

# HOUSE BILL 151

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By: **Delegate A. Miller**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2013

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sales and Use Tax – Tax-Free Period – Emergency Preparedness Equipment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a tax-free period each year during which a certain  
4 sales and use tax exemption for the sale of certain emergency preparedness  
5 items is provided; requiring the Comptroller of the Treasury to publish a certain  
6 list on or before a certain date; authorizing the Comptroller to amend a certain  
7 list under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating  
8 to sales and use tax exemptions.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Tax – General

11 Section 11-228.1

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Tax – General**

17 **11-228.1.**

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT”  
19 INCLUDES PORTABLE GENERATORS AND OTHER ITEMS AS DEFINED BY THE  
20 COMPTROLLER BY REGULATION.

21 (B) (1) BEGINNING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2014, THE 7-DAY PERIOD  
22 FROM THE THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY THROUGH THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY  
23 SHALL BE A TAX-FREE PERIOD FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SHOPPING IN MARYLAND DURING WHICH THE EXEMPTION UNDER PARAGRAPH  
2 (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL APPLY.

3 (2) DURING THE TAX-FREE PERIOD FOR EMERGENCY  
4 PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT SHOPPING ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)  
5 OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE SALES AND USE TAX DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SALE  
6 OF ANY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT IF THE TAXABLE PRICE OF  
7 THE ITEM IS \$1,500 OR LESS.

8 (c) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR  
9 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2014, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PUBLISH ON THE  
10 COMPTROLLER'S WEB SITE A LIST OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT  
11 THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION DURING THE TAX-FREE PERIOD.

12 (2) AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE TAX-FREE PERIOD IN  
13 CALENDAR YEAR 2014, THE COMPTROLLER MAY AMEND THE LIST OF  
14 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION  
15 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT TAX-FREE PERIOD.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 July 1, 2013.