

HOUSE BILL 530

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By: **Delegate M. Washington**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2017

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sales and Use Tax – Tax-Free Period for Back-to-School Shopping – Sale of**
3 **Backpacks and Bookbags**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain sales and use tax exemption to include certain
5 backpacks and bookbags, subject to certain limitations; and generally relating to the
6 designation of a certain annual sales tax-free period in the State.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Tax – General

9 Section 11–228

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – Tax – General**

15 11–228.

16 (a) In this section, “accessory items” includes jewelry, watches, watchbands,
17 handbags, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, scarves, ties, headbands, and belt buckles.

18 (b) (1) Beginning in calendar year 2010, the 7-day period from the second
19 Sunday in August through the following Saturday shall be a tax-free period for
20 back-to-school shopping in Maryland during which the exemption under paragraph (2) of
21 this subsection shall apply.

22 (2) During the tax-free period for back-to-school shopping established
23 under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I)** any item of clothing or footwear, excluding accessory items, if the
2 taxable price of the item of clothing or footwear is \$100 or less; **OR**

3 **(II)** **ANY BACKPACK OR BOOKBAG, IF THE TAXABLE PRICE OF**
4 **THE BACKPACK OR BOOKBAG IS \$100 OR LESS.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2017.