

AN ACT

To amend sections 4165.01, 4165.02, 4165.03, 4165.04, 5739.01, and 5739.033 of the Revised Code to provide that, on and after January 1, 2000, prepaid authorization numbers used to make telephone calls or prepaid telephone calling cards are subject to the state sales tax at the time of sale, rather than taxing the calls as they are made, to specify that a business person commits a deceptive trade practice under the Deceptive Trade Practices Law if, under specified circumstances, the person's use of a fictitious business name in a local telephone directory or directory assistance database misrepresents the person's geographic location to consumers of goods or services, and to make associated changes in that law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 4165.01, 4165.02, 4165.03, 4165.04, 5739.01, and 5739.033 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4165.01. As used in ~~Chapter 4165. of the Revised Code~~ this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(A) ~~"Article" means a product as distinguished from its trade mark, label, or distinctive dress in packaging.~~

~~(B)~~ "Certification mark" means a mark used in connection with the goods or services of a person other than the certifier to indicate geographic origin, material, mode of manufacture, quality, accuracy, or other characteristics of the goods or services or to indicate that the work or labor on the goods or services was performed by members of a union or other organization.

~~(C)~~ (B) "Collective mark" means a mark used by members of a cooperative, association, or other collective group or organization to identify

goods or services and distinguish them from those of others, or to indicate membership in the collective group or organization.

~~(D)~~(C) "Mark" means a word, name, symbol, device, or ~~any~~ combination of ~~the foregoing~~ a word, name, symbol, or device in any form or arrangement.

~~(E)~~(D) "Person" means an individual, corporation, government, ~~or~~ governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, unincorporated association, limited liability company, two or more of any of the foregoing having a joint or common interest, or any other legal or commercial entity.

~~(F)~~(E) "Service mark" means a mark used by a person to identify services and to distinguish them from the services of others.

~~(G)~~(F) "Trademark" means a mark used by a person to identify goods and to distinguish them from the goods of others.

~~(H)~~(G) "Trade name" means a word, name, symbol, device, or ~~any~~ combination of ~~the foregoing~~ a word, name, symbol, or device in any form or arrangement used by a person to identify ~~his~~ the person's business, vocation, or occupation and distinguish it from the business, vocation, or occupation of others.

(H) "Directory assistance" means the disclosure by an operator or an automated service, upon request by an individual and that individual's identification of a telephone service subscriber in some manner, of telephone number information pertaining to the identified telephone service subscriber.

(I) "Local telephone directory" means a telephone classified advertising directory, or the business section of a telephone directory, that is distributed by a telephone company or a directory publisher to subscribers who are located in one or more local exchanges covered by the directory. "local telephone directory" includes a telephone classified advertising directory, or the business section of a telephone directory, that includes listings of more than one telephone company.

(J) "Local telephone number" means a telephone number that has a three-number prefix that is used by a telephone company in connection with telephones that are physically located within an area covered by a local telephone directory in which the telephone number is listed. "local telephone number" does not include long distance telephone numbers that are listed as long distance telephone numbers in a local telephone directory, or 800-, 888-, or 900- telephone numbers that are listed in a local telephone directory.

(K) "Telephone company" has the same meaning as in section 4905.402

of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4165.02. ~~(A)~~ (A) A person engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in the course of ~~his~~ the person's business, vocation, or occupation, ~~he~~ the person does any of the following:

~~(A)~~(1) Passes off goods or services as those of another;

~~(B)~~(2) Causes likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding as to the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services;

~~(C)~~(3) Causes likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding as to affiliation, connection, or association with, or certification by, another;

~~(D)~~(4) Uses deceptive representations or designations of geographic origin in connection with goods or services;

~~(E)~~(5) Lists a fictitious business name in a local telephone directory that is published on or after the effective date of this amendment, in circumstances in which all of the following apply:

(a) The person's fictitious business name is not registered as a trade name with, or its use as a fictitious name has not been reported to, the secretary of state under sections 1329.01 to 1329.10 of the Revised Code.

(b) The person's listed fictitious business name misrepresents the geographic location of the person, because that name includes a reference to a political subdivision or another geographic area of this state, the person does not have business premises in that political subdivision or other geographic area from which the person sells, leases, rents, or otherwise provides particular goods or services in this state, and the person's use of that name causes a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding by consumers as to the geographic location with which the consumers are dealing in the purchase, lease, rental, or other provision of, or will be dealing in the resolution of problems that may arise in connection with, particular goods or services.

(c) The local telephone directory listing of the person's fictitious business name does not identify the political subdivision and, if the person is not located in this state, the state in which are located the person's business premises with which consumers are dealing in the purchase, lease, rental, or other provision of, or will be dealing in the resolution of problems that may arise in connection with, particular goods or services.

(d) Telephone calls to the local telephone number listed for the person's fictitious business name routinely are forwarded or otherwise transferred to business premises of the person that are located outside the calling area covered by the local telephone directory.

