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1 AN ACT Relating to Testing Bills for Session '25; and amending
2 RCW 82.32.023, 82.32.026, 82.32.030, 82.32.033, 82.32.045, 82.32.050,
3 and 82.32.052.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.32.023 and 2009 c 535 s 1112 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 For purposes of construing those provisions of the streamlined
8 sales and use tax (~~agreement that have been incorporated into thi~~)s
9 title, and unless the context requires otherwise, the terms "product"
10 and "products" refer to tangible personal property, digital goods,
11 digital codes, digital automated services, other services, extended
12 warranties, and anything else that can be sold or used.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.32.026 and 2007 c 6 s 201 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) A seller, by written agreement, may appoint a person to
16 represent the seller as its agent. The seller's agent has authority
17 to register the seller with the department under RCW 82.32.030. An
18 agent may also be a certified service provider, with authority to
19 perform all the seller's sales and use tax functions, except that the

1 seller remains responsible for remitting the tax on its own
2 purchases.

3 (2) The seller or its agent must provide the department with a
4 copy of the written agreement upon request.

5 **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.32.030 and 2017 c 323 s 505 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this
8 section, if any person engages in any business or performs any act
9 upon which a tax is imposed by the preceding chapters, he or she
10 must, under such rules as the department prescribes, apply for and
11 obtain from the department a registration certificate. Such
12 registration certificate is personal and nontransferable and is valid
13 as long as the taxpayer continues in business and pays the tax
14 accrued to the state. In case business is transacted at two or more
15 separate places by one taxpayer, a separate registration certificate
16 for each place at which business is transacted with the public is
17 required. Each certificate must be numbered and must show the name,
18 residence, and place and character of business of the taxpayer and
19 such other information as the department of revenue deems necessary
20 and must be posted in a conspicuous place at the place of business
21 for which it is issued. Where a place of business of the taxpayer is
22 changed, the taxpayer must return to the department the existing
23 certificate, and a new certificate will be issued for the new place
24 of business. No person required to be registered under this section
25 may engage in any business taxable hereunder without first being so
26 registered. The department, by rule, may provide for the issuance of
27 certificates of registration to temporary places of business.

28 (2) Unless the person is a dealer as defined in RCW 9.41.010,
29 registration under this section is not required if the following
30 conditions are met:

31 (a) A person's value of products, gross proceeds of sales, or
32 gross income of the business, from all business activities taxable
33 under chapter 82.04 RCW, is less than twelve thousand dollars per
34 year;

35 (b) The person's gross income of the business from all activities
36 taxable under chapter 82.16 RCW is less than twelve thousand dollars
37 per year;

1 (c) The person is not required to collect or pay to the
2 department of revenue any other tax or fee that the department is
3 authorized to collect; and

4 (d) The person is not otherwise required to obtain a license
5 subject to the business license application procedure provided in
6 chapter 19.02 RCW.

7 (3) All persons who agree to collect and remit sales and use tax
8 to the department under the agreement must register through the
9 central registration system authorized under the agreement. Persons
10 required to register under subsection (1) of this section are not
11 relieved of that requirement because of registration under this
12 subsection (3).

13 (4) Persons registered under subsection (3) of this section who
14 are not required to register under subsection (1) of this section and
15 who are not otherwise subject to the requirements of chapter 19.02
16 RCW are not subject to the fees imposed by the department under the
17 authority of RCW 19.02.075.

18 **Sec. 4.** RCW 82.32.033 and 2007 c 111 s 105 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) A promoter of a special event within the state of Washington
21 shall not permit a vendor to make or solicit retail sales of tangible
22 personal property or services at the special event unless the
23 promoter makes a good faith effort to obtain verification that the
24 vendor has obtained a certificate of registration from the
25 department.

