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1 AN ACT Relating to retail sales and use taxes; adding a new section
2 to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to sales to
8 free hospitals of items reasonably necessary for the operation of, and
9 provision of health care by, free hospitals.

10 (2) As used in this section, "free hospital" means a hospital that
11 does not charge any patient for health care provided by the hospital.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.12 RCW
13 to read as follows:

1 (1) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply in respect to
2 the use by free hospitals of items reasonably necessary for the
3 operation of, and provision of health care by, free hospitals.

4 (2) As used in this section, "free hospital" means a hospital that
5 does not charge any patient for health care provided by the hospital.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
8 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
9 effect immediately.