(6) Lists a fictitious business name in a directory assistance database on or after the effective date of this amendment, the circumstances described in

divisions (a)(5)(a) and (b) of this section apply regarding the person's listed fictitious business name, and telephone calls to the local telephone number listed for the person's fictitious business name routinely are forwarded or otherwise transferred to business premises of the person that are located outside the local calling area:

(7) Represents that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection that ~~he~~ the person does not have;

~~(F)~~(8) Represents that goods are original or new if they are deteriorated, altered, reconditioned, reclaimed, used, or secondhand;

~~(G)~~(9) Represents that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another;

~~(H)~~(10) Disparages the goods, services, or business of another by false representation of fact;

~~(I)~~(11) Advertises goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised;

~~(J)~~(12) Makes false statements of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions;

~~(K)~~(13) Advertises goods or services with intent not to supply reasonably expectable public demand, unless the advertisement discloses a limitation of quantity.

(B) In order to prevail in an a civil action under Chapter 4165, section 4165.03 of the Revised Code that seeks injunctive relief or an award of damages and that is based on one or more deceptive trade practices listed in division (A) of this section, a complainant need not prove competition between the parties to the civil action.

(C) This section does not affect unfair trade practices that are otherwise actionable at common law or under other sections of the Revised Code.

(D) A TELEPHONE COMPANY, PROVIDER OF DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE, PUBLISHER OF A LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, OR OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE COMPANY, PROVIDER, OR PUBLISHER SHALL NOT BE LIABLE IN A CIVIL ACTION UNDER SECTION 4165.03 OF THE REVISED CODE FOR PUBLISHING IN ANY DIRECTORY OR DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE DATABASE THE LISTING OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OF A PERSON WHO COMMITS A DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE THAT IS LISTED IN DIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION UNLESS THE TELEPHONE COMPANY, PROVIDER OF DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE,

PUBLISHER OF A LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, OR OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE COMPANY, PROVIDER, OR PUBLISHER IS THE PERSON WHO COMMITTED THE DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE LISTED IN DIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

Sec. 4165.03. ~~(A)(1)~~ A person who is likely to be damaged by a person who commits a deceptive trade practice of another that is listed in division (A) of section 4165.02 Of the Revised Code may ~~be granted an injunction~~ commence a civil action for injunctive relief against ~~it~~ under the other person, and the court of common pleas involved in that action may grant injunctive relief based on the principles of equity and on the terms that the court considers reasonable. Proof of monetary damage or loss ~~or~~ of profits is not required in a civil action commenced under division (A)(1) of this section. ~~A~~

~~(2)~~ A person who is injured by a person who commits a deceptive trade practice of another that is listed in division (A) of section 4165.02 Of the Revised Code may commence a civil action to recover actual damages from the person who commits the deceptive trade practice.

~~(B)~~ The court may award in accordance with this division reasonable ~~attorneys' attorney's~~ attorney's fees to the prevailing party in either type of civil action authorized by division (A) of this section. ~~Costs for attorneys' an award of attorney's~~ fees may be assessed against a plaintiff if the court finds ~~he~~ that the plaintiff knew the action to be groundless. ~~Costs for attorneys' an award of attorney's~~ fees may be assessed against a defendant if the court finds that the defendant has willfully engaged in ~~the~~ a trade practice listed in division (A) of section 4165.02 Of the Revised Code knowing it to be deceptive.

~~(C)~~ The civil relief provided in this section is in addition to civil or criminal remedies otherwise available against the same conduct under the common law or other sections of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4165.04. ~~Chapter 4165. of the Revised Code~~ (A) This chapter does not apply to either of the following:

~~(A)(1)~~ Conduct that is in compliance with the orders or rules of, or a statute administered by, a federal, state, or local governmental agency;

~~(B)(2)~~ Publishers, broadcasters, printers, or other persons who are engaged in the dissemination of information or reproduction of printed or pictorial matter and who publish, broadcast, or reproduce material without knowledge of its deceptive character;

~~(C)~~ Actions or appeals pending on September 25, 1969.

~~(B)~~ Divisions ~~(B)~~(A)(2) and ~~(C)~~(3) of section 4165.02 of the Revised Code do not apply to the use of a service mark, trademark, certification mark, collective mark, trade name, or other trade identification that was

used and not abandoned before September 25, 1969, if the use was in good faith and is otherwise is lawful except for ~~Chapter 4165. of the Revised Code~~ this chapter.

Sec. 5739.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Person" includes individuals, receivers, assignees, trustees in bankruptcy, estates, firms, partnerships, associations, joint-stock companies, joint ventures, clubs, societies, corporations, the state and its political subdivisions, and combinations of individuals of any form.

(B) "Sale" and "selling" include all of the following transactions for a consideration in any manner, whether absolutely or conditionally, whether for a price or rental, in money or by exchange, and by any means whatsoever:

(1) All transactions by which title or possession, or both, of tangible personal property, is or is to be transferred, or a license to use or consume tangible personal property is or is to be granted;

(2) All transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests;

(3) All transactions by which:

(a) An item of tangible personal property is or is to be repaired, except property, the purchase of which would be exempt from the tax imposed by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code;

(b) An item of tangible personal property is or is to be installed, except property, the purchase of which would be exempt from the tax imposed by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code or property that is or is to be incorporated into and will become a part of a production, transmission, transportation, or distribution system for the delivery of a public utility service;

(c) The service of washing, cleaning, waxing, polishing, or painting a motor vehicle is or is to be furnished;

(d) Industrial laundry cleaning services are or are to be provided;

(e) Automatic data processing, computer services, or electronic information services are or are to be provided for use in business when the true object of the transaction is the receipt by the consumer of automatic data processing, computer services, or electronic information services rather than the receipt of personal or professional services to which automatic data processing, computer services, or electronic information services are incidental or supplemental. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, such transactions that occur between members of an affiliated group are not sales. An affiliated group means two or more persons related in such a way that one person owns or controls the business operation of another

member of the group. In the case of corporations with stock, one corporation owns or controls another if it owns more than fifty per cent of the other corporation's common stock with voting rights.

