HOUSE BILL No. 2759

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; flood disaster emergencies; certain construction materials and services.

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

Section 1. The following shall be exempt from the tax imposed under the Kansas retailers' sales tax act: All sales of tangible personal property or services purchased for the purpose of and in conjunction with constructing, reconstructing, enlarging or remodeling a business facility that was previously located in any county declared or designated by the president to be in a state of disaster emergency pursuant to major disaster declaration DR 1711, and that has been damaged or destroyed by flooding and other severe weather as a result of such disaster, and the sale and installation of machinery and equipment purchased for installation at any such business facility, including any fence, the purpose for which is to enclose land devoted to agricultural use. Any person constructing, reconstructing, remodeling or enlarging a business facility in any such county, who had leased such a facility to a business in any such county prior to the occurrence of such disaster, and that such business has been damaged or destroyed by flooding and other severe weather as a result of such disaster, and which such facility shall be leased in whole or in part, to a business that was previously located in any such county, prior to the occurrence of such disaster and that such business has been damaged by flooding and other severe weather as a result of such disaster, that would be eligible for a sales tax exemption hereunder if such business had constructed, reconstructed, enlarged or remodeled such facility or portion thereof itself shall be entitled to the sales tax exemption under the provisions of this section. When a person shall contract for the construction, reconstruction, enlargement or remodeling of any such business facility, such person shall obtain from the state within 60 days of the effective date of this act, an exemption certificate for the project involved. The certificate shall be furnished to the contractor to purchase materials, machinery and equipment for incorporation in such project. The contractor shall furnish the number of such certificates to all suppliers from whom such purchases are made, and such suppliers shall execute invoices covering the same bearing the number of such certificate. Upon completion 1

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of the project the contractor shall furnish to the person that obtained the exemption certificate, a sworn statement, on a form to be provided by the director of taxation, that all purchases so made were entitled to exemption under this subsection. All invoices shall be held by the contractor for a period of five years and shall be subject to audit by the director of taxation. Any contractor or any agent, employee or subcontractor thereof, who shall use or otherwise dispose of any materials, machinery or equipment purchased under such a certificate for any purpose other than that for which such a certificate is issued without the payment of the sales or compensating tax otherwise imposed thereon, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction therefor, shall be subject to the penalties provided for in subsection (g) of K.S.A. 79-3615, and amendments thereto. Sales tax paid on and after the occurrence of the disaster provided for in this section, but prior to the effective date of this act upon the gross receipts received from any sale which would have been exempted by the provisions of this subsection had such sale occurred after the effective date of this act shall be refunded. Each claim for a sales tax refund shall be verified and submitted to the director of taxation upon forms furnished by the director and shall be accompanied by any additional documentation required by the director. The director shall review each claim and shall refund that amount of sales tax paid as determined under the provisions of this subsection. All refunds shall be paid from the sales tax refund fund upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports pursuant to vouchers approved by the director or the director's designee. The provisions of this section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas retailers' sales tax act.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.