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Short Title:	Study Special Tax Reduction Provisions.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Gibson.	
Referred to:		

1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO REQUIE	RE THE REVENUE LAWS STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY
3	_	ONS IN THE NORTH CAROLINA TAX CODE.
4	The General Assembly of	
5	•	The Revenue Laws Study Committee may study issues relating to the
6		es of government-enacted tax incentives, exemptions, credits, refunds,
7		a repeal or modification of any of the following tax provisions:
8		ncentive provisions:
9	a.	Article 3A. Tax Incentives For New And Expanding Businesses.
10	b.	Article 3B. Business And Energy Tax Credits.
11	c.	Article 3C. Tax Incentives For Recycling Facilities.
12	d.	Article 3D. Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits.
13	e.	Article 3E. Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.
14	f.	Article 3F. Research and Development.
15	g.	Article 3G. Tax Incentives for Major Manufacturing Facilities.
16	h.	Article 3H. Mill Rehabilitation Tax Credit.
17	i.	Article 3J. Tax Credits for Growing Businesses.
18	j.	Article 3K. Tax Incentives for Railroad Intermodal Facilities.
19	k.	Article 5F. Manufacturing Fuel and Certain Machinery and
20		Equipment.
21	(2) Corpo	orate income tax liability provisions:
22	a.	G.S. 105-130.8. Net economic loss.
23	b.	G.S. 105-130.9. Contributions.
24	c.	G.S. 105-130.22. Tax credit for construction of dwelling units for
25		handicapped persons.
26	d.	G.S. 105-130.25. Credit against corporate income tax for
27		construction of cogenerating power plants.
28	e.	G.S. 105-130.34. Credit for certain real property donations.
29	f.	G.S. 105-130.36. Credit for conservation tillage equipment.
30	g.	G.S. 105-130.37. Credit for gleaned crop.
31	h.	G.S. 105-130.39. Credit for certain telephone subscriber line charges.
32	i.	G.S. 105-130.41. Credit for North Carolina State Ports Authority
33		wharfage, handling, and throughput charges.
34	j.	G.S. 105-130.43. Credit for savings and loan supervisory fees.



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1		k. G.S. 105-130.44. Credit for construction of poultry composting
2		facility.
3		1. G.S. 105-130.45. Credit for manufacturing cigarettes for exportation.
4		m. G.S. 105-130.46. Credit for manufacturing cigarettes for exportation
5		while increasing employment and utilizing State Ports.
6		n. G.S. 105-130.47. Credit for qualifying expenses of a production
7		company.
8		o. G.S. 105-130.48. Credit for recycling oyster shells.
9	(3)	Rewriting G.S. 105-130.5, adjustments to federal taxable income in
10		determining State net income for corporate income tax purposes, as provided
11		in section 2 of this act.
12	(4)	Personal income tax liability provisions:
13		a. G.S. 105-151.1. Credit for construction of dwelling units for
14		handicapped persons.
15		b. G.S. 105-151.11. Credit for child care and certain
16		employment-related expenses.
17		c. G.S. 105-151.12. Credit for certain real property donations.
18		d. G.S. 105-151.13. Credit for conservation tillage equipment.
19		e. G.S. 105-151.14. Credit for gleaned crop.
20		f. G.S. 105-151.18. Credit for the disabled.
21		g. G.S. 105-151.20. Credit or partial refund for tax paid on certain
22		federal retirement benefits.
23		h. G.S. 105-151.21. Credit for property taxes paid on farm machinery.
24		i. G.S. 105-151.22. Credit for North Carolina State Ports Authority
25		wharfage, handling, and throughput charges.
26		j. G.S. 105-151.24. Credit for children.
27		k. G.S. 105-151.25. Credit for construction of a poultry composting
28		facility.
29		1. G.S. 105-151.26. Credit for charitable contributions by nonitemizers.
30		m. G.S. 105-151.28. Credit for premiums paid on long-term care
31		insurance.
32		n. G.S. 105-151.29. Credit for qualifying expenses of a production
33		company.
34		o. G.S. 105-151.30. Credit for recycling oyster shells.
35		p. G.S. 105-151.31. Earned income tax credit.
36		q. G.S. 105-151.32. Credit for adoption expenses.
37		r. Part 5 of Article 4 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes.
38	(5)	Rewriting G.S. 105-134.6, adjustments to taxable income for individual
39		income tax purposes, as provided in section 3 of this act.
40	(6)	Sales and use tax liability provisions:
41		a. G.S. 105-164.13A. Service charges on food, beverages, or meals.
42		b. G.S. 105-164.13B. Food exempt from tax.
43		c. G.S. 105-164.13C. Sales and use tax holiday.
44		d. G.S. 105-164.13D. Sales and use tax holiday for Energy Star
45		qualified products.
46		e. G.S. 105-164.14. Certain refunds authorized.
47	(7)	Rewriting G.S. 105-164.13, exemptions from retail sales and use taxes, as
48		provided in section 4 of this act.
49	(8)	Miscellaneous tax liability provisions:
50		a. G.S. 105-40. Amusements – Certain exhibitions, performances, and
51		entertainments exempt from tax.