(f) Telecommunications service is provided that originates or terminates in this state and is charged in the records of the telecommunications service vendor to the consumer's telephone number or account in this state, or that both originates and terminates in this state; but does not include transactions by which telecommunications service is paid for by using a prepaid authorization number or prepaid telephone calling card;

(g) Landscaping and lawn care service is or is to be provided;

(h) Private investigation and security service is or is to be provided;

(i) Information services or tangible personal property is provided or ordered by means of a nine hundred telephone call;

(j) Building maintenance and janitorial service is or is to be provided;

(k) Employment service is or is to be provided;

(l) Employment placement service is or is to be provided;

(m) Exterminating service is or is to be provided;

(n) Physical fitness facility service is or is to be provided;

(o) Recreation and sports club service is or is to be provided.

(4) All transactions by which printed, imprinted, overprinted, lithographic, multilithic, blueprinted, photostatic, or other productions or reproductions of written or graphic matter are or are to be furnished or transferred;

(5) The production or fabrication of tangible personal property for a consideration for consumers who furnish either directly or indirectly the materials used in the production of fabrication work; and include the furnishing, preparing, or serving for a consideration of any tangible personal property consumed on the premises of the person furnishing, preparing, or serving such tangible personal property. Except as provided in section 5739.03 of the Revised Code, a construction contract pursuant to which tangible personal property is or is to be incorporated into a structure or improvement on and becoming a part of real property is not a sale of such tangible personal property. The construction contractor is the consumer of such tangible personal property, provided that the sale and installation of carpeting, the sale and installation of agricultural land tile, the sale and erection or installation of portable grain bins, or the provision of landscaping and lawn care service and the transfer of property as part of such service is never a construction contract. The transfer of copyrighted motion picture films for exhibition purposes is not a sale, except such films as are used solely for advertising purposes. Other than as provided in this

section, "sale" and "selling" do not include professional, insurance, or personal service transactions which involve the transfer of tangible personal property as an inconsequential element, for which no separate charges are made.

As used in division (B)(5) of this section:

(a) "Agricultural land tile" means fired clay or concrete tile, or flexible or rigid perforated plastic pipe or tubing, incorporated or to be incorporated into a subsurface drainage system appurtenant to land used or to be used directly in production by farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture. The term does not include such materials when they are or are to be incorporated into a drainage system appurtenant to a building or structure even if the building or structure is used or to be used in such production.

(b) "Portable grain bin" means a structure that is used or to be used by a person engaged in farming or agriculture to shelter the person's grain and that is designed to be disassembled without significant damage to its component parts.

(6) All transactions in which all of the shares of stock of a closely held corporation are transferred, if the corporation is not engaging in business and its entire assets consist of boats, planes, motor vehicles, or other tangible personal property operated primarily for the use and enjoyment of the shareholders;

(7) All transactions in which a warranty, maintenance or service contract, or similar agreement by which the vendor of the warranty, contract, or agreement agrees to repair or maintain the tangible personal property of the consumer is or is to be provided;

(8) All transactions by which a prepaid authorization number or a prepaid telephone calling card is or is to be transferred.

(C) "Vendor" means the person providing the service or by whom the transfer effected or license given by a sale is or is to be made or given and, for sales described in division (B)(3)(i) of this section, the telecommunications service vendor that provides the nine hundred telephone service; if two or more persons are engaged in business at the same place of business under a single trade name in which all collections on account of sales by each are made, such persons shall constitute a single vendor.

Physicians, dentists, hospitals, and veterinarians who are engaged in selling tangible personal property as received from others, such as eyeglasses, mouthwashes, dentifrices, or similar articles, are vendors. Veterinarians who are engaged in transferring to others for a consideration drugs, the dispensing of which does not require an order of a licensed veterinarian or physician under federal law, are vendors.

(D)(1) "Consumer" means the person for whom the service is provided, to whom the transfer effected or license given by a sale is or is to be made or given, to whom the service described in division (B)(3)(f) or (i) of this section is charged, or to whom the admission is granted.

(2) Physicians, dentists, hospitals, and blood banks operated by nonprofit institutions and persons licensed to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry are consumers of all tangible personal property and services purchased by them in connection with the practice of medicine, dentistry, the rendition of hospital or blood bank service, or the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry. In addition to being consumers of drugs administered by them or by their assistants according to their direction, veterinarians also are consumers of drugs that under federal law may be dispensed only by or upon the order of a licensed veterinarian or physician, when transferred by them to others for a consideration to provide treatment to animals as directed by the veterinarian.

(3) A person who performs a facility management, or similar service contract for a contractee is a consumer of all tangible personal property and services purchased for use in connection with the performance of such contract, regardless of whether title to any such property vests in the contractee. The purchase of such property and services is not subject to the exception for resale under division (E)(1) of this section.

(4)(a) In the case of a person who purchases printed matter for the purpose of distributing it or having it distributed to the public or to a designated segment of the public, free of charge, that person is the consumer of that printed matter, and the purchase of that printed matter for that purpose is a sale.

