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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Sales and Use Tax - Exemption for Digital Telecommunications Machinery**  
3                                   **and Equipment**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting from the sales and use tax certain sales, during a  
5 certain time period, of certain machinery and equipment to be used for certain  
6 purposes; requiring the Comptroller, upon application by the taxpayer, to refund  
7 the sales and use tax paid on sales of certain exempted equipment made  
8 between certain dates; and generally relating to a sales and use tax exemption  
9 for sales, during a certain time period, of certain machinery and equipment.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article - Tax - General  
12 Section 11-210(d)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17                                   **Article - Tax - General**

18 11-210.

19 (D) THE SALES AND USE TAX DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SALE, ON OR AFTER  
20 JANUARY 31, 1996 BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2008, OF MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT:

21 (1) THAT ENABLES A TELEVISION OR RADIO STATION TO ORIGINATE  
22 AND BROADCAST OR TO RECEIVE AND BROADCAST DIGITAL SIGNALS; AND

23 (2) THAT WAS OR IS PURCHASED TO COMPLY WITH OR TO FACILITATE  
24 COMPLIANCE WITH THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996, PUB. L. 104-104, 110  
25 STAT. 56.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Comptroller shall  
27 refund, upon application by the taxpayer, any sales and use tax, penalty, or interest  
28 paid on the sale, on or after January 1, 1996 but before July 1, 1999, of equipment

1 exempted from the sales and use tax under Section 1 of this Act, whether or not the  
2 payment was the result of a final assessment.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 July 1, 1999.