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- (6) Amortization in excess of depreciation allowed under the Code on the cost of any sewage or waste treatment plant, and facilities or equipment used for purposes of recycling or resource recovery of or from solid waste, or for purposes of reducing the volume of hazardous waste generated as provided in G.S. 105-130.10.
- (7) Depreciation of emergency facilities acquired prior to January 1, 1955. Any corporation shall be permitted to depreciate any emergency facility, as such is defined in section 168 of the Code, over its useful life, provided such facility was acquired prior to January 1, 1955, and no amortization has been claimed on such facility for State income tax purposes.
- (8) The amount of losses realized on the sale or other disposition of assets not allowed under section 1211(a) of the Code. All losses recognized on the sale or other disposition of assets must be included in determining State net income or loss in the year of disposition.
- (9) With respect to a shareholder of a regulated investment company, the portion of undistributed capital gains of such regulated investment company included in such shareholder's federal taxable income and on which the federal tax paid by the regulated investment company is allowed as a credit or refund to the shareholder under section 852 of the Code.
- (10) Repealed by Session Laws 1987, c. 778, s. 2.
- (11) If a deduction for an ordinary and necessary business expense was required to be reduced or was not allowed under the Code because the corporation claimed a federal tax credit against its federal income tax liability for the income year in lieu of a deduction, the amount by which the deduction was reduced and the amount of the deduction that was disallowed. This deduction is allowed only to the extent that a similar credit is not allowed by this Chapter for the amount.
- (12) Reasonable expenses, in excess of deductions allowed under the Code, paid for reforestation and cultivation of commercially grown trees; provided, that this deduction shall be allowed only to those corporations in which the real owners of all the shares of such corporation are natural persons actively engaged in the commercial growing of trees, or the spouse, siblings, or parents of such persons. Provided, further, that in no case shall a corporation be allowed a deduction for the same reforestation or cultivation expenditure more than once.
- (13) The eligible income of an international banking facility to the extent included in determining federal taxable income, determined as follows:
 - a. "International banking facility" shall have the same meaning as is set forth in the laws of the United States or regulations of the board of governors of the federal reserve system.
 - b. The eligible income of an international banking facility for the taxable year shall be an amount obtained by multiplying State taxable income as determined under G.S. 105-130.3 (determined without regard to eligible income of an international banking facility and allocation and apportionment, if applicable) for such year by a fraction, the denominator of which shall be the gross receipts for such year derived by the bank from all sources, and the numerator of which shall be the adjusted gross receipts for such year derived by the international banking facility from:

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1 2		1. Making, arranging for, placing or servicing loans to	_
3		persons substantially all the proceeds of which are outside the United States;	tor use
4		2. Making or placing deposits with foreign persons wh	ich are
5		banks or foreign branches of banks (including	
6		subsidiaries or foreign branches of the taxpayer) or wit	
7		international banking facilities; or	
8		3. Entering into foreign exchange trading or h	edging
9		transactions related to any of the transactions described	
10		paragraph.	
11		c. The adjusted gross receipts shall be determined by multiply	ing the
12		gross receipts of the international banking facility by a fract	
13		numerator of which is the average amount for the taxable year	
14		assets of the international banking facility which are em	iployec
15		outside the United States and the denominator of which	is the
16		average amount for the taxable year of all assets of the intern	iationa
17		banking facility.	
18		d. For the purposes of this subsection the term "foreign person" n	neans:
19		 An individual who is not a resident of the United States 	s:,
20		2. A foreign corporation, a foreign partnership or a foreign	n trust,
21		as defined in section 7701 of the Code, other than a de	əmestic
22		branch thereof;	
23		3. A foreign branch of a domestic corporation (include	ing the
24		taxpayer);	
25		4. A foreign government or an international organization	n or ar
26		agency of either, or	
27		 An international banking facility. 	
28		For purposes of this paragraph, the terms "foreign	
29		"domestic" shall have the same meaning as set forth in section	n 7701
30		of the Code.	
31	(14)	The amount by which the basis of a depreciable asset is required	
32		reduced under the Code for federal tax purposes because of a tax	
33		allowed against the corporation's federal income tax liability. This de-	
34		may be claimed only in the year in which the Code requires that the	
35		basis be reduced. In computing gain or loss on the asset's disposition	on, this
36	(15)	deduction shall be considered as depreciation.	15.0
37	(15)	The amount paid during the income year, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 144	
38		marketing assessments on tobacco grown by the corporation in	-Nortr
39	(16)	Carolina.	
40 41	(16)	The amount of natural gas expansion surcharges collected by a natural distribution company under C.S. 62.158	i rai gas
41	(17)	local distribution company under G.S. 62 158.	dunda
43	(17)	To the extent included in federal taxable income, 911 charges imposed G.S. 62A 43 and remitted to the 911 Fund under that section.	a unue i
44 44	(18)	Interest, investment earnings, and gains of a trust, the settlors of wh	sich ore
45	(10)	two or more manufacturers that signed a settlement agreement with	
46		State to settle existing and potential claims of the State again	
47		manufacturers for damages attributable to a product of the manufacturers	
48		the trust meets all of the following conditions:	110 13, 11
49		a. The purpose of the trust is to address adverse eco	onomic
50		consequences resulting from a decline in demand	
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manufactured product potentially expected to occur because of market restrictions and other provisions in the settlement agreement.

- b. A court of this State approves and retains jurisdiction over the trust.
- c. Certain portions of the distributions from the trust are made in accordance with certifications that meet the criteria in the agreement creating the trust and are provided by a nonprofit entity, the governing board of which includes State officials.
- (19) To the extent included in federal taxable income, the amount paid to the taxpayer during the taxable year from the Hurricane Floyd Reserve Fund in the Office of State Budget and Management for hurricane relief or assistance, but not including payments for goods or services provided by the taxpayer.
- (20) Royalty payments received from a related member who added the payments to income under G.S. 105-130.7A for the same taxable year.
- (21) In each of the taxpayer's first five taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, an amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the amount added to taxable income in a previous year as accelerated depreciation under subdivision (a)(15) of this section.
- (21a) (Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008) In each of the taxpayer's first five taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, an amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the amount added to taxable income in taxable year 2008 as accelerated depreciation under subdivision (a)(15a) of this section.
- (22) To the extent included in federal taxable income, the amount paid to the taxpayer during the taxable year from the Disaster Relief Reserve Fund in the Office of State Budget and Management for hurricane relief or assistance, but not including payments for goods or services provided by the taxpayer.
- (23) A dividend received from a captive REIT, as defined in G.S. 105-130.12.
- (24) (Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, and expiring for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015) Five percent (5%) of the gross purchase price of a qualified sale of a manufactured home community. A qualified sale is a transfer of land comprising a manufactured home community in a single purchase to a group composed of a majority of the manufactured home community leaseholders or to a nonprofit organization that represents such a group. To be eligible for this deduction, a taxpayer must give notice of the sale to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency under G.S. 42-14.3.
- (c) The following other adjustments to federal taxable income shall be made in determining State net income:

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- (5) A savings and loan association may deduct interest earned on deposits at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, or its successor, to the extent included in federal taxable income.
- (d) Repealed by Session Laws 1987, c. 778, s. 3.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any recapture of depreciation required under the Code must be included in a corporation's State net income to the extent required for federal income tax purposes.
 - (f) Expired."

SECTION 3. Pursuant to section 1(5) of this act, the study includes a proposed rewrite of G.S. 105-134.5 to read:

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"§ 105-134.6. Adjustments to taxable income.