(b) In the case of a person who produces, rather than purchases, printed matter for the purpose of distributing it or having it distributed to the public or to a designated segment of the public, free of charge, that person is the consumer of all tangible personal property and services purchased for use or consumption in the production of that printed matter. That person is not entitled to claim exception under division (E)(8) of this section for any material incorporated into the printed matter or any equipment, supplies, or services primarily used to produce the printed matter.

(c) The distribution of printed matter to the public or to a designated segment of the public, free of charge, is not a sale to the members of the public to whom the printed matter is distributed or to any persons who purchase space in the printed matter for advertising or other purposes.

(5) A person who makes sales of any of the services listed in division (B)(3) of this section is the consumer of any tangible personal property used

in performing the service. The purchase of that property is not subject to the resale exception under division (E)(1) of this section.

(E) "Retail sale" and "sales at retail" include all sales except those in which the purpose of the consumer is:

(1) To resell the thing transferred or benefit of the service provided, by a person engaging in business, in the form in which the same is, or is to be, received by the person;

(2) To incorporate the thing transferred as a material or a part, into tangible personal property to be produced for sale by manufacturing, assembling, processing, or refining, or to use or consume the thing transferred directly in producing a product for sale by mining, including without limitation the extraction from the earth of all substances which are classed geologically as minerals, production of crude oil and natural gas, farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture, and persons engaged in rendering farming, agricultural, horticultural, or floricultural services, and services in the exploration for, and production of, crude oil and natural gas, for others are deemed engaged directly in farming, agriculture, horticulture, and floriculture, or exploration for, and production of, crude oil and natural gas; directly in the rendition of a public utility service, except that the sales tax levied by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code shall be collected upon all meals, drinks, and food for human consumption sold upon Pullman and railroad coaches. This paragraph does not exempt or except from "retail sale" or "sales at retail" the sale of tangible personal property that is to be incorporated into a structure or improvement to real property.

(3) To hold the thing transferred as security for the performance of an obligation of the vendor;

(4) To use or consume the thing transferred in the process of reclamation as required by Chapters 1513. and 1514. of the Revised Code;

(5) To resell, hold, use, or consume the thing transferred as evidence of a contract of insurance;

(6) To use or consume the thing directly in commercial fishing;

(7) To incorporate the thing transferred as a material or a part into, or to use or consume the thing transferred directly in the production of, magazines distributed as controlled circulation publications;

(8) To use or consume the thing transferred in the production and preparation in suitable condition for market and sale of printed, imprinted, overprinted, lithographic, multilithic, blueprinted, photostatic, or other productions or reproductions of written or graphic matter;

(9) To use the thing transferred, as described in section 5739.011 of the Revised Code, primarily in a manufacturing operation to produce tangible

personal property for sale;

(10) To use the benefit of a warranty, maintenance or service contract, or similar agreement, as defined in division (B)(7) of this section, to repair or maintain tangible personal property, if all of the property that is the subject of the warranty, contract, or agreement would be exempt on its purchase from the tax imposed by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code;

(11) To use the thing transferred as qualified research and development equipment;

(12) To use or consume the thing transferred primarily in storing, transporting, mailing, or otherwise handling purchased sales inventory in a warehouse, distribution center, or similar facility when the inventory is primarily distributed outside this state to retail stores of the person who owns or controls the warehouse, distribution center, or similar facility, to retail stores of an affiliated group of which that person is a member, or by means of direct marketing. Division (E)(12) of this section does not apply to motor vehicles registered for operation on the public highways. As used in division (E)(12) of this section, "affiliated group" has the same meaning as in division (B)(3)(e) of this section and "direct marketing" has the same meaning as in division (B)(37) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code.

(13) To use or consume the thing transferred to fulfill a contractual obligation incurred by a warrantor pursuant to a warranty provided as a part of the price of the tangible personal property sold or by a vendor of a warranty, maintenance or service contract, or similar agreement the provision of which is defined as a sale under division (B)(7) of this section;

(14) To use or consume the thing transferred in the production of a newspaper for distribution to the public;

(15) To use tangible personal property to perform a service listed in division (B)(3) of this section, if the property is or is to be permanently transferred to the consumer of the service as an integral part of the performance of the service.

As used in division (E) of this section, "thing" includes all transactions included in divisions (B)(3)(a), (b), and (e) of this section.

Sales conducted through a coin-operated device that activates vacuum equipment or equipment that dispenses water, whether or not in combination with soap or other cleaning agents or wax, to the consumer for the consumer's use on the premises in washing, cleaning, or waxing a motor vehicle, provided no other personal property or personal service is provided as part of the transaction, are not retail sales or sales at retail.

(F) "Business" includes any activity engaged in by any person with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect. "Business"

does not include the activity of a person in managing and investing the person's own funds.

(G) "Engaging in business" means commencing, conducting, or continuing in business, and liquidating a business when the liquidator thereof holds self out to the public as conducting such business. Making a casual sale is not engaging in business.

