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H.B. No. 221

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a sales and use tax exemption for child and adult
3 diapers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 151.313(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (a) The following items are exempted from the taxes imposed
8 by this chapter:

9 (1) a drug or medicine, other than insulin, if
10 prescribed or dispensed for a human or animal by a licensed
11 practitioner of the healing arts;

12 (2) insulin;

13 (3) a drug or medicine that is required to be labeled
14 with a "Drug Facts" panel in accordance with regulations of the
15 federal Food and Drug Administration, without regard to whether it
16 is prescribed or dispensed by a licensed practitioner of the
17 healing arts;

18 (4) a hypodermic syringe or needle;

19 (5) a brace; hearing aid or audio loop; orthopedic,
20 dental, or prosthetic device; ileostomy, colostomy, or ileal
21 bladder appliance; or supplies or replacement parts for the listed
22 items;

23 (6) a therapeutic appliance, device, and any related
24 supplies specifically designed for those products, if dispensed or

1 prescribed by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts, when
2 those items are purchased and used by an individual for whom the
3 items listed in this subdivision were dispensed or prescribed;

4 (7) corrective lens and necessary and related
5 supplies, if dispensed or prescribed by an ophthalmologist or
6 optometrist;

7 (8) specialized printing or signalling equipment used
8 by the deaf for the purpose of enabling the deaf to communicate
9 through the use of an ordinary telephone and all materials, paper,
10 and printing ribbons used in that equipment;

11 (9) a braille wristwatch, braille writer, braille
12 paper and braille electronic equipment that connects to computer
13 equipment, and the necessary adaptive devices and adaptive computer
14 software;

15 (10) each of the following items if purchased for use
16 by the blind to enable them to function more independently: a slate
17 and stylus, print enlarger, light probe, magnifier, white cane,
18 talking clock, large print terminal, talking terminal, or harness
19 for guide dog;

20 (11) hospital beds;

21 (12) blood glucose monitoring test strips;

22 (13) an adjustable eating utensil used to facilitate
23 independent eating if purchased for use by a person, including a
24 person who is elderly or physically disabled, has had a stroke, or
25 is a burn victim, who does not have full use or control of the
26 person's hands or arms;

27 (14) subject to Subsection (d), a dietary supplement;

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2 (15) intravenous systems, supplies, and replacement
3 parts designed or intended to be used in the diagnosis or treatment
4 of humans; and

5 (16) a diaper, an absorbency undergarment, or a guard
6 or pad used for protection against urinary or colonic leakage.

7 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not
8 affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this
9 Act. That liability continues in effect as if this Act had not been
10 enacted, and the former law is continued in effect for the
11 collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of
12 the liability for those taxes.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.