26 (2) A promoter of a special event shall:

27 (a) Keep, in addition to the records required under RCW
28 82.32.070, a record of the dates and place of each special event, and
29 the name, address, and registration certificate number of each vendor
30 permitted to make or solicit retail sales of tangible personal
31 property or services at the special event. The record of the date and
32 place of a special event, and the name, address, and registration
33 certificate number of each vendor at the event shall be preserved for
34 a period of one year from the date of a special event; and

35 (b) Provide to the department, within twenty days of receipt of a
36 written request from the department, a list of vendors permitted to
37 make or solicit retail sales of tangible personal property or
38 services. The list shall be in a form and contain such information as
39 the department may require, and shall include the date and place of

1 the event, and the name, address, and registration certificate number
2 of each vendor.

3 (3) If a promoter fails to make a good faith effort to comply
4 with the provisions of this section, the promoter is liable for the
5 penalties provided in this subsection (3).

6 (a) If a promoter fails to make a good faith effort to comply
7 with the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the department
8 shall impose a penalty of one hundred dollars for each vendor
9 permitted to make or solicit retail sales of tangible personal
10 property or services at the special event.

11 (b) If a promoter fails to make a good faith effort to comply
12 with the provisions of subsection (2)(b) of this section, the
13 department shall impose a penalty of:

14 (i) Two hundred fifty dollars if the information requested is not
15 received by the department within twenty days of the department's
16 written request; and

17 (ii) One hundred dollars for each vendor for whom the information
18 as required by subsection (2)(b) of this section is not provided to
19 the department.

20 (4) The aggregate of penalties imposed under subsection (3) of
21 this section may not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for a
22 special event if the promoter has not previously been penalized under
23 this section. Under no circumstances is a promoter liable for sales
24 tax or business and occupation tax not remitted to the department by
25 a vendor at a special event.

26 (5) The department shall notify a promoter by mail, or
27 electronically as provided in RCW 82.32.135, of any penalty imposed
28 under this section, and the penalty shall be due within thirty days
29 from the date of the notice. If any penalty imposed under this
30 section is not received by the department by the due date, there
31 shall be assessed interest on the unpaid amount beginning the day
32 following the due date until the penalty is paid in full. The rate of
33 interest shall be computed on a daily basis on the amount of
34 outstanding penalty at the rate as computed under RCW 82.32.050(2).
35 The rate computed shall be adjusted annually in the same manner as
36 provided in RCW 82.32.050(1)(c).

37 (6) For purposes of this section:

38 (a) "Promoter" means a person who organizes, operates, or
39 sponsors a special event and who contracts with vendors for
40 participation in the special event.

1 (b) "Special event" means an entertainment, amusement,
2 recreational, educational, or marketing event, whether held on a
3 regular or irregular basis, at which more than one vendor makes or
4 solicits retail sales of tangible personal property or services. The
5 term includes, but is not limited to: Auto shows, recreational
6 vehicle shows, boat shows, home shows, garden shows, hunting and
7 fishing shows, stamp shows, comic book shows, sports memorabilia
8 shows, craft shows, art shows, antique shows, flea markets,
9 exhibitions, festivals, concerts, swap meets, bazaars, carnivals,
10 athletic contests, circuses, fairs, or other similar activities.
11 "Special event" does not include an event that is organized for the
12 exclusive benefit of any nonprofit organization as defined in RCW
13 82.04.3651. An event is organized for the exclusive benefit of a
14 nonprofit organization if all of the gross proceeds of retail sales
15 of all vendors at the event inure to the benefit of the nonprofit
16 organization on whose behalf the event is being held. "Special event"
17 does not include athletic contests that involve competition between
18 teams, when such competition consists of more than five contests in a
19 calendar year by at least one team at the same facility or site.

20 (c) "Vendor" means a person who, at a special event, makes or
21 solicits retail sales of tangible personal property or services.

22 (7) "Good faith effort to comply" and "good faith effort to
23 obtain" may be shown by, but is not limited to, circumstances where a
24 promoter:

25 (a) Includes a statement on all written contracts with its
26 vendors that a valid registration certificate number issued by the
27 department of revenue is required for participation in the special
28 event and requires vendors to indicate their registration certificate
29 number on these contracts; and

30 (b) Provides the department with a list of vendors and their
31 associated registration certificate numbers as provided in subsection
32 (2)(b) of this section.