(H)(1) "Price," except as provided in divisions (H)(2) and (3) of this section, means the aggregate value in money of anything paid or delivered, or promised to be paid or delivered, in the complete performance of a retail sale, without any deduction on account of the cost of the property sold, cost of materials used, labor or service cost, interest, discount paid or allowed after the sale is consummated, or any other expense. If the retail sale consists of the rental or lease of tangible personal property, "price" means the aggregate value in money of anything paid or delivered, or promised to be paid or delivered, in the complete performance of the rental or lease, without any deduction for tax, interest, labor or service charge, damage liability waiver, termination or damage charge, discount paid or allowed after the lease is consummated, or any other expense. The sales tax shall be calculated and collected by the lessor on each payment made by the lessee. Price does not include the consideration received as a deposit refundable to the consumer upon return of a beverage container, the consideration received as a deposit on a carton or case that is used for such returnable containers, or the consideration received as a refundable security deposit for the use of tangible personal property to the extent that it actually is refunded, if the consideration for such refundable deposit is separately stated from the consideration received or to be received for the tangible personal property transferred in the retail sale. Such separation must appear in the sales agreement or on the initial invoice or initial billing rendered by the vendor to the consumer. Price is the amount received inclusive of the tax, provided the vendor establishes to the satisfaction of the tax commissioner that the tax was added to the price. When the price includes both a charge for tangible personal property and a charge for providing a service and the sale of the property and the charge for the service are separately taxable, or have a separately determinable tax status, the price shall be separately stated for each such charge so the tax can be correctly computed and charged.

The tax collected by the vendor from the consumer under this chapter is not part of the price, but is a tax collection for the benefit of the state and of counties levying an additional sales tax pursuant to section 5739.021 or 5739.026 of the Revised Code and of transit authorities levying an additional sales tax pursuant to section 5739.023 of the Revised Code.

Except for the discount authorized in section 5739.12 of the Revised Code, no person other than the state or such a county or transit authority shall derive any benefit from the collection or payment of such tax.

(2) In the case of a sale of any new motor vehicle by a new motor vehicle dealer, as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code, in which another motor vehicle is accepted by the dealer as part of the consideration received, "price" has the same meaning as in division (H)(1) of this section, reduced by the credit afforded the consumer by the dealer for the motor vehicle received in trade.

(3) In the case of a sale of any watercraft or outboard motor by a watercraft dealer licensed in accordance with section 1547.543 of the Revised Code, in which another watercraft, watercraft and trailer, or outboard motor is accepted by the dealer as part of the consideration received, "price" has the same meaning as in division (H)(1) of this section, reduced by the credit afforded the consumer by the dealer for the watercraft, watercraft and trailer, or outboard motor received in trade. As used in division (H)(3) of this section, "watercraft" includes an outdrive unit attached to the watercraft.

(I) "Receipts" means the total amount of the prices of the sales of vendors, provided that cash discounts allowed and taken on sales at the time they are consummated are not included, minus any amount deducted as a bad debt pursuant to section 5739.121 of the Revised Code. "Receipts" does not include the sale price of property returned or services rejected by consumers when the full sale price and tax are refunded either in cash or by credit.

(J) "Place of business" means any location at which a person engages in business.

(K) "Premises" includes any real property or portion thereof upon which any person engages in selling tangible personal property at retail or making retail sales and also includes any real property or portion thereof designated for, or devoted to, use in conjunction with the business engaged in by such person.

(L) "Casual sale" means a sale of an item of tangible personal property which was obtained by the person making the sale, through purchase or otherwise, for the person's own use in this state and which was previously subject to the state's taxing jurisdiction on its sale or use, and includes such items acquired for the seller's use which are sold by an auctioneer employed directly by the person for such purpose, provided the location of such sales is not the auctioneer's permanent place of business. As used in this division, "permanent place of business" includes any location where such auctioneer

has conducted more than two auctions during the year.

(M) "Hotel" means every establishment kept, used, maintained, advertised or held out to the public to be a place where sleeping accommodations are offered to guests, in which five or more rooms are used for the accommodation of such guests, whether such rooms are in one or several structures.

(N) "Transient guests" means persons occupying a room or rooms for sleeping accommodations for less than thirty consecutive days.

(O) "Making retail sales" means the effecting of transactions wherein one party is obligated to pay the price and the other party is obligated to provide a service or to transfer title to or possession of the item sold. "Making retail sales" does not include the preliminary acts of promoting or soliciting the retail sales, other than the distribution of printed matter which displays or describes and prices the item offered for sale, nor does it include delivery of a predetermined quantity of tangible personal property or transportation of property or personnel to or from a place where a service is performed, regardless of whether the vendor is a delivery vendor.

(P) "Used directly in the rendition of a public utility service" means that property which is to be incorporated into and will become a part of the consumer's production, transmission, transportation, or distribution system and which retains its classification as tangible personal property after such incorporation; fuel or power used in the production, transmission, transportation, or distribution system; and tangible personal property used in the repair and maintenance of the production, transmission, transportation, or distribution system, including only such motor vehicles as are specially designed and equipped for such use. Tangible personal property and services used primarily in providing highway transportation for hire are not used in providing a public utility service as defined in this division.

(Q) "Refining" means removing or separating a desirable product from raw or contaminated materials by distillation or physical, mechanical, or chemical processes.

(R) "Assembly" and "assembling" mean attaching or fitting together parts to form a product, but do not include packaging a product.

(S) "Manufacturing operation" means a process in which materials are changed, converted, or transformed into a different state or form from which they previously existed and includes refining materials, assembling parts, and preparing raw materials and parts by mixing, measuring, blending, or otherwise committing such materials or parts to the manufacturing process. "Manufacturing operation" does not include packaging.

