2lr1632 Q4EMERGENCY BILL

By: Senators Simonaire, Ready, Salling, Hough, Carozza, Corderman, Gallion, and **Bailey**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2022

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning 1

2 Repeal the Netflix Tax Act of 2022

- FOR the purpose of repealing the application of the sales and use tax to certain digital 3 4 codes and digital products; and generally relating to the sales and use tax.
- 5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 6 Article – Education
- 7 Section 5–206(a)
- 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 9 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- Article Education 11
- Section 5-206(f)12

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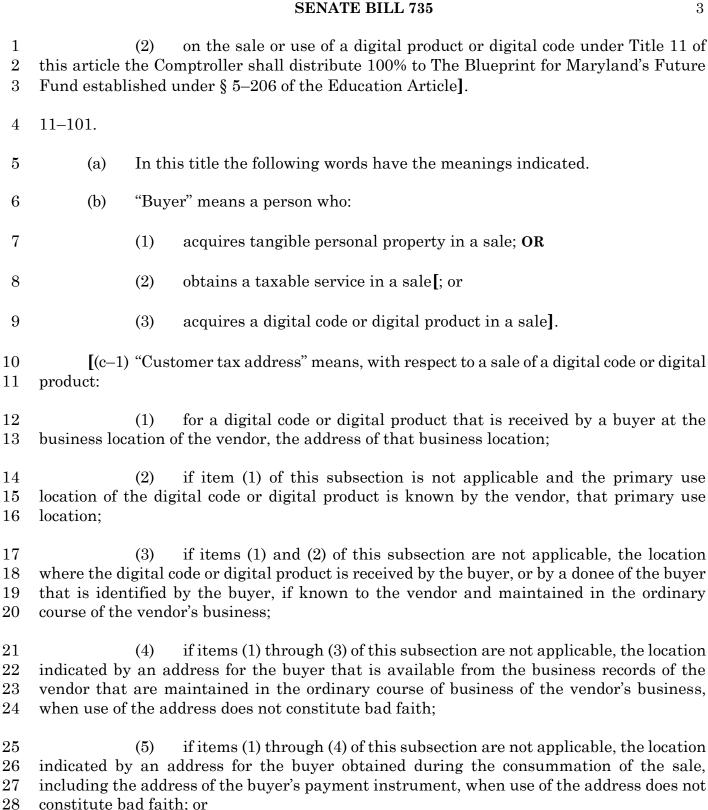
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- Article Tax General 16
- 17 Section 2–1302.1, 11–101(b), (c–2), (c–6), (c–7), (h) through (j), (l)(1) and (2), (m)(1),
 - (n), and (o), 11–102(a), 11–204(a)(6), 11–208(b) and (c), 11–209, 11–210(b)(1),
- 11–214, 11–216(a)(1), 11–217(b), 11–220, 11–221(b) and (c), 11–227, 11–303, 19
- 20 11–401(b), 11–405, 11–408(b) and (c), 11–501(b), 11–502.1(b), 11–701,
- 2111-703(1), and 11-707(a)(2)
- 22Annotated Code of Maryland
- 23(2016 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 24BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 25 Article – Tax – General
- 26 Section 11–101(a)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

