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Го	amend section 5739.02 of the Revised Code to exempt
	from the sales and use tax items used to assist
	handicapped persons in accessing or operating motor
	vehicles or to modify motor vehicles for the
	transportation of wheelchairs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

property taxes, permitted under constitutional limitations, and

Section 1. That section 5739.02 of the Revised Code be	6
amended to read as follows:	7
Sec. 5739.02. For the purpose of providing revenue with which	8
to meet the needs of the state, for the use of the general revenue	9
fund of the state, for the purpose of securing a thorough and	10
efficient system of common schools throughout the state, for the	11
purpose of affording revenues, in addition to those from general	12

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from other sources, for the support of local governmental	14
functions, and for the purpose of reimbursing the state for the	15
expense of administering this chapter, an excise tax is hereby	16
levied on each retail sale made in this state.	17
(A) The tax shall be collected pursuant to the schedules in	18
section 5739.025 of the Revised Code.	19
The tax applies and is collectible when the sale is made,	20
regardless of the time when the price is paid or delivered.	21
In the case of a sale, the price of which consists in whole	22
or in part of rentals for the use of the thing transferred, the	23
tax, as regards such rentals, shall be measured by the	24
installments thereof.	25
In the case of a sale of a service defined under division	26
(MM) or (NN) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, the price of	27
which consists in whole or in part of a membership for the receipt	28
of the benefit of the service, the tax applicable to the sale	29
shall be measured by the installments thereof.	30
(B) The tax does not apply to the following:	31
(1) Sales to the state or any of its political subdivisions,	32
or to any other state or its political subdivisions if the laws of	33
that state exempt from taxation sales made to this state and its	34
political subdivisions;	35
(2) Sales of food for human consumption off the premises	36
where sold;	37
(3) Sales of food sold to students only in a cafeteria,	38
dormitory, fraternity, or sorority maintained in a private,	39
public, or parochial school, college, or university;	40
(4) Sales of newspapers, and of magazine subscriptions	41
shipped by second class mail, and sales or transfers of magazines	42
distributed as controlled circulation publications;	43

- (5) The furnishing, preparing, or serving of meals without charge by an employer to an employee provided the employer records the meals as part compensation for services performed or work done;
- (6) Sales of motor fuel upon receipt, use, distribution, or sale of which in this state a tax is imposed by the law of this state, but this exemption shall not apply to the sale of motor fuel on which a refund of the tax is allowable under section 5735.14 of the Revised Code; and the tax commissioner may deduct the amount of tax levied by this section applicable to the price of motor fuel when granting a refund of motor fuel tax pursuant to section 5735.14 of the Revised Code and shall cause the amount deducted to be paid into the general revenue fund of this state;
- (7) Sales of natural gas by a natural gas company, of water by a water-works company, or of steam by a heating company, if in each case the thing sold is delivered to consumers through pipes or conduits, and all sales of communications services by a telephone or telegraph company, all terms as defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code;
- (8) Casual sales by a person, or auctioneer employed directly by the person to conduct such sales, except as to such sales of motor vehicles, watercraft or outboard motors required to be titled under section 1548.06 of the Revised Code, watercraft documented with the United States coast guard, snowmobiles, and all-purpose vehicles as defined in section 4519.01 of the Revised Code;
- (9) Sales of services or tangible personal property, other than motor vehicles, mobile homes, and manufactured homes, by churches, organizations exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or nonprofit organizations operated exclusively for charitable purposes as defined in division (B)(12) of this section, provided that the

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number of days on which such tangible personal property or services, other than items never subject to the tax, are sold does not exceed six in any calendar year. If the number of days on which such sales are made exceeds six in any calendar year, the church or organization shall be considered to be engaged in business and all subsequent sales by it shall be subject to the tax. In counting the number of days, all sales by groups within a church or within an organization shall be considered to be sales of that church or organization, except that sales made by separate student clubs and other groups of students of a primary or secondary school, and sales made by a parent-teacher association, booster group, or similar organization that raises money to support or fund curricular or extracurricular activities of a primary or secondary school, shall not be considered to be sales of such school, and sales by each such club, group, association, or organization shall be counted separately for purposes of the six-day limitation. This division does not apply to sales by a noncommercial educational radio or television broadcasting station.