33 (8) This section does not apply to:

34 (a) A special event whose promoter does not charge more than two
35 hundred dollars for a vendor to participate in a special event;

36 (b) A special event whose promoter charges a percentage of sales
37 instead of, or in addition to, a flat charge for a vendor to
38 participate in a special event if the promoter, in good faith,
39 believes that no vendor will pay more than two hundred dollars to
40 participate in the special event; or

1 (c) A person who does not organize, operate, or sponsor a special
2 event, but only provides a venue, supplies, furnishings, fixtures,
3 equipment, or services to a promoter of a special event.

4 **Sec. 5.** RCW 82.32.045 and 2023 c 374 s 12 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and subsection
7 (6) of this section, payments of the taxes imposed under chapters
8 82.04, 82.08, 82.12, 82.14, 82.16, and 82.27 RCW, along with reports
9 and returns on forms prescribed by the department, are due monthly
10 within 25 days after the end of the month in which the taxable
11 activities occur.

12 (2) The department of revenue may relieve any taxpayer or class
13 of taxpayers from the obligation of remitting monthly and may require
14 the return to cover other longer reporting periods, but in no event
15 may returns be filed for a period greater than one year. Except as
16 provided in subsection (3) of this section, for these taxpayers, tax
17 payments are due on or before the last day of the month next
18 succeeding the end of the period covered by the return.

19 (3) For annual filers, tax payments, along with reports and
20 returns on forms prescribed by the department, are due on or before
21 April 15th of the year immediately following the end of the period
22 covered by the return.

23 (4) The department of revenue may also require verified annual
24 returns from any taxpayer, setting forth such additional information
25 as it may deem necessary to correctly determine tax liability.

26 (5) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the
27 department may relieve any person of the requirement to file returns
28 if the following conditions are met:

29 (a) The person's value of products, gross proceeds of sales, or
30 gross income of the business, from all business activities taxable
31 under chapter 82.04 RCW, is less than \$125,000 per year;

32 (b) The person's gross income of the business from all activities
33 taxable under chapter 82.16 RCW is less than \$24,000 per year; and

34 (c) The person is not required to collect or pay to the
35 department of revenue any other tax or fee which the department is
36 authorized to collect.

37 (6) (a) Taxes imposed under chapter 82.08 or 82.12 RCW on taxable
38 events that occur beginning January 1, 2019, through June 30, 2019,

1 and payable by a consumer directly to the department are due, on
2 returns prescribed by the department, by July 25, 2019.

3 (b) This subsection (6) does not apply to the reporting and
4 payment of taxes imposed under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW:

5 (i) On the retail sale or use of motor vehicles, vessels, or
6 aircraft; or

7 (ii) By consumers who are engaged in business, unless the
8 department has relieved the consumer of the requirement to file
9 returns pursuant to subsection (5) of this section.

10 **Sec. 6.** RCW 82.32.050 and 2022 c 282 s 2 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) If upon examination of any returns or from other information
13 obtained by the department it appears that a tax or penalty has been
14 paid less than that properly due, the department shall assess against
15 the taxpayer such additional amount found to be due and shall add
16 thereto interest on the tax only. The department shall notify the
17 taxpayer by mail, or electronically as provided in RCW 82.32.135, of
18 the additional amount and the additional amount shall become due and
19 shall be paid within thirty days from the date of the notice, or
20 within such further time as the department may provide.

21 (a) For tax liabilities arising before January 1, 1992, interest
22 shall be computed at the rate of nine percent per annum from the last
23 day of the year in which the deficiency is incurred until the earlier
24 of December 31, 1998, or the date of payment. After December 31,
25 1998, the rate of interest shall be variable and computed as provided
26 in subsection (2) of this section. The rate so computed shall be
27 adjusted on the first day of January of each year for use in
28 computing interest for that calendar year.