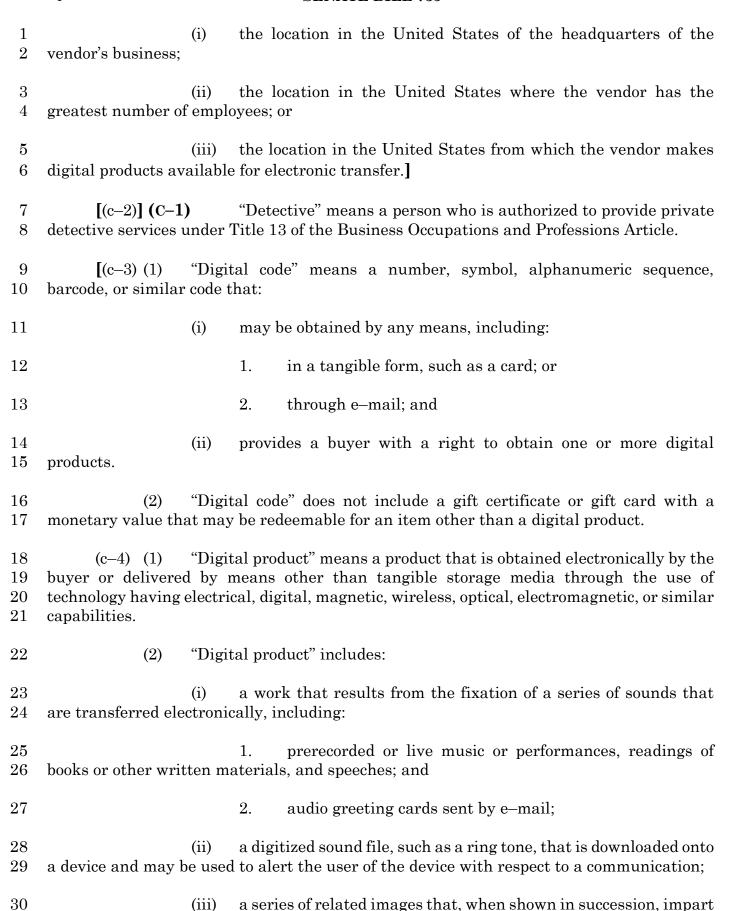
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 2	Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)					
3 4 5 6 7 8	BY repealing Article – Tax – General Section 11–101(c–1), (c–3) through (c–5), (c–8), (e–1), and (j–4), 11–103(c), and 11–221(d) Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)					
9	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:					
1	Article - Education					
2	5–206.					
13	(a) In this section, "Fund" means the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund.					
4	(f) The Fund consists of:					
15 16 17	the State Government Article and §§ 2–4A–02, 2–605.1, [2–1302.1,] and 2–1303 of the Tax					
18	(2) Money appropriated in the State budget for the Fund; and					
19 20	(3) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund.					
21	Article - Tax - General					
22	2–1302.1.					
23 24	After making the distributions required under §§ $2-1301$ and $2-1302$ of this subtitle, of the sales and use tax collected [:					
25 26	(1)] under $\S 11-104(c)$ and $(c-1)$ of this article on short–term vehicle rentals and peer–to–peer car sharing, the Comptroller shall distribute:					
27 28	[(i)] (1) 45% to the Transportation Trust Fund established under § 3–216 of the Transportation Article; and					
29 30	[(ii)] (2) the remainder to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund[; and					



29 if items (1) through (5) of this subsection are not applicable, including 30 a circumstance in which a vendor is without sufficient information to apply those items, 31 one of the following locations, as selected by the vendor, provided that the location is 32 consistently used by the vendor for all sales to which this item applies:



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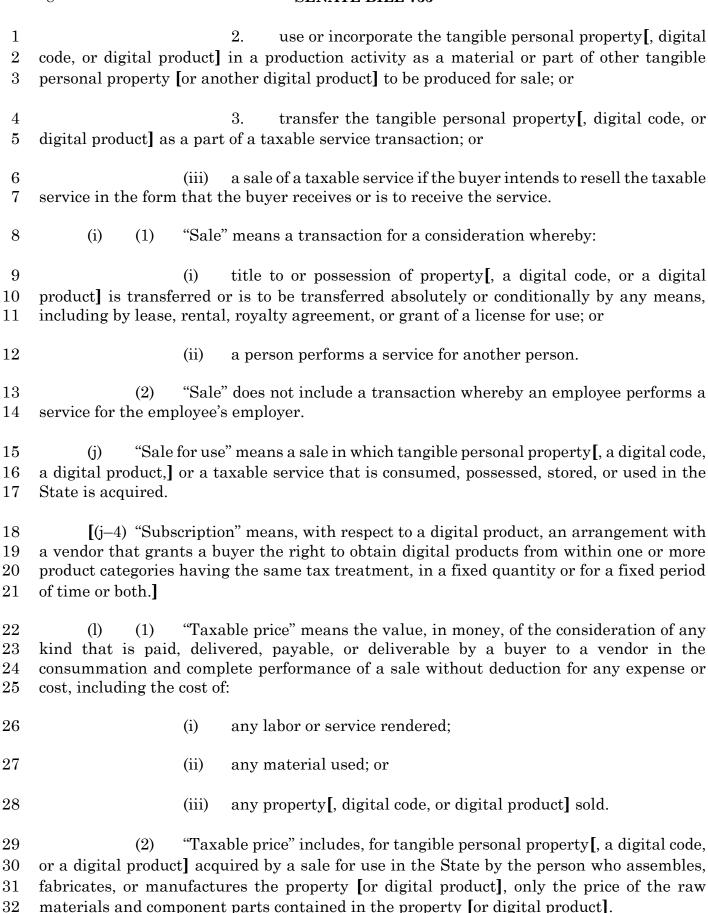
- 1 electronically, including motion pictures, musical videos, news and entertainment 2programs, live events, video greeting cards sent by e-mail, and video or electronic games; 3 (iv) a book, generally known as an "e-book", that is transferred 4 electronically; and 5 (v) a newspaper, magazine, periodical, chat room discussion, weblog, 6 or any other similar product that is transferred electronically. 7 "Digital product" does not include: (3)8 (i) prerecorded or live instruction by a public, private, or parochial 9 elementary or secondary school or a public or private institution of higher education; 10 (ii) instruction in a skill or profession in a buyer's current or prospective business, occupation, or trade if the instruction: 11 121. is not prerecorded; and 13 2. features an interactive element between the buyer and the instructor or other buyers contemporaneous with the instruction; 14 15 (iii) a seminar, discussion, or similar event hosted by a nonprofit organization or business association, if the seminar, discussion, or event: 16 17 1. is not prerecorded; and 18 2.features an interactive element between the buyer and 19 host or other buyers contemporaneous with the seminar, discussion, or event; or 20 (iv) a professional service obtained electronically or delivered 21through the use of technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, 22 electromagnetic, or similar capabilities. 23 "End user" means any person who receives or accesses a digital code or 24digital product code for use. 25"End user" does not include any person who receives a digital code or (2)further commercial broadcast, rebroadcast, 26product retransmission, licensing, relicensing, distribution, redistribution, or exhibition of the 27 digital product. 28 [(c-6)] (C-2) "Marketplace facilitator" means a person that: 29 (1)
- 30 (i) facilitates a retail sale by a marketplace seller by listing or 31 advertising for sale in a marketplace tangible personal property [, digital code, or a digital 32 product]; and

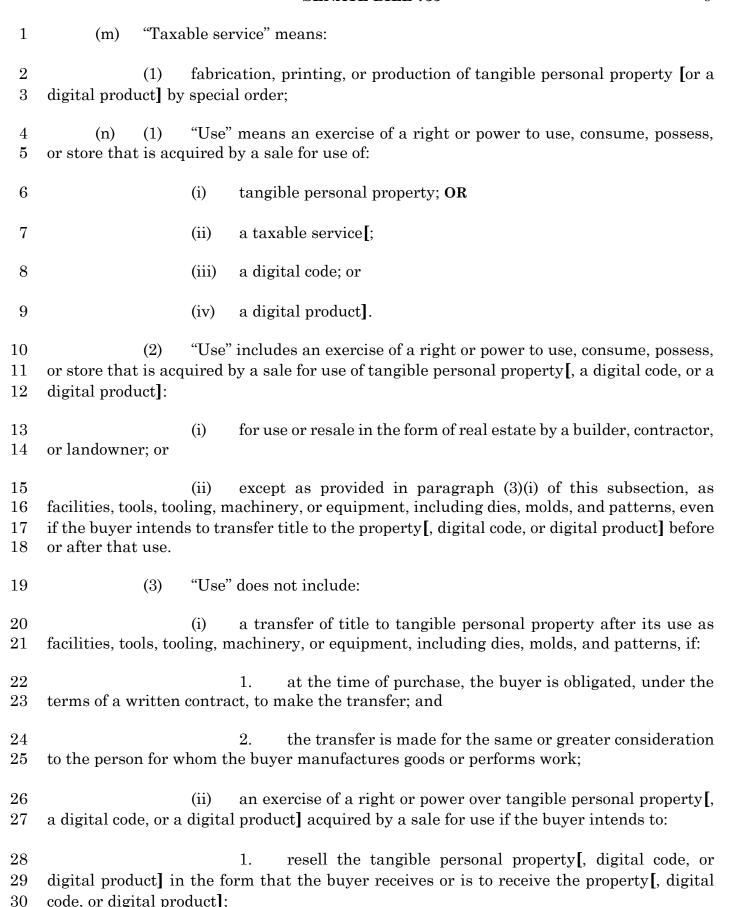
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1 (ii) regardless of whether the person receives compensation or other 2 consideration in exchange for the person's services, directly or indirectly through 3 agreements with third parties, collects payment from a buyer and transmits the payment to the marketplace seller. 4 5 "Marketplace facilitator" does not include: (2) 6 a platform or forum that exclusively provides Internet 7 advertising services, including listing products for sale, if the platform or forum does not also engage, directly or indirectly, in collecting payment from a buyer and transmitting that 8 payment to the vendor; 9 10 a payment processor business appointed by a vendor to handle (ii) 11 payment transactions from clients, including credit cards and debit cards, whose only 12 activity with respect to marketplace sales is to handle transactions between two parties; or 13 a delivery service company that delivers tangible personal (iii) property on behalf of a marketplace seller that is engaged in the business of a retail vendor 14 15 and holds a license issued under Subtitle 7 of this title. 16 [(c-7)] (C-3) "Marketplace seller" means a person that makes a retail sale or sale for use through a physical or electronic marketplace operated by a marketplace 17 facilitator. 18 (c-8) "Permanent" means perpetual or for an indefinite or unspecified length of 19 time. 2021 "Primary use location" means the street address representative of 22where the buyer's use of a digital code or digital product will primarily occur, as determined 23 bv: 24 the residential street address or a business street address of the 25actual end user of the digital code or digital product, including, if applicable, the address of a donee of the buyer that is designated by the buyer; or 26 27 if the buyer is not an individual, the location of the buyer's 28employees or equipment that makes use of the digital code or digital product. 29 "Primary use location" does not include the location of a person who 30 uses a digital code or digital product as the purchaser of a separate good or service from the buyer.] 31 32 (h) (1) "Retail sale" means the sale of:

