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HOUSE BILL No. 2651

By Committee on Taxation

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AN ACT relating to sales taxation; concerning direct refund requests; amending K.S.A. 79-3650 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 79-3650 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-3650. (a) A refund request may be filed directly by a consumer or purchaser if the consumer or purchaser: (1) paid the tax directly to the department; (2) provides evidence that the retailer refused or was unavailable to refund the tax; (3) provides evidence that the retailer did not act upon its refund request in a timely manner as provided in subsection (b), or; (4) submits such a refund request pursuant to subsection (e) provides a notarized statement to the department from the retailer that the retailer: (A) Will not claim a refund of the same tax included in the purchaser's or consumer's refund request; (B) agrees to provide to the consumer or purchaser any information or documentation in the retailer's possession needed for submission to the department to support or prove the refund claim; (C) has remitted to the state the tax sought to be refunded; and (D) has not taken or will not take a credit for such tax. A retailer providing false information in any such statement shall be subject to penalties prescribed by K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 79-3615(h), and amendments thereto.

- (b) If the director of taxation finds upon proper showing that a consumer or purchaser submitted a refund request to a retailer that was not acted upon by the retailer in a timely manner, the director shall extend the time for filing the request with the department beyond the three year limitation period that is otherwise provided by the time attributed to the delay caused by the retailer.
- (e) If, during the course of an audit examination of a business as a purchaser or consumer, it is determined that a vendor has collected Kansas tax from the purchaser on a transaction that is not subject to tax imposed under this act, the purchaser may apply directly to the director for an offset or refund of the tax, notwithstanding subsection (a), if: (1) the purchaser is currently registered to collect and remit tax, and (2) the purchaser provides the director with an affidavit or other acceptable doeumentation that assures the purchaser has not and will not request a

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duplicate refund through the vendor.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 79-3650 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.