29 (b) For tax liabilities arising after December 31, 1991, the rate
30 of interest shall be variable and computed as provided in subsection
31 (2) of this section from the last day of the year in which the
32 deficiency is incurred until the date of payment. The rate so
33 computed shall be adjusted on the first day of January of each year
34 for use in computing interest for that calendar year.

35 (c)(i) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (1)(c),
36 interest imposed after December 31, 1998, shall be computed from the
37 last day of the month following each calendar year included in a
38 notice, and the last day of the month following the final month

1 included in a notice if not the end of a calendar year, until the due
2 date of the notice.

3 (ii) For interest associated with annual tax reporting periods
4 having a due date as prescribed in RCW 82.32.045(3), interest must be
5 computed from the last day of April immediately following each such
6 annual reporting period included in the notice, until the due date of
7 the notice.

8 (iii) For purposes of computing interest under (c)(i) and (ii) of
9 this subsection (1):

10 (A) The same computation of interest applies regardless of
11 whether the department grants additional time for filing any return
12 under RCW 82.32.080(4)(a)(i).

13 (B) If the department extends a due date under subsection (3) of
14 this section or RCW 82.32.080(4)(b), and payment is not made in full
15 by the extended due date, interest is computed from the last day of
16 the month in which the extended due date occurs until the date of
17 payment.

18 (iv) If payment in full is not made by the due date of the
19 notice, additional interest shall be computed under this subsection
20 (1)(c) until the date of payment. The rate of interest shall be
21 variable and computed as provided in subsection (2) of this section.
22 The rate so computed shall be adjusted on the first day of January of
23 each year for use in computing interest for that calendar year.

24 (2) For the purposes of this section, the rate of interest to be
25 charged to the taxpayer shall be an average of the federal short-term
26 rate as defined in 26 U.S.C. Sec. 1274(d) plus two percentage points.
27 The rate set for each new year shall be computed by taking an
28 arithmetical average to the nearest percentage point of the federal
29 short-term rate, compounded annually. That average shall be
30 calculated using the rates from four months: January, April, and July
31 of the calendar year immediately preceding the new year, and October
32 of the previous preceding year.

33 (3) During a state of emergency declared under RCW 43.06.010(12),
34 the department, on its own motion or at the request of any taxpayer
35 affected by the emergency, may extend the due date of any assessment
36 or correction of an assessment for additional taxes, penalties, or
37 interest as the department deems proper.

38 (4) No assessment or correction of an assessment for additional
39 taxes, penalties, or interest due may be made by the department more
40 than four years after the close of the tax year, except (a) against a

1 taxpayer who has not registered as required by this chapter, (b) upon
2 a showing of fraud or of misrepresentation of a material fact by the
3 taxpayer, or (c) where a taxpayer has executed a written waiver of
4 such limitation. The execution of a written waiver shall also extend
5 the period for making a refund or credit as provided in RCW
6 82.32.060(2).

7 (5) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions
8 apply:

9 (a) "Due date of the notice" means the date indicated in the
10 notice by which the amount due in the notice must be paid, or such
11 later date as provided by RCW 1.12.070(3).

12 (b) "Return" means any document a person is required by the state
13 of Washington to file to satisfy or establish a tax or fee obligation
14 that is administered or collected by the department and that has a
15 statutorily defined due date. "Return" also means an application for
16 refund under RCW 82.08.0206.

17 **Sec. 7.** RCW 82.32.052 and 2010 2nd sp.s. c 2 s 1 are each
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (4) and (5) of
20 this section, the department must waive all penalties and interest
21 otherwise due under this chapter and that are unpaid as of February
22 1, 2011, if all of the following circumstances are met:

23 (a) The penalties and interest are imposed with respect to: (i)
24 State business and occupation tax, state public utility tax, state or
25 local sales tax, or state or local use tax; and (ii) tax liability
26 that first became due to the department before February 1, 2011,
27 which includes taxes billed to the taxpayer, or disclosed by the
28 taxpayer to the department, on or after February 1, 2011, but that
29 were required by this chapter to have been reported and paid by the
30 taxpayer before February 1, 2011;

