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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sales and Use Tax - Annual Back-to-School Tax-Free Week**

3 FOR the purpose of designating a certain week in certain calendar years to be a
4 tax-free week during which a certain sales and use tax exemption will apply;
5 altering a certain sales and use tax exemption to include certain school supplies;
6 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the designation of a certain
7 tax-free week in the State.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Tax - General
10 Section 11-228
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Tax - General**

16 11-228.

17 (a) (1) In this section[, "accessory items"] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE
18 THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

19 (2) "ACCESSORY ITEMS" includes jewelry, watches, watchbands,
20 handbags, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, scarves, ties, headbands, and belt buckles.

21 (3) (I) "SCHOOL SUPPLY" INCLUDES AN ITEM PURCHASED FOR USE IN
22 THE CLASSROOM, FOR SCHOOLWORK COMPLETED IN SCHOOL, OR FOR ANY SCHOOL
23 ACTIVITY.

24 (II) "SCHOOL SUPPLY" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY ELECTRONIC
25 DEVICE.

1 (b) (1) The week [from August 10, 2001 through August 16, 2001] THAT
2 BEGINS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY IN AUGUST AND ENDS ON THE FOLLOWING
3 THURSDAY IN AUGUST EACH YEAR shall be a tax-free week for back-to-school
4 shopping in Maryland during which the exemption under paragraph (2) of this
5 subsection shall apply.

6 (2) During the tax-free week for back-to-school shopping established
7 under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the sales and use tax does not apply to the sale
8 of ANY SCHOOL SUPPLY OR any item of clothing or footwear, excluding accessory
9 items, if the taxable price of the SCHOOL SUPPLY OR item of clothing or footwear is
10 less than \$100.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2003.