- (a) S Corporations. Each shareholder's pro rata share of an S Corporation's income is subject to the adjustments provided in this section.
- (b) Deductions. The following deductions from taxable income shall be made in calculating North Carolina taxable income, to the extent each item is included in taxable income:
 - (1) Interest upon the obligations of any of the following:
 - a. Thethe United States or its possessions.
 - b. This State, a political subdivision of this State, or a commission, an authority, or another agency of this State or of a political subdivision of this State.
 - c. A nonprofit educational institution organized or chartered under the laws of this State.
 - (2) Gain from the disposition of obligations issued before July 1, 1995, to the extent the gain is exempt from tax under the laws of this State.
 - (3) Benefits received under Title II of the Social Security Act and amounts received from retirement annuities or pensions paid under the provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937.
 - (4) Repealed by Session Laws 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1002, s. 2.
 - (5) Refunds of state, local, and foreign income taxes included in the taxpayer's gross income.
 - (5a) Reserved.
 - (5b) The amount received during the taxable year from one or more State, local, or federal government retirement plans to the extent the amount is exempt from tax under this Part pursuant to a court order in settlement of the following cases: Bailey v. State, 92 CVS 10221, 94 CVS 6904, 95 CVS 6625, 95 CVS 8230; Emory v. State, 98 CVS 0738; and Patton v. State, 95 CVS 04346. Amounts deducted under this subdivision may not also be deducted under subdivision (6) of this subsection.
 - (6) a. An amount, not to exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000), equal to the sum of the amount calculated in subparagraph b. plus the amount calculated in subparagraph c.
 - b. The amount calculated in this subparagraph is the amount received during the taxable year from one or more state, local, or federal government retirement plans.
 - c. The amount calculated in this subparagraph is the amount received during the taxable year from one or more retirement plans other than state, local, or federal government retirement plans, not to exceed a total of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in any taxable year.
 - d. In the case of a married couple filing a joint return where both spouses received retirement benefits during the taxable year, the maximum dollar amounts provided in this subdivision for various types of retirement benefits apply separately to each spouse's benefits.
 - (7) Recodified as G.S. 105-134.6(d)(1).
 - (8) Recodified as G.S. 105-134.6(d)(2).
 - (9) Income that is (i) earned or received by an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe and (ii) derived from activities on a federally recognized Indian reservation while the member resides on the reservation. Income from intangibles having a situs on the reservation and retirement

- income associated with activities on the reservation are considered income derived from activities on the reservation.
- (10) The amount by which the basis of property under this Article exceeds the basis of the property under the Code, in the year the taxpayer disposes of the property.
- (11) Severance wages received by a taxpayer from an employer as the result of the taxpayer's permanent, involuntary termination from employment through no fault of the employee. The amount of severance wages deducted as the result of the same termination may not exceed thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for all taxable years in which the wages are received.
- (12) Repealed by Session Laws 1998-171, s. 2, effective October 1, 1998.
- (13) Repealed by Session Laws 2002-126, s. 30C.4, effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2002.
- (14) The amount paid to the taxpayer by the State under G.S. 148-84 as compensation for pecuniary loss suffered by reason of erroneous conviction and imprisonment.
- (15) Interest, investment earnings, and gains of a trust, the settlors of which are two or more manufacturers that signed a settlement agreement with this State to settle existing and potential claims of the State against the manufacturers for damages attributable to a product of the manufacturers, if the trust meets all of the following conditions:
 - a. The purpose of the trust is to address adverse economic consequences resulting from a decline in demand of the manufactured product potentially expected to occur because of market restrictions and other provisions in the settlement agreement.
 - b. A court of this State approves and retains jurisdiction over the trust.
 - c. Certain portions of the distributions from the trust are made in accordance with certifications that meet the criteria in the agreement creating the trust and are provided by a nonprofit entity, the governing board of which includes State officials.
- (16) The amount paid to the taxpayer during the taxable year from the Hurricane Floyd Reserve Fund in the Office of State Budget and Management for hurricane relief or assistance, but not including payments for goods or services provided by the taxpayer.
- (17) In each of the taxpayer's first five taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, an amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the amount added to taxable income in a previous year as accelerated depreciation under subdivision (c)(8) of this section.
- (17a) (Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008) In each of the taxpayer's first five taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, an amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the amount added to taxable income in taxable year 2008 as accelerated depreciation under subdivision (c)(8a) of this section.
- (18) The amount paid to the taxpayer during the taxable year from the Disaster Relief Reserve Fund in the Office of State Budget and Management for hurricane relief or assistance, but not including payments for goods or services provided by the taxpayer.
- (19) (Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008 and expires for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015) Five percent (5%) of the gross purchase price of a qualified sale of a manufactured home community. A qualified sale is a transfer of land

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comprising a manufactured home community in a single purchase to a group composed of a majority of the manufactured home community leaseholders or to a nonprofit organization that represents such a group. To be eligible for this deduction, a taxpayer must give notice of the sale to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency under G.S. 42-14.3.

