

Amend CSSB 1811 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLES to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES and SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTION AND ALLOCATION

SECTION _____.01. Section 151.008(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) "Seller" and "retailer" include:

(1) a person in the business of making sales at auction of tangible personal property owned by the person or by another;

(2) a person who makes more than two sales of taxable items during a 12-month period, including sales made in the capacity of an assignee for the benefit of creditors or receiver or trustee in bankruptcy;

(3) a person regarded by the comptroller as a seller or retailer under Section 151.024 [~~of this code~~];

(4) a hotel, motel, or owner or lessor of an office or residential building or development that contracts and pays for telecommunications services for resale to guests or tenants; [~~and~~]

(5) a person who engages in regular or systematic solicitation of sales of taxable items in this state by the distribution of catalogs, periodicals, advertising flyers, or other advertising, by means of print, radio, or television media, or by mail, telegraphy, telephone, computer data base, cable, optic, microwave, or other communication system for the purpose of effecting sales of taxable items; and

(6) a person who, under an agreement with another person, is:

(A) entrusted with possession of tangible personal property with respect to which the other person has title or another ownership interest; and

(B) authorized to sell, lease, or rent the property without additional action by the person having title to or another ownership interest in the property.

SECTION _____.02. Section 151.107, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) For the purpose of this subchapter and in relation to the use tax, a retailer is engaged in business in this state if the retailer:

(1) maintains, occupies, or uses in this state permanently, temporarily, directly, or indirectly or through a subsidiary or agent by whatever name, an office, [~~place of~~] distribution center, sales or sample room or place, warehouse, storage place, or any other physical location where [~~place of~~] business is conducted;

(2) has a representative, agent, salesman, canvasser, or solicitor operating in this state under the authority of the retailer or its subsidiary for the purpose of selling or delivering or the taking of orders for a taxable item;

(3) derives receipts [~~rentals~~] from the sale, [~~a~~] lease, or rental of tangible personal property situated in this state;

(4) engages in regular or systematic solicitation of sales of taxable items in this state by the distribution of catalogs, periodicals, advertising flyers, or other advertising, by means of print, radio, or television media, or by mail, telegraphy, telephone, computer data base, cable, optic, microwave, or other communication system for the purpose of effecting sales of taxable items;

(5) solicits orders for taxable items by mail or through other media and under federal law is subject to or permitted to be made subject to the jurisdiction of this state for purposes of collecting the taxes imposed by this chapter;

(6) has a franchisee or licensee operating under its trade name if the franchisee or licensee is required to collect the tax under this section; [~~or~~]

(7) holds a substantial ownership interest in, or is owned in whole or substantial part by, a person who maintains a location in this state from which business is conducted and if:

(A) the retailer sells the same or a substantially similar line of products as the person with the location in this state and sells those products under a business name that is the same as or substantially similar to the business

name of the person with the location in this state; or

(B) the facilities or employees of the person with the location in this state are used to:

(i) advertise, promote, or facilitate sales by the retailer to consumers; or

(ii) perform any other activity on behalf of the retailer that is intended to establish or maintain a marketplace for the retailer in this state, including receiving or exchanging returned merchandise;

(8) holds a substantial ownership interest in, or is owned in whole or substantial part by, a person that:

(A) maintains a distribution center, warehouse, or similar location in this state; and

(B) delivers property sold by the retailer to consumers; or

(9) otherwise does business in this state.

(d) In this section:

(1) "Ownership" includes:

(A) direct ownership;

(B) common ownership; and

(C) indirect ownership through a parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate.

(2) "Substantial" means, with respect to an ownership interest, an interest in an entity that is:

(A) if the entity is a corporation, at least 50 percent, directly or indirectly, of:

(i) the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the corporation; or

(ii) the beneficial ownership interest in the voting stock of the corporation;

(B) if the entity is a trust, at least 50 percent, directly or indirectly, of the current beneficial interest in the trust corpus or income;

(C) if the entity is a limited liability company, at least 50 percent, directly or indirectly, of:

(i) the total membership interest of the limited liability company; or

(ii) the beneficial ownership interest in the membership interest of the limited liability company; or

(D) for any entity, including a partnership or association, at least 50 percent, directly or indirectly, of the capital or profits interest in the entity.

SECTION ____ .03. Subchapter M, Chapter 151, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 151.802 to read as follows:

Sec. 151.802. ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN REVENUE TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND. (a) This section applies only:

(1) during the state fiscal years beginning September 1 of 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016; and

(2) with respect to unused franchise tax credits described by Sections 18(e) and (f), Chapter 1 (HB 3), Acts of the 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2006.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 151.801, the comptroller shall deposit to the credit of the property tax relief fund under Section 403.109, Government Code, an amount of the proceeds from the collection of the taxes imposed by this chapter equal to the amount of revenue the state does not receive from the tax imposed under Chapter 171 because taxable entities, as defined by that chapter, that are corporations are entitled to claim unused franchise tax credits after December 31, 2012, and during that state fiscal year.

(c) This section expires September 1, 2017.

SECTION ____ .04. The change in law made by this article does not affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this article. That liability continues in effect as if this article had not been enacted, and the former law is continued in effect for the collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of the liability for those taxes.

SECTION ____ .05. This article takes effect January 1, 2012.

ARTICLE ____ . CARRYFORWARD OF CERTAIN FRANCHISE TAX CREDITS

SECTION ____ .01. Sections 18(e) and (f), Chapter 1 (HB 3), Acts of the 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2006, are amended to read as follows:

(e) A corporation that has any unused credits established before the effective date of this Act under Subchapter P, Chapter 171, Tax Code, may claim those unused credits on or with the tax

report for the period in which the credit was established. However, if the corporation was allowed to carry forward unused credits under that subchapter, the corporation may continue to apply those credits on or with each consecutive report until the earlier of the date the credit would have expired under the terms of Subchapter P, Chapter 171, Tax Code, had it continued in existence, or December 31, 2016 [~~2012~~], and the former law under which the corporation established the credits is continued in effect for purposes of determining the amount of the credits the corporation may claim and the manner in which the corporation may claim the credits.

(f) A corporation that has any unused credits established before the effective date of this Act under Subchapter Q, Chapter 171, Tax Code, may claim those unused credits on or with the tax report for the period in which the credit was established. However, if the corporation was allowed to carry forward unused credits under that subchapter, the corporation may continue to apply those credits on or with each consecutive report until the earlier of the date the credit would have expired under the terms of Subchapter Q, Chapter 171, Tax Code, had it continued in existence, or December 31, 2016 [~~2012~~], and the former law under which the corporation established the credits is continued in effect for purposes of determining the amount of the credits the corporation may claim and the manner in which the corporation may claim the credits.