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H.B. No. 3799

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the exemption from sales and use taxes for items sold by
3 a nonprofit organization at a county fair.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 151.3102, Tax Code, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 151.3102. SALE BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AT COUNTY
8 FAIR. (a) The sale of a taxable item is exempt from the taxes
9 imposed by this chapter if:

10 (1) the seller or retailer is a county fair
11 association or another nonprofit organization that is exempt from
12 federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code
13 of 1986, by being listed as an exempt organization in Section
14 501(c)(3) of that code;

15 (2) the sale takes place at a county fair operated by a
16 county fair association on property owned by the county; and

17 (3) the purchaser is a person attending or
18 participating in the fair.

19 (b) In this section:

20 (1) "County fair association" means an organization
21 that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a),
22 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, by being listed as an exempt
23 organization in Section 501(c)(3) of that code and that organizes a
24 county fair that is primarily for the exhibition of local

1 horticultural or agricultural products or livestock. The term does
2 not include:

3 (A) an association that holds a license issued
4 after January 1, 2001, under Subtitle A-1, Title 13, Occupations
5 Code (Texas Racing Act); or

6 (B) an association that organizes events other
7 than a county fair, including an exhibition of arts and crafts or a
8 state fair.

9 (2) "Livestock" includes turkeys, domesticated fowl,
10 cows, sheep, swine, horses, mules, donkeys, and goats. The term
11 does not include domesticated animals such as dogs, cats, guinea
12 pigs, hamsters, or other similar animals.

13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not
14 affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this
15 Act. That liability continues in effect as if this Act had not been
16 enacted, and the former law is continued in effect for the
17 collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of
18 the liability for those taxes.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect October 1, 2021.