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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sales and Use Tax - Multifuel Pellet Stoves**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting from the sales and use tax the sale of a multifuel pellet  
4 stove designed to burn agricultural field corn.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article - Tax - General  
7 Section 11-226  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Tax - General**

13 11-226.

14 (a) The sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of the following electric  
15 appliances that meet or exceed the applicable Energy Star efficiency requirements  
16 developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United  
17 States Department of Energy:

18 (1) a clothes washer purchased on or after July 1, 2000, but before July  
19 1, 2003;

1 (2) a room air conditioner purchased on or after January 1, 2001, but  
2 before July 1, 2004; or

3 (3) a standard size refrigerator purchased on or after July 1, 2001, but  
4 before July 1, 2004.

5 (b) The sales and use tax does not apply to the sale, on or before July 1, 2004,  
6 of:

7 (1) a fuel cell that:

8 (i) generates electricity and heat using an electrochemical process;

9 (ii) has an electricity-only generation efficiency greater than 35%;  
10 and

11 (iii) has a generating capacity of at least 2 kilowatts;

12 (2) a natural gas heat pump that has a coefficient of performance of at  
13 least 1.25 for heating and at least 0.70 for cooling;

14 (3) an electric heat pump hot water heater that yields an energy factor of  
15 at least 1.7;

16 (4) an electric heat pump that has a heating system performance factor  
17 of at least 7.5 and a cooling seasonal energy efficiency ratio of at least 13.5;

18 (5) a central air conditioner that has a cooling seasonal energy efficiency  
19 ratio of at least 13.5; or

20 (6) an advanced natural gas water heater that has an energy factor of at  
21 least 0.65.

22 (C) THE SALES AND USE TAX DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OF A MULTIFUEL  
23 PELLET STOVE DESIGNED TO BURN AGRICULTURAL FIELD CORN.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 July 1, 2002.