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H.B. No. 3037

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to temporarily decreasing the rate of state sales and use taxes under certain circumstances.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 151, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 151.0511 to read as follows:

Sec. 151.0511. TEMPORARY DECREASE IN TAX RATE; CONDITIONS.

(a) Using any available methods and revenue estimates, the comptroller shall:

(1) determine the amount of the ending certification balance for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, that is attributable to revenue during that state fiscal biennium from the taxes imposed under this chapter;

(2) determine the amount, if any, of the estimated ending certification balance for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2027, that is attributable to revenue during that state fiscal biennium from the taxes imposed under this chapter if those taxes are imposed at the tax rate provided by Section 151.051(b); and

(3) if the amount determined under Subdivision (2) is more than 50 percent of the amount determined under Subdivision (1):

(A) determine the tax rate that, when substituted for the tax rate described by Subdivision (2), results in the amount

1 determined under Subdivision (2) equaling 50 percent of the amount  
2 determined under Subdivision (1); and

3 (B) publish the tax rate determined under  
4 Paragraph (A) in the Texas Register and on the comptroller's  
5 Internet website and provide notice of that tax rate to sales tax  
6 permit holders.

7 (b) If the condition provided by Subsection (a)(3) is  
8 satisfied, the rate of the sales tax and use tax under this chapter  
9 applicable in the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2027, is  
10 the rate determined under Subsection (a)(3)(A), notwithstanding  
11 Section [151.051\(b\)](#).

12 (c) This section expires December 1, 2027.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.