tangible personal property; OR

1	(ii) a taxable service[;
2	(iii) a digital code; or
3	(iv) a digital product].
4	(2) "Retail sale" includes:
5 6	(i) a sale of tangible personal property for use or resale in the form of real estate by a builder, contractor, or landowner; ${\bf AND}$
7 8 9	(ii) except as provided in paragraph (3)(i) of this subsection, use of tangible personal property as facilities, tools, tooling, machinery, or equipment, including dies, molds, and patterns, even if the buyer intends to transfer title to the property before or after that use[;
11 12	(iii) a sale of a digital product that is sold with rights of permanent use or sold with rights of less than permanent use to an end user;
13 14	(iv) a sale of a digital product that is sold with rights of use conditioned on continued payment by the subscriber or buyer to an end user; and
15 16	(v) a sale to an end user of a digital code or a subscription to, access to, receipt of, or streaming of a digital product].
17	(3) "Retail sale" does not include:
18 19	(i) a transfer of title to tangible personal property after its use as facilities, tools, tooling, machinery, or equipment, including dies, molds, and patterns, if:
20 21	1. at the time of purchase, the buyer is obligated, under the terms of a written contract, to make the transfer; and
22 23	2. the transfer is made for the same or greater consideration to the person for whom the buyer manufactures goods or performs work;
24 25	(ii) a sale of tangible personal property[, a digital code, or a digital product] if the buyer intends to:
26 27 28	1. resell the tangible personal property[, digital code, or digital product] in the form that the buyer receives or is to receive the property[, digital code, or digital product];





1 2 3	digital product] in a prod	2. use or incorporate the tangible personal property [or uction activity as a material or part of other tangible personal al product] to be produced for sale; or	
4 5		3. transfer the tangible personal property[, digital code, or a taxable service transaction; OR	
6 7 8	` '	an exercise of a right or power over a taxable service acquired by intends to resell the taxable service in the form that the buyer e service[;	
9 10	(iv) access a digital product;	an exercise of a right or power over a digital code to receive or	
11 12	(v) a sale for use if the buyer	an exercise of a right or power over a digital product acquired by is not an end user; or	
13 14	• • •	the use or transfer of a digital product or digital code by the the end user free of charge].	
15	(o) (1) "Vendo	or" means a person who:	
16 17	(i) § 11–701 of this title;	engages in the business of an out-of-state vendor, as defined in	
18 19	of this title;	engages in the business of a retail vendor, as defined in $\S 11-701$	
20	(iii)	holds a special license issued under § 11–707 of this title;	
21	(iv)	is an accommodations intermediary;	
22	(v)	is a short-term rental platform;	
23	(vi)	engages in the business of a marketplace facilitator; or	
24	(vii)	engages in the business of a marketplace seller.	
25 26 27 28	representative, peddler, or canvasser whom the Comptroller, for the efficient administration of this title, elects to treat as an agent jointly responsible with the dealer,		
29	(i)	under whom the agent operates; or	