(T) "Fiscal officer" means, with respect to a regional transit authority,

the secretary-treasurer thereof, and with respect to a county which is a transit authority, the fiscal officer of the county transit board if one is appointed pursuant to section 306.03 of the Revised Code or the county auditor if the board of county commissioners operates the county transit system.

(U) "Transit authority" means a regional transit authority created pursuant to section 306.31 of the Revised Code or a county in which a county transit system is created pursuant to section 306.01 of the Revised Code. For the purposes of this chapter, a transit authority must extend to at least the entire area of a single county. A transit authority which includes territory in more than one county must include all the area of the most populous county which is a part of such transit authority. County population shall be measured by the most recent census taken by the United States census bureau.

(V) "Legislative authority" means, with respect to a regional transit authority, the board of trustees thereof, and with respect to a county which is a transit authority, the board of county commissioners.

(W) "Territory of the transit authority" means all of the area included within the territorial boundaries of a transit authority as they from time to time exist. Such territorial boundaries must at all times include all the area of a single county or all the area of the most populous county which is a part of such transit authority. County population shall be measured by the most recent census taken by the United States census bureau.

(X) "Providing a service" means providing or furnishing anything described in division (B)(3) of this section for consideration.

(Y)(1)(a) "Automatic data processing" means processing of others' data, including keypunching or similar data entry services together with verification thereof, or providing access to computer equipment for the purpose of processing data.

(b) "Computer services" means providing services consisting of specifying computer hardware configurations and evaluating technical processing characteristics, computer programming, and training of computer programmers and operators, provided in conjunction with and to support the sale, lease, or operation of taxable computer equipment or systems.

(c) "Electronic information services" means providing access to computer equipment by means of telecommunications equipment for the purpose of either of the following:

(i) Examining or acquiring data stored in or accessible to the computer equipment;

(ii) Placing data into the computer equipment to be retrieved by

esignated recipients with access to the computer equipment.

(d) "Automatic data processing, computer services, or electronic information services" shall not include personal or professional services.

(2) As used in divisions (B)(3)(e) and (Y)(1) of this section, "personal and professional services" means all services other than automatic data processing, computer services, or electronic information services, including but not limited to:

(a) Accounting and legal services such as advice on tax matters, asset management, budgetary matters, quality control, information security, and auditing and any other situation where the service provider receives data or information and studies, alters, analyzes, interprets, or adjusts such material;

(b) Analyzing business policies and procedures;

(c) Identifying management information needs;

(d) Feasibility studies including economic and technical analysis of existing or potential computer hardware or software needs and alternatives;

(e) Designing policies, procedures, and custom software for collecting business information, and determining how data should be summarized, sequenced, formatted, processed, controlled and reported so that it will be meaningful to management;

(f) Developing policies and procedures that document how business events and transactions are to be authorized, executed, and controlled;

(g) Testing of business procedures;

(h) Training personnel in business procedure applications;

(i) Providing credit information to users of such information by a consumer reporting agency, as defined in the "Fair Credit Reporting Act," 84 Stat. 1114, 1129 (1970), 15 U.S.C. 1681a(f), or as hereafter amended, including but not limited to gathering, organizing, analyzing, recording, and furnishing such information by any oral, written, graphic, or electronic medium;

(j) Providing debt collection services by any oral, written, graphic, or electronic means.

The services listed in divisions (Y)(2)(a) to (j) of this section are not automatic data processing or computer services.

(Z) "Highway transportation for hire" means the transportation of personal property belonging to others for consideration by any of the following:

(1) The holder of a permit or certificate issued by this state or the United States authorizing the holder to engage in transportation of personal property belonging to others for consideration over or on highways, roadways, streets, or any similar public thoroughfare;

(2) A person who engages in the transportation of personal property belonging to others for consideration over or on highways, roadways, streets, or any similar public thoroughfare but who could not have engaged in such transportation on December 11, 1985, unless the person was the holder of a permit or certificate of the types described in division (Z)(1) of this section;

(3) A person who leases a motor vehicle to and operates it for a person described by division (Z)(1) or (2) of this section.

(AA) "Telecommunications service" means the transmission of any interactive, two-way electromagnetic communications, including voice, image, data, and information, through the use of any medium such as wires, cables, microwaves, cellular radio, radio waves, light waves, or any combination of those or similar media. "Telecommunications service" includes message toll service even though the vendor provides the message toll service by means of wide area transmission type service or private communications service purchased from another telecommunications service provider, but does not include any of the following:

(1) Sales of incoming or outgoing wide area transmission service or wide area transmission type service, including eight hundred or eight-hundred-type service, to the person contracting for the receipt of that service;

(2) Sales of private communications service to the person contracting for the receipt of that service that entitles the purchaser to exclusive or priority use of a communications channel or group of channels between exchanges;

(3) Sales of telecommunications service by companies subject to the excise tax imposed by Chapter 5727. of the Revised Code;

(4) Sales of telecommunications service to a provider of telecommunications service, including access services, for use in providing telecommunications service;

(5) Value-added nonvoice services in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, content, code, or protocol of the information to be transmitted;

(6) Transmission of interactive video programming by a cable television system as defined in section 505.90 of the Revised Code.

(BB) "Industrial laundry cleaning services" means removing soil or dirt from or supplying towels, linens, or articles of clothing that belong to others and are used in a trade or business.

