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3 By Senator Marsh  
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund  
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would amend Sections 40-23-61,  
9 40-23-85 and 40-23-174, Code of Alabama 1975 to  
10 provide further for the distribution of use tax  
11 funds.

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13 A BILL  
14 TO BE ENTITLED  
15 AN ACT

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18 Code of Alabama 1975 to provide further for the distribution  
19 of use tax funds.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. Sections 40-23-61, 40-23-85 and  
22 40-23-174, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 "§40-23-61.

25 (a) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage,  
26 use or other consumption in this state of tangible personal  
27 property, not including, however, materials and supplies

1 bought for use in fulfilling a contract for the painting,  
2 repairing or reconditioning of vessels, barges, ships, other  
3 watercraft and commercial fishing vessels of over five tons  
4 load displacement as registered with the U.S. Coast Guard and  
5 licensed by the State of Alabama Department of Conservation  
6 and Natural Resources, purchased at retail on or after October  
7 1, 1965, for storage, use or other consumption in this state  
8 at the rate of four percent of the sales price of such  
9 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, except  
15 as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

16 (b) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage,  
17 use or other consumption in this state of any machines used in  
18 mining, quarrying, compounding, processing and manufacturing  
19 of tangible personal property, purchased at retail on or after  
20 October 1, 1965, at the rate of one and one-half percent of  
21 the sales price of any such machine or the amount of tax  
22 collected by the seller, whichever is greater; provided,  
23 however, when the seller follows the Department of Revenue's  
24 suggested use tax brackets and his records prove that his  
25 following said brackets resulted in a net undercollection of  
26 tax for the month, he may report the tax due or tax collected,  
27 whichever is less; provided, that the term "machine," as

1 herein used, shall include machinery which is used for mining,  
2 quarrying, compounding, processing, or manufacturing tangible  
3 personal property, and the parts of such machines, attachments  
4 and replacements therefor, which are made or manufactured for  
5 use on or in the operation of such machines and which are  
6 necessary to the operation of such machines and are  
7 customarily so used.

8 (c) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage,  
9 use or other consumption in this state of any automotive  
10 vehicle or truck trailer, semitrailer or house trailer, and  
11 mobile home set-up materials and supplies including but not  
12 limited to steps, blocks, anchoring, cable pipes and any other  
13 materials pertaining thereto, purchased at retail on or after  
14 October 1, 1965, for storage, use or other consumption in this  
15 state at the rate of two percent of the sales price of such  
16 automotive vehicle, truck trailer, semitrailer or house  
17 trailer, and mobile home set-up materials and supplies as  
18 specified above, or the amount of tax collected by the seller,  
19 whichever is greater; provided, however, when the seller  
20 follows the Department of Revenue's suggested use tax brackets  
21 and his records prove that his following said brackets  
22 resulted in a net undercollection of tax for the month, he may  
23 report the tax due or tax collected, whichever is less. Where  
24 any used automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semitrailer or  
25 house trailer is taken in trade, or in a series of trades, as  
26 a credit or part payment on the sale of a new or used vehicle,  
27 the tax levied herein shall be paid on the net difference,

1 that is, the price of the new or used vehicle sold less the  
2 credit for the used vehicle taken in trade.

3 ~~Of the total \$.02 tax on each dollar of sale~~  
4 ~~provided hereunder, 58 percent of the total tax generated by~~  
5 ~~this subsection shall be deposited to the credit of the~~  
6 ~~Education Trust Fund; and 42 percent of the total tax~~  
7 ~~generated by this subsection shall be deposited to the credit~~  
8 ~~of the State General Fund.~~

9 (d) Every person storing, using or otherwise  
10 consuming in this state tangible personal property purchased  
11 at retail shall be liable for the tax imposed by this article,  
12 and the liability shall not be extinguished until the tax has  
13 been paid to this state; provided, that a receipt from a  
14 retailer maintaining a place of business in this state or a  
15 retailer authorized by the department, under such rules and  
16 regulations as it may prescribe, to collect the tax imposed  
17 hereby and who shall for the purpose of this article be  
18 regarded as a retailer maintaining a place of business in this  
19 state, given to the purchaser in accordance with the  
20 provisions of Section 40-23-67, shall be sufficient to relieve  
21 the purchaser from further liability for tax to which such  
22 receipt may refer.

