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4 Blackwell
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a sales and use tax of
9 1.5 percent is levied by the state on the sale or
10 the use of agricultural machinery and equipment.

11 This bill would provide that the sale or the
12 use of agricultural machinery and equipment would
13 be exempt from state sales or use tax.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT

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19 Relating to agriculture; to amend Sections 40-23-37
20 and 40-23-63 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that the
21 sale or the use, storage, and consumption of agricultural
22 machinery and equipment for use on a farm would be exempt from
23 state sales and use tax; and to repeal Sections 40-23-38 and
24 40-23-64 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the
25 administration of sales and use tax on agricultural machinery
26 and equipment.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Sections 40-23-37 and 40-23-63 of the
2 Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

3 "§40-23-37.

4 "(a) There is hereby levied, in lieu of the exempt
5 from the state sales tax levied by Section 40-23-2, a
6 privilege or license tax against the on any person on account
7 of the business activities engaged in and in the amount to be
8 determined by the application of rates against gross sales, or
9 gross receipts, as the case may be as follows:

10 "~~Upon every~~ Any person, firm, or corporation engaged
11 or continuing within this state in the business of selling at
12 retail any machine, machinery, or equipment which is used in
13 planting, cultivating, and harvesting farm products or for
14 agriculture or agricultural purposes, or used in connection
15 with the production of agricultural produce or products,
16 livestock, or poultry on farms, and the parts of such
17 machines, machinery, or equipment, attachments, and
18 replacements therefor which are made or manufactured for use
19 on or in the operation of such machine, machinery, or
20 equipment, and which are necessary to and customarily used in
21 the operation of such machine, machinery, or equipment, ~~an~~
22 ~~amount equal to one and one-half percent of the gross proceeds~~
23 ~~of the sale thereof; provided, that the one and one-half~~
24 ~~percent rate~~ exemption provided herein prescribed with respect
25 to parts, attachments, and replacements shall not apply to any
26 automotive vehicle or trailer designed primarily for public

1 highway use, except farm trailers used primarily in the
2 production and harvesting of agricultural commodities.

3 ~~"Where any used machine, machinery or equipment~~
4 ~~which is used in planting, cultivating and harvesting farm~~
5 ~~products, or used in connection with the production of~~
6 ~~agricultural produce or products, livestock and poultry on~~
7 ~~farms is taken in trade or in a series of trades as a credit~~
8 ~~or part payment on a sale of a new or used machine, machinery~~
9 ~~or equipment, the tax levied herein shall be paid on the net~~
10 ~~difference, that is, the price of the new or used machine,~~
11 ~~machinery or equipment sold, less the credit for the used~~
12 ~~machine, machinery or equipment taken in trade.~~

13 "(b) This exemption shall not apply to a local sales
14 tax unless previously exempted by local law or approved by
15 resolution of the local governing body.

16 "(c) For the purposes of this section, the terms
17 "agriculture or agricultural" shall have the same meaning as
18 those terms are defined in subdivision (1) of Section
19 41-14-51.

20 "§40-23-63.

21 "(a) There is hereby levied and imposed an exempt
22 from the state excise tax on the storage, use, or other
23 consumption in this state of any machine, machinery, or
24 equipment which is used in planting, cultivating, and
25 harvesting farm products or for agriculture or agricultural
26 purposes, or used in connection with the production of
27 agricultural produce or products, livestock, or poultry, or

1 farms, and the parts of such machines, machinery or equipment,
2 attachments, and replacements therefor which are made or
3 manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machine,
4 machinery, or equipment, and which are necessary to and
5 customarily used in the operation of such machine, machinery,
6 or equipment, which is purchased at retail ~~after October 1,~~
7 ~~1966,~~ for storage, use, or other consumption in this state, ~~at~~
8 ~~the rate of one and one-half percent of the sales price of~~
9 ~~such property or the amount of tax collected by the seller,~~
10 ~~whichever is greater, provided, however, when the seller~~
11 ~~follows the Department of Revenue's suggested use tax brackets~~
12 ~~and his records prove that his following said brackets~~
13 ~~resulted in a net undercollection of tax for the month, he may~~
14 ~~report the tax due or tax collected whichever is less,~~
15 ~~regardless of whether the retailer is or is not engaged in~~
16 ~~business in this state. The tax herein levied and imposed~~
17 ~~shall be in lieu of the excise tax levied and imposed by~~
18 ~~Section 40-23-61; provided, that the one and one-half percent~~
19 ~~rate exemption herein prescribed with respect to parts,~~
20 ~~attachments, and replacements shall not apply to any~~
21 ~~automotive vehicle or trailer designed primarily for public~~
22 ~~highway use except farm trailers used primarily in the~~
23 ~~production and harvesting of agricultural commodities.~~

24 "Every person storing, using or otherwise consuming
25 in this state such tangible personal property purchased at
26 retail shall be liable for the tax imposed by this article,
27 and the liability shall not be extinguished until the tax has

1 ~~been paid to this state; provided, that a receipt from a~~
2 ~~retailer maintaining a place of business in this state or a~~
3 ~~retailer authorized by the Department of Revenue under such~~
4 ~~rules and regulations as the Commissioner of Revenue may~~
5 ~~prescribe, to collect the tax imposed hereby and who shall for~~
6 ~~the purpose of this article be regarded as a retailer~~
7 ~~maintaining a place of business in this state, given to the~~
8 ~~purchaser in accordance with the provisions of Section~~
9 ~~40-23-67, shall be sufficient to relieve the purchaser from~~
10 ~~further liability for a tax to which such receipt may refer.~~

11 "(b) This exemption shall not apply to a local use
12 tax unless previously exempted by local law or approved by
13 resolution of the local governing body.

14 "(c) For the purposes of this section, the terms
15 "agriculture or agricultural" shall have the same meaning as
16 those terms are defined in subdivision (1) of Section
17 41-14-51."

18 Section 2. Sections 40-23-38 and 40-23-63 of the
19 Code of Alabama 1975, are repealed.

20 Section 3. This act shall become effective on
21 October 1, 2014.