(CC) "Magazines distributed as controlled circulation publications" means magazines containing at least twenty-four pages, at least twenty-five

per cent editorial content, issued at regular intervals four or more times a year, and circulated without charge to the recipient, provided that such magazines are not owned or controlled by individuals or business concerns which conduct such publications as an auxiliary to, and essentially for the advancement of the main business or calling of, those who own or control them.

(DD) "Landscaping and lawn care service" means the services of planting, seeding, sodding, removing, cutting, trimming, pruning, mulching, aerating, applying chemicals, watering, fertilizing, and providing similar services to establish, promote, or control the growth of trees, shrubs, flowers, grass, ground cover, and other flora, or otherwise maintaining a lawn or landscape grown or maintained by the owner for ornamentation or other nonagricultural purpose. However, "landscaping and lawn care service" does not include the providing of such services by a person who has less than five thousand dollars in sales of such services during the calendar year.

(EE) "Private investigation and security service" means the performance of any activity for which the provider of such service is required to be licensed pursuant to Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code, or would be required to be so licensed in performing such services in this state, and also includes the services of conducting polygraph examinations and of monitoring or overseeing the activities on or in, or the condition of, the consumer's home, business, or other facility by means of electronic or similar monitoring devices. "Private investigation and security service" does not include special duty services provided by off-duty police officers, deputy sheriffs, and other peace officers regularly employed by the state or a political subdivision.

(FF) "Information services" means providing conversation, giving consultation or advice, playing or making a voice or other recording, making or keeping a record of the number of callers, and any other service provided to a consumer by means of a nine hundred telephone call, except when the nine hundred telephone call is the means by which the consumer makes a contribution to a recognized charity.

(GG) "Research and development" means designing, creating, or formulating new or enhanced products, equipment, or manufacturing processes, and conducting scientific or technological inquiry and experimentation in the physical sciences with the goal of increasing scientific knowledge which may reveal the bases for new or enhanced products, equipment, or manufacturing processes.

(HH) "Qualified research and development equipment" means

itized tangible personal property, and leased personal property that would be capitalized if purchased, used by a person primarily to perform research and development. Tangible personal property primarily used in testing, as defined in division (A)(4) of section 5739.011 of the Revised Code, or used for recording or storing test results, is not qualified research and development equipment unless such property is primarily used by the consumer in testing the product, equipment, or manufacturing process being created, designed, or formulated by the consumer in the research and development activity or in recording or storing such test results.

(II) "Building maintenance and janitorial service" means cleaning the interior or exterior of a building and any tangible personal property located therein or thereon, including any services incidental to such cleaning for which no separate charge is made. However, "building maintenance and janitorial service" does not include the providing of such service by a person who has less than five thousand dollars in sales of such service during the calendar year.

(JJ) "Employment service" means providing or supplying personnel, on a temporary or long-term basis, to perform work or labor under the supervision or control of another, when the personnel so supplied receive their wages, salary, or other compensation from the provider of the service. "Employment service" does not include:

(1) Acting as a contractor or subcontractor, where the personnel performing the work are not under the direct control of the purchaser.

(2) Medical and health care services.

(3) Supplying personnel to a purchaser pursuant to a contract of at least one year between the service provider and the purchaser that specifies that each employee covered under the contract is assigned to the purchaser on a permanent basis.

(4) Transactions between members of an affiliated group, as defined in division (B)(3)(e) of this section.

(KK) "Employment placement service" means locating or finding employment for a person or finding or locating an employee to fill an available position.

(LL) "Exterminating service" means eradicating or attempting to eradicate vermin infestations from a building or structure, or the area surrounding a building or structure, and includes activities to inspect, detect, or prevent vermin infestation of a building or structure.

(MM) "Physical fitness facility service" means all transactions by which a membership is granted, maintained, or renewed, including initiation fees, membership dues, renewal fees, monthly minimum fees, and other similar

fees and dues, by a physical fitness facility such as an athletic club, health spa, or gymnasium, which entitles the member to use the facility for physical exercise.

(NN) "Recreation and sports club service" means all transactions by which a membership is granted, maintained, or renewed, including initiation fees, membership dues, renewal fees, monthly minimum fees, and other similar fees and dues, by a recreation and sports club, which entitles the member to use the facilities of the organization. "Recreation and sports club" means an organization that has ownership of, or controls or leases on a continuing, long-term basis, the facilities used by its members and includes an aviation club, gun or shooting club, yacht club, card club, swimming club, tennis club, golf club, country club, riding club, amateur sports club, or similar organization.

(OO) "Livestock" means farm animals commonly raised for food or food production, and includes but is not limited to cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and poultry. "Livestock" does not include invertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, horses, domestic pets, animals for use in laboratories or for exhibition, or other animals not commonly raised for food or food production.

(PP) "Livestock structure" means a building or structure used exclusively for the housing, raising, feeding, or sheltering of livestock, and includes feed storage or handling structures and structures for livestock waste handling.

(QQ) "Horticulture" means the growing, cultivation, and production of flowers, fruits, herbs, vegetables, sod, mushrooms, and nursery stock. As used in this division, "nursery stock" has the same meaning as in section 927.51 of the Revised Code.

(RR) "Horticulture structure" means a building or structure used exclusively for the commercial growing, raising, or overwintering of horticultural products, and includes the area used for stocking, storing, and packing horticultural products when done in conjunction with the production of those products.