- (d) Other Adjustments. The following adjustments to taxable income shall be made in calculating North Carolina taxable income:
 - The amount of inheritance or estate tax attributable to an item of income in (1) respect of a decedent required to be included in gross income under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.5, 105-134.6, and 105-134.7, may be deducted in the year the item of income is included. The amount of inheritance or estate tax attributable to an item of income in respect of a decedent is (i) the amount by which the inheritance or estate tax paid under Article 1 or 1A of this Chapter on property transferred to a beneficiary by a decedent exceeds the amount of the tax that would have been payable by the beneficiary if the item of income in respect of a decedent had not been included in the property transferred to the beneficiary by the decedent, (ii) multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount required to be included in gross income for the taxable year under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.5, 105-134.6, and 105-134.7, and the denominator of which is the total amount of income in respect of a decedent transferred to the beneficiary by the decedent. For an estate or trust, the deduction allowed by this subdivision shall be computed by excluding from the gross income of the estate or trust the portion, if any, of the items of income in respect of a decedent that are properly paid, credited, or to be distributed to the beneficiaries during the taxable year.

The Secretary may provide to a beneficiary of an item of income in respect of a decedent any information contained on an inheritance or estate tax return that the beneficiary needs to compute the deduction allowed by this subdivision.

- (2) The taxpayer may deduct the amount by which the taxpayer's deductions allowed under the Code were reduced, and the amount of the taxpayer's deductions that were not allowed, because the taxpayer elected a federal tax eredit in lieu of a deduction. This deduction is allowed only to the extent that a similar credit is not allowed by this Chapter for the amount.
- (3) The taxpayer shall add to taxable income the amount of any recovery during the taxable year not included in taxable income, to the extent the taxpayer's deduction of the recovered amount in a prior taxable year reduced the taxpayer's tax imposed by this Part but, due to differences between the Code and this Part, did not reduce the amount of the taxpayer's tax imposed by the Code. The taxpayer may deduct from taxable income the amount of any recovery during the taxable year included in taxable income under section 111 of the Code, to the extent the taxpayer's deduction of the recovered amount in a prior taxable year reduced the taxpayer's tax imposed by the Code but, due to differences between the Code and this Part, did not reduce the amount of the taxpayer's tax imposed by this Part.
- (4) (Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007 and beginning before January 1, 2012) A taxpayer may deduct from taxable income the amount, not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), contributed to an account in the Parental Savings Trust Fund of the

1 Education Assistance Authority established pursuant 2 G.S. 116 209.25. In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, the 3 maximum dollar amount of the deduction is five thousand dollars (\$5,000). 4 (Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012) A (4) 5 taxpayer whose adjusted gross income (AGI), as calculated under the Code, 6 is less than the amount listed in this subdivision may deduct from taxable 7 income the amount, not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars 8 (\$2,500), contributed to an account in the Parental Savings Trust Fund of the 9 State Education Assistance Authority established pursuant to 10 G.S. 116-209.25. In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, the 11 maximum dollar amount of the deduction is five thousand dollars (\$5,000). 12 Filing Status **AGI** \$100,000 13 Married, filing jointly 14 Head of Household 80,000 15 Single 60,000 16 Married, filing separately 50,000 17 (5)The taxpayer shall add to taxable income the amount deducted from taxable 18 income in a prior taxable year under subdivision (4) of this subsection to the 19 extent this amount was withdrawn from the Parental Savings Trust Fund of 20 the State Education Assistance Authority established pursuant to G.S. 116-209.25 and not used to pay for the qualified higher education 21 22 expenses of the designated beneficiary, unless the withdrawal was made 23 without penalty under section 529 of the Code due to the death or permanent 24 disability of the designated beneficiary. 25 A taxpayer who is an eligible firefighter or an eligible rescue squad worker (6) 26 may deduct from taxable income the sum of two hundred fifty dollars 27 (\$250.00). In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, each spouse 28 may qualify separately for the deduction allowed under this subdivision. In 29 order to claim the deduction allowed under this subdivision, the taxpayer 30 must submit with the tax return any documentation required by the 31 Secretary. An individual may not claim a deduction as both an eligible 32 firefighter and as an eligible rescue squad worker in a single taxable year. 33 The following definitions apply in this subdivision: 34 Eligible firefighter. - An unpaid member of a volunteer fire 35 department who attended at least 36 hours of fire department drills 36 and meetings during the taxable year. 37 b. Eligible rescue squad worker. An unpaid member of a volunteer 38 rescue or emergency medical services squad who attended at least 36 39 hours of rescue squad training and meetings during the taxable year."