- (10) Sales not within the taxing power of this state under the Constitution of the United States;
- (11) The transportation of persons or property, unless the transportation is by a private investigation and security service;
- (12) Sales of tangible personal property or services to churches, to organizations exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and to any other nonprofit organizations operated exclusively for charitable purposes in this state, no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which consists of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; sales to offices administering one or more homes for the aged or

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one or more hospital facilities exempt under section 140.08 of the Revised Code; and sales to organizations described in division (D) of section 5709.12 of the Revised Code.

"Charitable purposes" means the relief of poverty; the improvement of health through the alleviation of illness, disease, or injury; the operation of an organization exclusively for the provision of professional, laundry, printing, and purchasing services to hospitals or charitable institutions; the operation of a home for the aged, as defined in section 5701.13 of the Revised Code; the operation of a radio or television broadcasting station that is licensed by the federal communications commission as a noncommercial educational radio or television station; the operation of a nonprofit animal adoption service or a county humane society; the promotion of education by an institution of learning that maintains a faculty of qualified instructors, teaches regular continuous courses of study, and confers a recognized diploma upon completion of a specific curriculum; the operation of a parent-teacher association, booster group, or similar organization primarily engaged in the promotion and support of the curricular or extracurricular activities of a primary or secondary school; the operation of a community or area center in which presentations in music, dramatics, the arts, and related fields are made in order to foster public interest and education therein; the production of performances in music, dramatics, and the arts; or the promotion of education by an organization engaged in carrying on research in, or the dissemination of, scientific and technological knowledge and information primarily for the public.

Nothing in this division shall be deemed to exempt sales to any organization for use in the operation or carrying on of a trade or business, or sales to a home for the aged for use in the operation of independent living facilities as defined in division

(A) of section 5709.12 of the Revised Code.

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(13) Building and construction materials and services sold to	141
construction contractors for incorporation into a structure or	142
improvement to real property under a construction contract with	143
this state or a political subdivision thereof, or with the United	144
States government or any of its agencies; building and	145
construction materials and services sold to construction	146
contractors for incorporation into a structure or improvement to	147
real property that are accepted for ownership by this state or any	148
of its political subdivisions, or by the United States government	149
or any of its agencies at the time of completion of such	150
structures or improvements; building and construction materials	151
sold to construction contractors for incorporation into a	152
horticulture structure or livestock structure for a person engaged	153
in the business of horticulture or producing livestock; building	154
materials and services sold to a construction contractor for	155
incorporation into a house of public worship or religious	156
education, or a building used exclusively for charitable purposes	157
under a construction contract with an organization whose purpose	158
is as described in division (B)(12) of this section; building	159
materials and services sold to a construction contractor for	160
incorporation into a building under a construction contract with	161
an organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of	162
the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 when the building is to be used	163
exclusively for the organization's exempt purposes; building and	164
construction materials sold for incorporation into the original	165
construction of a sports facility under section 307.696 of the	166
Revised Code; and building and construction materials and services	167
sold to a construction contractor for incorporation into real	168
property outside this state if such materials and services, when	169
sold to a construction contractor in the state in which the real	170
property is located for incorporation into real property in that	171

agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture; or material and parts for incorporation into any such tangible personal property for use or consumption in production; and of tangible personal property for such use or consumption in the conditioning or holding of products produced by and for such use, consumption, or sale by persons engaged in farming, agriculture, horticulture, or floriculture, except where such property is incorporated into real property;

(18) Sales of drugs dispensed by a licensed pharmacist upon the order of a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs to a human being, as the term "licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs" is defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code; insulin as recognized in the official United States pharmacopoeia; urine and blood testing materials when used by diabetics or persons with hypoglycemia to test for glucose or acetone; hypodermic syringes and needles when used by diabetics for insulin injections; epoetin alfa when purchased for use in the treatment of persons with end-stage renal disease; hospital beds when purchased for use by persons with medical problems for medical purposes; and oxygen and oxygen-dispensing equipment when purchased for use by persons with medical problems for medical purposes;

(19)(a) Sales of artificial limbs or portion thereof, breast prostheses, and other prosthetic devices for humans; braces or other devices for supporting weakened or nonfunctioning parts of the human body; wheelchairs; devices used to lift wheelchairs into motor vehicles and parts and accessories to such devices; crutches or other devices to aid human perambulation; and items of tangible personal property used to supplement impaired functions of the human body such as respiration, hearing, or elimination;

