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H.B. No. 2422

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for tools and equipment of skilled trade workers for a limited period.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 151, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 151.360 to read as follows:

Sec. 151.360. TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT OF SKILLED TRADE WORKERS FOR LIMITED PERIOD. (a) In this section, "skilled trade tool item" means:

(1) an item listed in this subdivision, the sales price of which is less than \$300:

(A) a toolbox for a vehicle; or

(B) a power tool;

(2) a pair of work boots, the sales price of which is less than \$175;

(3) an item listed in this subdivision, the sales price of which is less than \$150:

(A) a power tool battery;

(B) handheld pipe cutters;

(C) a drain opening tool; or

(D) plumbing inspection equipment;

(4) an industry textbook or codebook, the sales price of which is less than \$125;

(5) an item listed in this subdivision, the sales

1 price of which is less than \$100:

2 (A) a tool belt;

3 (B) electrical voltage testing equipment; or

4 (C) a shop light;

5 (6) a toolbox, the sales price of which is less than  
6 \$75;

7 (7) an item listed in this subdivision, the sales  
8 price of which is less than \$50:

9 (A) a hand tool;

10 (B) a pair or set of safety glasses;

11 (C) protective coveralls;

12 (D) a duffle bag or tote bag; or

13 (E) an LED flashlight; or

14 (8) a pair of work gloves, the sales price of which is  
15 less than \$25.

16 (b) The sale of a skilled trade tool item is exempted from  
17 the taxes imposed by this chapter if the sale takes place during a  
18 period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in September and  
19 ending at 11:59 p.m. on the following Monday.

20 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not  
21 affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this  
22 Act. That liability continues in effect as if this Act had not been  
23 enacted, and the former law is continued in effect for the  
24 collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of  
25 the liability for those taxes.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.