By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 675

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT	

- 2 relating to exemptions from the sales tax for certain limited
- 3 periods.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 151.326, Tax Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 151.326. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR FOR LIMITED PERIODS
- 8 [PERIOD].
- 9 SECTION 2. Section 151.326(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
- 10 as follows:
- 11 (a) The sale of an article of clothing or footwear designed
- 12 to be worn on or about the human body is exempted from the taxes
- 13 imposed by this chapter if:
- 14 (1) the sales price of the article is less than \$100;
- 15 and
- 16 (2) the sale takes place during:
- 17 (A) a period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the third
- 18 Friday in August and ending at 12 midnight on the following Sunday;
- 19 or
- 20 (B) a period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first
- 21 Friday in December and ending at 12 midnight on the following
- 22 Sunday.
- SECTION 3. Section 151.327(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
- 24 as follows:

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- 1 (a) The sale or storage, use, or other consumption of a
- 2 school backpack is exempted from the taxes imposed by this chapter
- 3 if the backpack is purchased:
- 4 (1) for use by a student in a public or private
- 5 elementary or secondary school;
- 6 (2) during  $\underline{a}$  [the] period described by Section
- 7 151.326(a)(2); and
- 8 (3) for a sales price of less than \$100.
- 9 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act do not affect
- 10 tax liability accruing before the effective date of this Act. That
- 11 liability continues in effect as if this Act had not been enacted,
- 12 and the former law is continued in effect for the collection of
- 13 taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of the liability of
- 14 those taxes.
- SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 19 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.