- 11 1 (ii) from whom the agent obtains the tangible personal property, a 2 digital code, a digital product, or taxable service for sale. 3 11-102.Except as otherwise provided in this title, a tax is imposed on: 4 (a) 5 (1) a retail sale in the State; and 6 a use, in the State, of tangible personal property, a digital code, a 7 digital product, or a taxable service. 8 11 - 103.9 The retail sale of a digital code or digital product shall be presumed to be made 10 in the state in which the customer tax address is located. 11 11 - 204.12 The sales and use tax does not apply to: (a) a sale of tangible personal property [, a digital code, or a digital product] 13 (6)14 to a nonprofit parent-teacher association located in the State if the association makes the 15 purchase to contribute the property to a school to which a sale is exempt under item (3) of 16 this subsection or § 11–220 of this subtitle; 17 11-208.18 (b) The sales and use tax does not apply to a sale of film, OR video tape, or a 19 digital product for use only in television broadcasting by a television station that the 20Federal Communications Commission licenses specifically to broadcast to a city or town 21 outside the State. 22(c) The sales and use tax does not apply: 23(1)to a sale of an aircraft, motor vehicle, railroad rolling stock, or vessel 24that is used principally to cross State lines in interstate or foreign commerce; 25(2)to a sale of a replacement part[,] **OR** other tangible personal property[,
- 28 except for a rental, to a sale of a motor vehicle, other than a house or 29 office trailer, that will be titled or registered in another state.

or a digital product to be used physically in, on, or by a conveyance described in item (1)

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of this subsection; or

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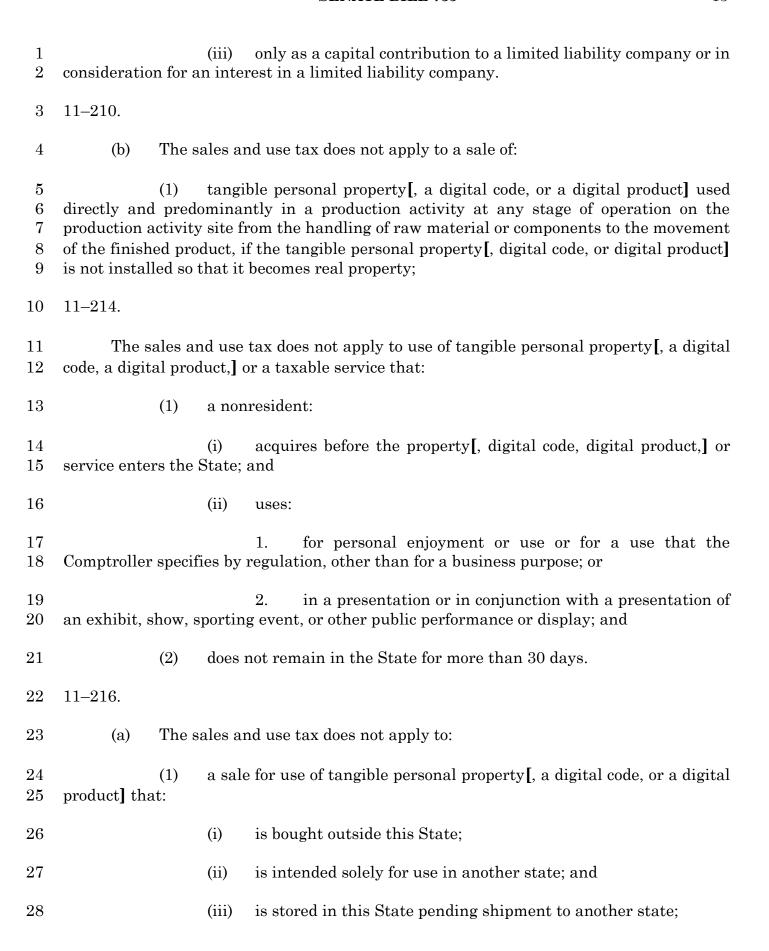
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- 1 The sales and use tax does not apply to a casual and isolated sale by a person (a) 2 who regularly does not sell tangible personal property, a digital code, a digital product, 3 or a taxable service if: 4 (1) the sale price is less than \$1,000; and **(2)** 5 the sale is not made through an auctioneer or a dealer. 6 The sales and use tax does not apply to a distribution of tangible personal 7 property[, a digital code, or a digital product] by: 8 (1) a corporation or joint-stock company to its stockholders as a liquidating 9 distribution; 10 (2) a partnership to a partner; or 11 (3) a limited liability company to a member. 12 (1)The sales and use tax does not apply to a transfer of tangible personal (c) 13 property[, a digital code, or a digital product]: 14 under a reorganization within the meaning of § 368(a) of the 15 Internal Revenue Code; 16 on organization of a corporation or joint-stock company, to the 17 corporation or company principally in consideration for the issuance of its stock; 18 to a partnership only as a contribution to its capital or in (iii) 19 consideration for a partnership interest in the partnership; or 20 to a limited liability company only as a capital contribution or in 21consideration for an interest in the limited liability company. 22 (2)For a transfer that would qualify as a casual and isolated sale under 23subsection (a) of this section if the sale price limitation were disregarded, the amount of 24liability transferred to or assumed by a corporation, joint-stock company, partnership, or 25limited liability company shall be excluded from the consideration transferred by the 26 corporation, joint-stock company, partnership, or limited liability company in exchange for 27 the tangible personal property, digital code, or digital product to determine whether the transfer is made: 28
- 31 (ii) only as a contribution to the capital of a partnership or in 32 consideration for a partnership interest; or