(SS) "Newspaper" means an unbound publication bearing a title or name that is regularly published, at least as frequently as biweekly, and distributed from a fixed place of business to the public in a specific geographic area, and that contains a substantial amount of news matter of international, national, or local events of interest to the general public.

(TT) "Professional racing team" means a person that employs at least twenty full-time employees for the purpose of conducting a motor vehicle racing business for profit. The person must conduct the business with the

purpose of racing one or more motor racing vehicles in at least ten competitive professional racing events each year that comprise all or part of a motor racing series sanctioned by one or more motor racing sanctioning organizations. A "motor racing vehicle" means a vehicle for which the chassis, engine, and parts are designed exclusively for motor racing, and does not include a stock or production model vehicle that may be modified for use in racing. For the purposes of this division:

(1) A "competitive professional racing event" is a motor vehicle racing event sanctioned by one or more motor racing sanctioning organizations, at which aggregate cash prizes in excess of eight hundred thousand dollars are awarded to the competitors.

(2) "Full-time employee" means an individual who is employed for consideration for thirty-five or more hours a week, or who renders any other standard of service generally accepted by custom or specified by contract as full-time employment.

(UU)(1) "Prepaid authorization number" means a numeric or alphanumeric combination that represents a prepaid account that can be used by the account holder solely to obtain telecommunications service, and includes any renewals or increases in the prepaid account.

(2) "Prepaid telephone calling card" means a tangible item that contains a prepaid authorization number that can be used solely to obtain telecommunications service, and includes any renewals or increases in the prepaid account.

Sec. 5739.033. The amount of tax due pursuant to sections 5739.02, 5739.021, 5739.023, and 5739.026 of the Revised Code is the sum of the taxes imposed pursuant to those sections at the situs of the consummation of the sale as determined under this section.

(A) Except as otherwise provided in this section and division (C) of section 5739.031 of the Revised Code, all sales are conclusively determined to be consummated at the vendor's place of business.

(1) If the consumer or the consumer's agent takes possession of the tangible personal property at a place of business of the vendor where the purchase contract or agreement was made, the sale is consummated at that place of business.

(2) If the consumer or the consumer's agent takes possession of the tangible personal property other than at a place of business of the vendor, or takes possession at a warehouse or similar facility of the vendor, the sale is consummated at the vendor's place of business where the purchase contract or agreement was made or the purchase order was received.

(3) If the vendor provides a service specified in division (B)(3)(a), (b),

(c), (d), (n), or (o) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, the sale is consummated at the vendor's place of business where the service is performed or the contract or agreement for the service was made or the purchase order was received.

(B) If the vendor is a transient vendor as specified in division (B) of section 5739.17 of the Revised Code, the sale is conclusively determined to be consummated at the vendor's temporary place of business or, if the transient vendor is the lessor of titled motor vehicles, titled watercraft, or titled outboard motors, at the location where the lessee keeps the leased property.

(C) If the vendor is a limited vendor as specified in division (B) of section 5739.17 of the Revised Code, the sale is conclusively determined to be consummated at the temporary event at which the vendor is making sales.

(D) If the vendor makes sales of tangible personal property from a stock of goods carried in a motor vehicle, from which the purchaser makes selection and takes possession, or from which the vendor sells tangible personal property the quantity of which has not been determined prior to the time the purchaser takes possession, the sale is conclusively determined to be consummated at the location of the motor vehicle when the sale is made.

(E) If the vendor is a delivery vendor as specified in division (D) of section 5739.17 of the Revised Code, the sale is conclusively determined to be consummated at the place where the tangible personal property is delivered, where the leased property is used, or where the service is performed or received.

(F) If the vendor provides a service specified in division (B)(3)(e), (g), (h), (j), (k), (l), or (m) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, the sale is conclusively determined to be consummated at the location of the consumer where the service is performed or received.

(G) ~~¶~~ Except as provided in division (J) of this section, if the vendor provides a service specified in division (B)(3)(f) or (i) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, the sale is conclusively determined to be consummated at the location of the telephone number or account as reflected in the records of the vendor. If, in the case of a telecommunications service, the telephone number or account is located outside this state, the sale is conclusively determined to be consummated at the location in this state from which the service originated.

(H) If the vendor provides lodging to transient guests as specified in division (B)(2) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, the sale is conclusively determined to be consummated at the location where the lodging is located.

(I) If the vendor sells a warranty, maintenance or service contract, or similar agreement as specified in division (B)(7) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code and the vendor is a delivery vendor, the sale is conclusively determined to be consummated at the location of the consumer. If the vendor is not a delivery vendor, the sale is conclusively determined to be consummated at the vendor's place of business where the contract or agreement was made, unless the warranty or contract is a component of the sale of a titled motor vehicle, titled watercraft, or titled outboard motor, in which case the sale is conclusively determined to be consummated in the county of titling.

(J) Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the vendor sells a prepaid authorization number or a prepaid telephone calling card, the sale is conclusively determined to be consummated at the vendor's place of business and shall be taxed at the time of sale. If the vendor sells a prepaid authorization number or prepaid telephone calling card through a telephone call, electronic commerce, or any other form of remote commerce, the sale is conclusively determined to be made at the consumer's shipping address, or, if there is no item shipped, at the consumer's billing address.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 4165.01, 4165.02, 4165.03, 4165.04, 5739.01, and 5739.033 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Sections 5739.01 and 5739.033 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act, shall take effect January 1, 2000.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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