusively 447 in the repair, remodeling, or maintenance of aircraft, 448 aircraft engines, or aircraft component parts, for a certificated or licensed carrier of persons or property, 449 450 or for a governmental entity:

451 (nn) Sales of tangible personal property and services 452 to a person entitled to claim the tax credit for invest-453 ment in certain management information services 454 facilities allowed under section three-c, article 455 thirteen-d of this chapter, pursuant to the issuance of 456 a management information services tax credit certification by the tax commissioner in accordance with 457 subsection (e), section three-c, article thirteen-d of this 458 459 chapter, when such property or services are directly used or consumed by the purchaser in the operation of 460 the management information services facility, as 461 462 defined in section two of this article for which credit 463 is allowed under section three-c, article thirteen-d of 464 this chapter. Tangible personal property, or services, 465 directly used or consumed in the operation of a management information services facility includes 466 only: (1) Computer processing and telecommunications 467

468 equipment; (2) data storage and input/output devices; 469 (3) disaster recovery services: (4) supplies: (5) applica-470 tion, telecommunication and operating system soft-471 ware; (6) repair and maintenance of any of the 472 aforesaid items; and (7) other tangible personal prop-473 erty or services directly used or consumed in the 474 operation of a management information services 475 facility: Provided, That the property is purchased or 476 leased after the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one. This exemption shall 477 478 not apply to tangible personal property, or services. 479 that are not directly used or consumed in the opera-480 tion of a management information services facility, or 481 to gasoline or special fuel: Provided, however, That 482 nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit, 483 exclude or preclude the application or availability of 484 any other exemption set forth in this section, or 485 elsewhere in this code, which might otherwise apply 486 to any sale of tangible personal property or services;

487 (oo) Charges for memberships or services provided488 by health and fitness organizations relating to person-489 alized fitness programs;

(pp) Sales of services by individuals who baby-sit for
a profit: *Provided*, That the gross receipts of the
individual from the performance of baby sitting
services does not exceed \$5,000.00 in a taxable year;
and

(qq) A corporation or organization which is a notfor-profit entity which charges membership dues utilized for and contributing significantly to traffic and pedestrian safety and education programs whether or not the corporation or organization is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1985, as amended.

§11-15-11. Exemption for certain organizations.

1 (a) Sales of taxable services by a corporation or 2 organization that are exempt from federal income tax 3 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 4 and that meet the requirements set forth in subdivi-5 sion (b) of this section, are exempt from the tax 6 imposed by this article, except that this exemption
7 shall not apply to sales of taxable services to the extent
8 that income received from the sales of such services is
9 taxable under Section 511 of the Internal Revenue
10 Code.

(b) The exemption set forth in this section appliesonly to those corporations or organizations meeting thefollowing criteria:

(1) The corporation or organization is organized and
operated primarily for charitable or educational
purposes and its activities and programs contribute
importantly to promoting the general welfare of
youth, families and the aged, improving health and
fitness and providing recreational opportunities to the
public;

(2) The corporation or organization offers membership or participation in its programs and activities to
the general public and charges fees or dues which
make its programs and activities accessible by a
reasonable cross-section of the community; and

26 (3) The corporation or organization offers financial
27 assistance on a regular and on-going basis to individ28 uals unable to afford the organization's membership
29 dues or fees.

30 (c) The tax commissioner is prohibited from issuing 31 any assessments and from taking any other action 32 under article ten of this chapter after the thirty-first 33 day of December, one thousand nine hundred ninety-34 one, to collect the tax imposed by this article from an 35 organization described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of 36 this section that did not collect the tax on transactions 37 occurring before the first day of July, one thousand 38 nine hundred ninety-two. The tax commissioner is 39 also prohibited from refunding any tax collected by a 40 qualified organization prior to the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-two, that was paid 41 42 over to the tax commissioner.

43 (d) For purposes of this section, the term "corpora-44 tion" and the term "organization" are used

45 interchangeably and mean a corporation or other 46 organization that is exempt from income tax under 47 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as 48 amended.

49 (e) Nothing in this section shall affect the application50 of this article to nonprofit tax-exempt hospitals.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Ernes Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

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U President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

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