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LEGISLATIVE BILL 829

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Committee: Revenue

A BILL

FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section
77-2701.35, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
exempt separately stated postage charges from sales and
use tax; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the
original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 77-2701.35, Reissue Revised Statutes

- of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 3 77-2701.35 (1) Sales price applies to the measure subject
- 4 to sales tax and means the total amount of consideration, including
- 5 cash, credit, property, and services, for which personal property or
- 6 services are sold, leased, or rented, valued in money, whether
- 7 received in money or otherwise, without any deduction for the
- 8 following:
- 9 (a) The seller's cost of the property sold;
- 10 (b) The cost of materials used, the cost of labor or
- 11 service, interest, losses, all costs of transportation to the seller,
- 12 all taxes imposed on the seller, and any other expense of the seller;
- 13 (c) Charges by the seller for any services necessary to
- 14 complete the sale;
- 15 (d) Delivery charges, except for United States postage
- 16 charges on direct mail that are separately stated on the invoice,
- 17 bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser; and
- 18 (e) Installation charges.
- 19 (2) Sales price includes consideration received by the
- 20 seller from third parties if:
- 21 (a) The seller actually receives consideration from a
- 22 party other than the purchaser and the consideration is directly
- 23 related to a price reduction or discount on the sale;
- 24 (b) The seller has an obligation to pass the price
- 25 reduction or discount through to the purchaser;

1 (c) The amount of the consideration attributable to the

- 2 sale is fixed and determinable by the seller at the time of the sale
- 3 of the item to the purchaser; and
- 4 (d) One of the following criteria is met:
- 5 (i) The purchaser presents a coupon, certificate, or
- 6 other documentation to the seller to claim a price reduction or
- 7 discount when the coupon, certificate, or documentation is
- 8 authorized, distributed, or granted by a third party with the
- 9 understanding that the third party will reimburse any seller to whom
- 10 the coupon, certificate, or documentation is presented;
- 11 (ii) The purchaser identifies himself or herself to the
- 12 seller as a member of a group or organization entitled to a price
- 13 reduction or discount. A preferred customer card that is available to
- 14 any patron does not constitute membership in such a group; or
- 15 (iii) The price reduction or discount is identified as a
- 16 third-party price reduction or discount on the invoice received by
- 17 the purchaser or on a coupon, certificate, or other documentation
- 18 presented by the purchaser.
- 19 (3) Sales price does not include:
- 20 (a) Any discounts, including cash, terms, or coupons that
- 21 are not reimbursed by a third party that are allowed by a seller and
- 22 taken by a purchaser on a sale;
- 23 (b) Interest, financing, and carrying charges from credit
- 24 extended on the sale of personal property or services, if the amount
- 25 is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar

- 1 document given to the purchaser;
- 2 (c) Any taxes legally imposed directly on the consumer
- 3 that are separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar
- 4 document given to the purchaser; and
- 5 (d) Credit for any trade-in as follows:
- 6 (i) The value of property taken by a seller in trade as
- 7 all or a part of the consideration for a sale of property of any kind
- 8 or nature; or
- 9 (ii) The value of a motor vehicle or motorboat taken by
- 10 any person in trade as all or a part of the consideration for a sale
- 11 of another motor vehicle or motorboat.
- 12 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on October 1, 2014.
- Sec. 3. Original section 77-2701.35, Reissue Revised
- 14 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.