(b) Sales of wheelchairs; items incorporated into or used in conjunction with a motor vehicle for the purpose of transporting

organization in Ohio that is either incorporated and issued a charter by the congress of the United States or is recognized by the United States veterans administration, for use by the headquarters;

- (34) Sales to a telecommunications service vendor of tangible personal property and services used directly and primarily in transmitting, receiving, switching, or recording any interactive, two-way electromagnetic communications, including voice, image, data, and information, through the use of any medium, including, but not limited to, poles, wires, cables, switching equipment, computers, and record storage devices and media, and component parts for the tangible personal property. The exemption provided in division (B)(34) of this section shall be in lieu of all other exceptions under division (E)(2) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code to which a telecommunications service vendor may otherwise be entitled based upon the use of the thing purchased in providing the telecommunications service.
- "Investment metal bullion" means any elementary precious metal that has been put through a process of smelting or refining, including, but not limited to, gold, silver, platinum, and palladium, and which is in such state or condition that its value depends upon its content and not upon its form. "Investment metal bullion" does not include fabricated precious metal that has been processed or manufactured for one or more specific and customary industrial, professional, or artistic uses. "Investment coins" means numismatic coins or other forms of money and legal tender manufactured of gold, silver, platinum, palladium, or other metal under the laws of the United States or any foreign nation with a fair market value greater than any statutory or nominal value of such coins.
 - (36)(a) Sales where the purpose of the consumer is to use or

a vanpool ridesharing arrangement to persons participating in the

vanpool ridesharing arrangement when the vendor is selling the

vehicle pursuant to a contract between the vendor and the

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maintenance of the production, transmission, or distribution system, including only those motor vehicles as are specially designed and equipped for such use. The exemption provided in this division shall be in lieu of all other exceptions in division

(E)(2) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code to which a provider of electricity may otherwise be entitled based on the use of the tangible personal property or service purchased in generating, transmitting, or distributing electricity.

For the purpose of the proper administration of this chapter, and to prevent the evasion of the tax, it is presumed that all sales made in this state are subject to the tax until the contrary is established.

As used in this section, except in division (B)(16) of this section, "food" includes cereals and cereal products, milk and milk products including ice cream, meat and meat products, fish and fish products, eggs and egg products, vegetables and vegetable products, fruits, fruit products, and pure fruit juices, condiments, sugar and sugar products, coffee and coffee substitutes, tea, and cocoa and cocoa products. It does not include: spirituous or malt liquors; soft drinks; sodas and beverages that are ordinarily dispensed at bars and soda fountains or in connection therewith, other than coffee, tea, and cocoa; root beer and root beer extracts; malt and malt extracts; mineral oils, cod liver oils, and halibut liver oil; medicines, including tonics, vitamin preparations, and other products sold primarily for their medicinal properties; and water, including mineral, bottled, and carbonated waters, and ice.

- (C) The levy of an excise tax on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests pursuant to this section and division (B) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code does not prevent any of the following:
 - (1) A municipal corporation or township from levying an

excise tax for any lawful purpose not to exceed three per cent on transactions by which lodging by a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests in addition to the tax levied by this section. If a municipal corporation or township repeals a tax imposed under division (C)(1) of this section and a county in which the municipal corporation or township has territory has a tax imposed under division (C) of section 5739.024 of the Revised Code in effect, the municipal corporation or township may not reimpose its tax as long as that county tax remains in effect. A municipal corporation or township in which a tax is levied under division (B)(2) of section 351.021 of the Revised Code may not increase the rate of its tax levied under division (C)(1) of this section to any rate that would cause the total taxes levied under both of those divisions to exceed three per cent on any lodging transaction within the municipal corporation or township.

- (2) A municipal corporation or a township from levying an additional excise tax not to exceed three per cent on such transactions pursuant to division (B) of section 5739.024 of the Revised Code. Such tax is in addition to any tax imposed under division (C)(1) of this section.
- (3) A county from levying an excise tax pursuant to division
 (A) of section 5739.024 of the Revised Code.
- (4) A county from levying an excise tax not to exceed three per cent of such transactions pursuant to division (C) of section 5739.024 of the Revised Code. Such a tax is in addition to any tax imposed under division (C)(3) of this section.
- (5) A convention facilities authority, as defined in division (A) of section 351.01 of the Revised Code, from levying the excise taxes provided for in division (B) of section 351.021 of the Revised Code.
 - (6) A county from levying an excise tax not to exceed one and

this act.