31 (b) The taxpayer must file with the department no later than
32 April 18, 2011: (i) All outstanding tax returns for the taxes
33 specified in (a)(i) of this subsection (1); and (ii) any amended
34 returns covering tax liabilities with respect to which a penalty and
35 interest waiver under this section is requested;

36 (c) Before May 1, 2011, the taxpayer must remit full payment to
37 the department of the balance due on all tax liabilities for which a
38 penalty and interest waiver under this section is requested. If a
39 waiver is requested for penalties or interest associated with an

1 invoice that has been billed to the taxpayer, the taxpayer must remit
2 full payment to the department of the entire balance due on that
3 invoice other than any penalty and interest eligible for waiver under
4 this section, even if the invoice includes taxes not specified in
5 (a)(i) of this subsection (1). If the invoice is a tax warrant, the
6 taxpayer must also remit full payment to the department of any filing
7 or other fees added to the tax warrant, including the filing fees
8 provided in RCW 36.18.012 (2) and (10), the fee imposed in RCW
9 36.18.016(4), and the surcharge imposed in RCW 40.14.027;

10 (d) The taxpayer must file and pay in full by the due date all
11 tax returns that become due after January 31, 2011, and before May 1,
12 2011, for all taxes administered by the department under this
13 chapter;

14 (e) No later than April 18, 2011, the department must receive a
15 completed application for penalty and interest waiver under this
16 section in a form and manner prescribed by the department;

17 (f) The taxpayer must never have had an evasion penalty assessed
18 against the taxpayer by the department under RCW 82.32.090 or a
19 penalty assessed against the taxpayer by the department under RCW
20 82.32.291 for misusing a reseller permit or resale certificate; and

21 (g) The taxpayer must never have been a defendant in a criminal
22 prosecution related to an offense involving the failure to collect or
23 pay the proper amount of any tax administered by the department under
24 this chapter.

25 (2) Taxpayers receiving penalty or interest relief under this
26 section may not seek a refund, or otherwise challenge the amount, of
27 any tax liability paid as required by subsection (1)(c) of this
28 section. This subsection (2) applies to refund requests or appeals
29 filed directly with the department and to proceedings brought in any
30 court or administrative tribunal.

31 (3) All tax liability reported and paid as required in subsection
32 (1)(b), (c), and (d) of this section is subject to verification by
33 the department as provided in RCW 82.32.050. This section does not
34 preclude the assessment of taxes, penalties, and interest with
35 respect to any amounts determined by the department to have been
36 underpaid for any tax period for which the taxpayer previously
37 received penalty or interest relief under this section.

38 (4) This section does not authorize the department to waive the
39 evasion penalty currently authorized by RCW 82.32.090(7) or the

1 penalty currently authorized by RCW 82.32.291 for misusing a reseller
2 permit or resale certificate.

3 (5) If taxpayers are current for tax returns due as of November
4 25, 2010, tax liability that accrues after that date would not
5 qualify under this section.

6 (6) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring a
7 taxpayer to have first paid any penalty or interest for which a
8 waiver is sought under this section.

9 (7) Solely for purposes of determining whether a taxpayer
10 qualifies for a waiver of penalties or interest under this section
11 with respect to a balance owing as of February 1, 2011, on any
12 invoice issued by the department, any payments made to the department
13 on that taxpayer's account before May 1, 2011, are deemed to have
14 been applied first to any of the taxes specified in subsection
15 (1)(a)(i) of this section, then to any other taxes, and then to
16 penalties or interest, if such payments were applied either:

17 (a) To that invoice; or

18 (b) Against any liability reflected in that invoice before that
19 invoice was issued by the department.

20 (8) A taxpayer in a bankruptcy proceeding is ineligible for
21 relief under this section to the extent that the payment of any tax
22 debt by the taxpayer to the department as required under this section
23 violates the federal bankruptcy code.

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