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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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State of Oklahoma

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1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA							
2	1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)							
3	PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE							
4	FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2744 By: Ford							
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8	PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE							
9	An Act relating to revenue and taxation; creating the Tax Exemption Fraud Prevention Act of 2021;							
10	authorizing Sale for Resale permits; establishing requirements for permit; authorizing Oklahoma Tax Commission to administer permits; setting penalties;							
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12	permitting release of certain information; authorizing participation in online system; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.							
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16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:							
17	SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be							
18	codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:							
19	This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tax Exemption							
20	Fraud Prevention Act of 2021".							
21	SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified							
22	in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1357A of Title 68, unless there							
23	is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:							
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A. In order to qualify for the sales for resale exemption authorized in paragraph 3 of Section 1357 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, at the time of sale, the person to whom the sale is made, provided the purchaser is a resident of this state, shall be required to furnish the vendor a valid Sale for Resale permit for the exemption as required by this section. All vendors shall honor a valid Sale for Resale permit for sales tax exemption as authorized under this section and subject to verification procedures outlined in subsection I of this section, and sales to a person providing such proof shall be exempt from the tax levied by Section 1350 et seq. of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. Every person holding a sales tax permit and desiring to make purchases for resale under paragraph 3 of Section 1357 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes within this state who would be designated as a Group One, Group Two, Group Three or Group Four vendor, pursuant to Section 1363 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall be required to secure an annual permit from the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Each such person shall file electronically in a manner prescribed by the Tax Commission an initial or renewal Sale for Resale permit application each year, setting forth such information as the Tax Commission may require. Sale for Resale permits will not be issued or renewed until all outstanding returns are filed by applicant and tax delinquencies are satisfied.

C. Upon receipt of the application, the Tax Commission may issue a permit effective for one (1) year unless the applicant receives notification of the refusal of the Tax Commission to issue the permit. If the applicant receives a notice of refusal, the applicant may request a hearing to show cause why the Sale for Resale permit should be issued. Upon receipt of a request for a hearing, the Tax Commission shall set the matter for hearing and give ten (10) days' notice in writing of the time and place of the hearing. At the hearing, the applicant shall set forth the qualifications of the applicant for a permit and proof of compliance with all state tax laws.

- D. A separate Sale for Resale permit for each business to be operated must be obtained from the Tax Commission. The Tax

 Commission shall grant and issue to each applicant a Sale for Resale permit for each business in this state, upon proper application therefor and verification thereof by the Tax Commission. A business with multiple locations in this state may operate under one Sale for Resale permit.
- E. A Sale for Resale permit is not assignable and shall be valid only for the person in whose name it is issued and for the transaction of business at the place designated therein. The Sale for Resale permit may be used in accordance with the requirements of this section by the permit holder. The Sale for Resale permit shall be in addition to all other permits required by the laws of this

state. Provided, if the location of the business is changed, the person shall notify the Tax Commission by providing any information the Tax Commission may require.

- F. It shall be unlawful for any person designated as a Group One, Group Two, Group Three or Group Four vendor, pursuant to Section 1363 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to claim a sale for resale exemption within this state unless a Sale for Resale permit or permits shall have been issued to such person. Any person who claims a sale for resale exemption subject to the provisions of this section without a Sale for Resale permit or permits, or after a Sale for Resale permit has been suspended, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation hereof shall be guilty of a felony and punishable by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by a term of imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for not more than two (2) years, or both such fine and imprisonment.
- G. All Sales for Resale permits issued under the provisions of this section shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the next June 30th following the effective date of issuance.
- H. Whenever a holder of a Sale for Resale permit fails to comply with any provisions of this section, the Tax Commission, after giving ten (10) days' notice in writing of the time and place of hearing to show cause why the permit should not be revoked, may

revoke or suspend the Sale for Resale permit, the permit to be renewed upon removal of cause or causes of revocation or suspension. However, if a holder of a Sale for Resale permit becomes delinquent for a period of three (3) months or more in reporting, providing requested reports or paying of any tax due under this article, any duly authorized agent of the Tax Commission may cancel the Sale for Resale permit and it shall be returned or renewed only upon the filing of proper reports and payment of all taxes due under this section.

- I. When the Tax Commission develops and adopts a system for exchanging information with sellers regarding Sale for Resale permit numbers of purchasers who are seeking to make purchases for resale, sellers shall use the system to verify the validity of the Sale for Resale permit number. The Tax Commission shall provide such sellers, free of charge, verification of whether those Sale for Resale permit numbers are valid. The Tax Commission shall also provide the seller a transaction code authorizing the seller to sell items purchased for resale to purchasers who hold a valid Sale for Resale permit. The failure by the seller to verify the purchaser's permit number shall create a presumption that the sale is not a sale for resale.
- J. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 205 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Tax Commission is authorized to release

1 the following information contained in the Master Sales and Use Tax 2 File to vendors:

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- 2. Name in which permit is issued;
- 3. Name of business operation if different from ownership (DBA);
 - 4. Mailing address;
 - 5. Business address;
 - 6. North American Industry Classification System (NAICS); and
 - 7. Effective date of issuance or of cancellation of a permit.

Release of such information shall be limited to tax remitters for the express purpose of determining the validity of Sale for Resale permits presented as evidence of purchasers' sales tax resale status under the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code.

The provisions of this subsection shall be strictly interpreted and shall not be construed as permitting the disclosure of any other information contained in the records and files of the Tax Commission relating to sales tax or to any other taxes. No liability whatsoever, civil or criminal, shall attach to any member of the Tax Commission or any employee thereof for any error or omission in the disclosure of information pursuant to this subsection.

K. Under the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Administration Act provided in Section 1354.14 et seq. of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Tax Commission is authorized to participate in its

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    online sales and use tax registration system and shall not require
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    the payment of the registration fees or other charges provided in
    this section from a vendor who registers within the online system if
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    the vendor has no legal requirement to register.
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        SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.
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