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corporation or joint-stock company;

principally in consideration for the issuance of stock of a



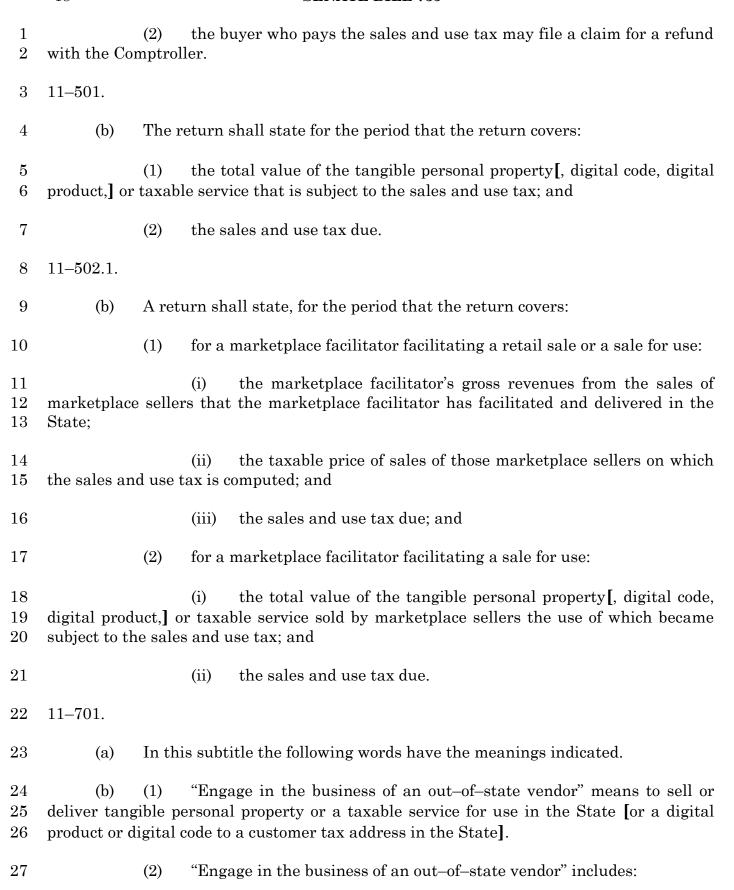
- 1 11–217.
- 2 (b) The sales and use tax does not apply to a sale of tangible personal property [, 3 a digital code, or a digital product] for use or consumption in research and development.
- 4 11–220.
- 5 (a) The sales and use tax does not apply to a sale to the State or a political subdivision of the State.
- 7 (b) The exemption under subsection (a) of this section may not be construed to 8 exempt any sale of tangible personal property, [a digital code, or a digital product,] 9 otherwise taxable under this title, to a contractor to be used under a contract with the State 10 or a political subdivision of the State for construction, repair, or alteration of real property.
- 11 11-221.
- 12 (b) If a person who buys tangible personal property[, a digital code, a digital product,] or a taxable service in a retail sale pays the sales and use tax when the retail sale is made, the person is not required to pay the tax again when the person uses that tangible personal property[, digital code, digital product,] or taxable service in the State.
- 16 (c) (1) To the extent that a buyer pays another state a tax on a sale or gross 17 receipts from a sale of tangible personal property[, a digital code, a digital product,] or a 18 taxable service that the buyer acquires before the property[, digital code, digital product,] 19 or service enters this State, the sales and use tax does not apply to use of the property or 20 service in this State.
- 21 (2) If the tax paid to another state is less than the sales and use tax, the 22 buyer shall pay the difference between the sales and use tax and the amount paid to the 23 other state in accordance with the formula under § 11–303(b) of this title.
- [(d) A retail sale of a digital product subject to tax under this title does not include a retail sale that is subject to tax in accordance with any other provision of this article.]
- 26 11–227.
- 27 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 28 **(2)** (i) "Film production activity" means the production postproduction of film or video projects including feature films, television projects, 29commercials, corporate films, infomercials, music videos, or other projects for which the 30 31 producer or production company will be compensated, and which are intended for 32nationwide commercial distribution.

