

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND  
COMPUTATION

Introduced By: Senators de la Cruz, Rogers, E Morgan, DeLuca, and Paolino

Date Introduced: February 01, 2023

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44-18-18 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-18 entitled "Sales and  
2 Use Taxes — Liability and Computation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **44-18-18. Sales tax imposed.**

4 A tax is imposed upon sales at retail in this state, including charges for rentals of living  
5 quarters in hotels as defined in § 42-63.1-2, rooming houses, or tourist camps, at the rate of ~~six~~  
6 ~~percent (6%)~~ five percent (5%) of the gross receipts of the retailer from the sales or rental charges;  
7 provided, that the tax imposed on charges for the rentals applies only to the first period of not  
8 exceeding thirty (30) consecutive calendar days of each rental; ~~provided, further, that for the period~~  
9 ~~commencing July 1, 1990, the tax rate is seven percent (7%).~~ The tax is paid to the tax administrator  
10 by the retailer at the time and in the manner provided. Excluded from this tax are those living  
11 quarters in hotels, rooming houses, or tourist camps for which the occupant has a written lease for  
12 the living quarters which lease covers a rental period of twelve (12) months or more.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1 This act would reduce the sales tax rate to five percent (5%).
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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