23 (e) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the classes  
24 of tangible personal property, and at the rates imposed on  
25 such classes, specified in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of  
26 this section, on the storage, use, or other consumption in the  
27 performance of a contract in this state of any such tangible

1 personal property, new or used, the tax to be measured by the  
2 sales price or the fair and reasonable market value of such  
3 tangible personal property when put into use in this state,  
4 whichever is less; provided, that the tax imposed by this  
5 subsection shall not apply where the taxes imposed by  
6 subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section apply.

7 "§40-23-85.

8 All taxes, fees, interest or penalties imposed and  
9 all amounts of tax herein required to be paid to the state  
10 under this article must be paid to the Department of Revenue  
11 at Montgomery, Alabama, with remittance payable to the  
12 Treasurer of Alabama. Such amount of money as shall be  
13 appropriated for each fiscal year by the Legislature to the  
14 Department of Revenue with which to pay the salaries, the cost  
15 of operation and the management of the said department shall  
16 be deducted, as a first charge thereon, from the taxes  
17 collected under and pursuant to Section 40-23-61; provided,  
18 that the expenditure of said sum so appropriated shall be  
19 budgeted and allotted pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 4 of  
20 Title 41, and limited to the amount appropriated to defray the  
21 expenses of operating said department for each fiscal year.  
22 After the distributions provided herein ~~and the distributions~~  
23 ~~of use tax on automobiles to the General Fund as provided in~~  
24 ~~Section 40-23-61(c)~~, the balance of the tax collected under  
25 and pursuant to said Section 40-23-61 shall be distributed ~~as~~  
26 ~~follows: (1) remote use tax amounts, seventy-five percent~~  
27 ~~(75%) to the General Fund and twenty-five percent (25%) to the~~

1 ~~Education Trust Fund, and (2) any remaining amounts,~~  
2 ~~seventy-five percent (75%) to the Education Trust Fund and~~  
3 ~~twenty-five percent (25%) to the General Fund. An amount~~  
4 ~~sufficient to fund the Children's Health Insurance Program~~  
5 ~~(CHIP) shall be distributed annually as a first charge against~~  
6 ~~the amounts allocated to the General Fund under this section.~~  
7 It is the legislative intent that all amounts collected on  
8 transactions involving a seller located outside the State of  
9 Alabama when the property is shipped or transported from  
10 outside the state shall be considered use tax for the purpose  
11 of this distribution, regardless of whether the taxes may be  
12 considered sales taxes for other purposes.

13 "§40-23-174.

14 (a) Should the enactment of a national agreement for  
15 the collection of sales and use taxes from remote sellers  
16 establish a single national tax rate on such remote sales or  
17 should the agreement provide for the State of Alabama to  
18 establish a single statewide rate on such remote sales, the  
19 proceeds shall be distributed as follows:

20 (1) One-half of such proceeds shall be distributed  
21 to the State of Alabama ~~of which 75%~~ and shall be deposited  
22 into the General Fund ~~, and 25% shall be deposited into the~~  
23 ~~Education Trust Fund.~~

24 (2) One-quarter shall be distributed to the  
25 governing body of the municipality in which the delivery is  
26 made, if the delivery is made into a municipality.

1           (3) The remainder shall be distributed to the county  
2 governing body in the county in which the delivery is made.

3           (b) The tax proceeds distributed to a municipality  
4 or county shall be expended by the governing body of the  
5 municipality or county as required and provided by law for  
6 other sales and use tax proceeds levied and collected by the  
7 county or municipality including any bonded indebtedness.

8           Section 2. The provisions of this act are severable.  
9 If any part of this act is declared invalid or  
10 unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part  
11 that remains.

12           Section 3. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
13 with this act are repealed.

14           Section 4. This act shall become effective October  
15 1, 2015, following its passage and approval by the Governor,  
16 or upon its otherwise becoming law.