1 2		(ii) gital,	"Film production activity" includes the production or animation, and multimedia projects.
3	((iii)	"Film production activity" does not include:
4 5	noncommercial pers	onal	1. production or postproduction of student films or videos; or
6 7	exclusively for the n	nakin	2. any activity not necessary to and undertaken directly and g of a master film, tape, or image.
8	* *	_	rible personal property[, a digital code, a digital product,] or a ctly in connection with a film production activity" includes:
0	((i)	camera equipment and supplies;
1	((ii)	film and tape;
2	((iii)	lighting and stage equipment and supplies;
13	((iv)	sound equipment and supplies;
4	((v)	recording equipment and supplies;
15	((vi)	costumes, wardrobes, and materials to construct them;
16	((vii)	props, scenery, and materials to construct them;
17	((viii)	design supplies and equipment;
18	((ix)	drafting supplies and equipment;
9	((x)	special effects supplies and equipment;
20	((xi)	short-term vehicle rentals; and
21 22	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(xii) s, pro	fabrication, printing, or production of scripts, storyboards, ps, scenery, or special effects.
23 24 25 26	a digital code, a digi- production activity l	tal pr by a f	id use tax does not apply to a sale of tangible personal property [, oduct,] or a taxable service used directly in connection with a film ilm producer or production company certified by the Department 6, Subtitle 2 of the Economic Development Article.

27 11–303.

- 1 (a) A buyer is allowed a depreciation allowance as an adjustment to taxable price 2 if: 3 tangible personal property, a digital code, a digital product, or a (1) 4 taxable service is acquired before the tangible personal property, digital code, or digital product] is brought into the State for use in the State or before the taxable service is used 5 6 in the State; and 7 (2)the use first occurs in another state or federal jurisdiction. 8 The allowance under subsection (a) of this section for each full year that 9 follows the date of purchase is 10% of the taxable price paid to acquire the tangible personal property[, digital code, digital product,] or taxable service. 10 11 11–401. 12 (b) A vendor has the same rights to collect the sales and use tax from a buyer and 13 the same rights regarding the nonpayment of the sales and use tax by a buyer that the 14 vendor would have if the sales and use tax were a part of the purchase price of the tangible 15 personal property, digital code, digital product, or taxable service at the time of the sale. 16 11-405.17 A vendor who sells tangible personal property, a digital code, a digital product, or 18 a taxable service through a vending or other self-service machine: 19 (1) shall pay the sales and use tax to the Comptroller; and 20 (2)may not collect the sales and use tax from the buyer as a separately stated item. 212211-408.23(1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the duty of a 24vendor to collect the sales and use tax from a buyer is waived if the buyer provides the 25 vendor with a signed resale certificate that: 26 is in the form that the Comptroller requires by regulation; (i) 27 states the name and address of the buyer; (ii) 28 1. provides the Maryland sales and use tax registration (iii) 29 number of the buyer; or

- 1 out-of-state vendor who does not engage in the business of an out-of-state vendor, as 2 defined in § 11–701 of this title; and 3 contains a statement to the effect that the tangible personal property, digital code, digital product, or taxable service is bought for the purpose of 4 5 resale. 6 (2)(i) If a buyer provides a resale certificate with a sales and use tax 7 registration number of another state as provided under paragraph (1)(iii)2 of this 8 subsection, the buyer shall also provide a copy of a sales and use tax registration license 9 issued to the buyer from that state. 10 If a buyer is from a state without a sales and use tax, that buyer (ii) 11 shall provide a copy of a trader's license from that state or a comparable type of identification. 12 13 (3)(i) A vendor may not accept a resale certificate if the vendor knows or should know that the sale is not for the purpose of resale. 14 15 (ii) A vendor may not accept a resale certificate for a cash, check, or credit card sale if: 16 17 1. the taxable price is less than \$200; and 18 2. the tangible personal property, digital code, digital product, or taxable service is not delivered by the vendor directly to the buyer's retail place 19 20of business. 21**(4)** A vendor shall obtain a resale certificate from a buyer: 22 (i) before the sale is consummated; or 23 if the vendor receives a notice of the Comptroller's intent to (ii) assess sales and use tax for failure to obtain a proper resale certificate, within 60 days after 2425 the date on which the notice is mailed. 26 If the vendor fails to obtain the resale certificate as required, the Comptroller's assessment under paragraph (4)(ii) of this subsection is final. 2728 If the taxable price is less than \$200 for a cash, check, or credit card sale or sale for use that is not a retail sale and the tangible personal property, digital code, digital 2930 product, or taxable service is not delivered by the vendor directly to the buyer's retail place of business: 31
- 32 (1) the sales and use tax shall be paid when the sale is made or when the 33 use becomes taxable; and



- 1 (i) permanently or temporarily maintaining, occupying, or using 2 any office, sales or sample room, or distribution, storage, warehouse, or other place for the 3 sale of tangible personal property[, a digital code, a digital product,] or a taxable service 4 directly or indirectly through an agent or subsidiary;
- 5 (ii) having an agent, canvasser, representative, salesman, or 6 solicitor operating in the State for the purpose of delivering, selling, or taking orders for tangible personal property [, a digital code, a digital product,] or a taxable service; or
- 8 (iii) entering the State on a regular basis to provide service or repair 9 for tangible personal property [or a digital product].
- 10 (c) (1) "Engage in the business of a retail vendor" means to sell or deliver 11 tangible personal property[, a digital code, a digital product,] or a taxable service in the 12 State.
- 13 (2) "Engage in the business of a retail vendor" includes liquidating a 14 business that sells tangible personal property[, a digital code, a digital product,] or a 15 taxable service, when the liquidator holds out to the public that the business is conducted 16 by the liquidator.
- 17 (d) (1) "License" means a license issued by the Comptroller:
- 18 (i) to engage in the business of an out-of-state vendor;
- 19 (ii) to engage in the business of a retail vendor; or
- 20 (iii) to engage in the business of a marketplace facilitator.
- 21 (2) "License" includes a special license issued under § 11–707 of this 22 subtitle.
- 23 11-703.
- An applicant for a license to engage in the business of an out-of-state vendor, to engage in the business of a retail vendor, or to engage in the business of a marketplace facilitator shall submit an application to the Comptroller:
- 27 (1) for each place of business in the State where the applicant sells tangible personal property [, a digital code, a digital product,] or a taxable service;
- 29 11-707.
- 30 (a) The Comptroller may issue a special license to an applicant who:

1 (2) operates out of the State and sells tangible personal property[, a digital code, a digital product,] or a taxable service for use in the State; and

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three—fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.