SECTION 4. Pursuant to section 1(7) of this act, the study includes a proposed rewrite of G.S. 105-164.13 to read:

"§ 105-164.13. Retail sales and use tax.

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The sale at retail and the use, storage, or consumption in this State of the following tangible personal property and services are specifically exempted from the tax imposed by this Article:

Agricultural Group.

(1) Any of the following items sold to a farmer for use by the farmer in the planting, cultivating, harvesting, or curing of farm crops or in the production of dairy products, eggs, or animals. A "farmer" includes a dairy operator, a poultry farmer, an egg producer, a livestock farmer, a farmer of crops, and a farmer of an aquatic species, as defined in G.S. 106-758.

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- Commercial fertilizer, lime, land plaster, plastic mulch, plant bed covers, potting soil, baler twine, and seeds. b. Farm machinery, attachment and repair parts for farm machinery, and lubricants applied to farm machinery. The term "machinery" includes implements that have moving parts or are operated or drawn by an animal. The term does not include implements operated wholly by hand or motor vehicles required to be registered under Chapter 20 of the General Statutes. A horse or mule. c. d. (Effective until July 1, 2010 – see notes) Fuel other than electricity.
- (Effective July 1, 2010 -see notes) Fuel. d.
- (1a) Sales of the following to a farmer, as defined in subdivision (1) of this section:
 - A container used for a purpose set out in subdivision (1) of this a. section or in packaging and transporting the farmer's product for sale.
 - b. A grain, feed, or soybean storage facility, and parts and accessories attached to the facility.
- (1b) (Effective July 1, 2010 - see notes) Electricity sold to a farmer to be used for any farming purpose other than preparing food, heating dwellings, and other household purposes.
- (2) Repealed by Session Laws 2001, c. 514, s. 1, effective February 1, 2002.
- (2a) Any of the following substances when purchased for use on animals or plants, as appropriate, held or produced for commercial purposes. This exemption does not apply to any equipment or devices used to administer, release, apply, or otherwise dispense these substances:
 - Remedies, vaccines, medications, litter materials, and feeds for animals.
 - Rodenticides, insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and pesticides. b.
 - Defoliants for use on cotton or other crops. e.
 - Plant growth inhibitors, regulators, or stimulators, including systemic d. and contact or other sucker control agents for tobacco and other crops.
 - Semen. e.
- (3) Products of forests and mines in their original or unmanufactured state when such sales are made by the producer in the capacity of producer.
- (4) Cotton, tobacco, peanuts or other farm products sold to manufacturers for further manufacturing or processing.
- (4a) Baby chicks and poults sold for commercial poultry or egg production.
- (4b)Products of a farm sold in their original state by the producer of the products if the producer is not primarily a retail merchant and ice used to preserve agriculture, aquaculture and commercial fishery products until the products are sold at retail.
- (4c) Any of the following items concerning the housing, raising, or feeding of animals:
 - Commercially manufactured facilities to be used for commercial a. purposes for housing, raising, or feeding animals or for housing equipment necessary for these commercial activities.
 - Building materials, supplies, fixtures, and equipment that become a b. part of and are used in the construction, repair, or improvement of an enclosure or a structure specifically designed, constructed, and used

1		for housing, raising, or feeding animals or for housing equipment
2		necessary for one of these commercial activities.
3		c. Commercially manufactured equipment, and parts and accessories
4		for the equipment, used in a facility that is exempt from tax under
5		this subdivision or in an enclosure or a structure whose building
6		materials are exempt from tax under this subdivision.
7	(4d)	Any of the following tobacco items:
8		a. The lease or rental of tobacco sheets used in handling tobacco in the
9		warehouse and transporting tobacco to and from the warehouse.
10		b. A metal flue sold for use in curing tobacco, whether the flue is
11		attached to a handfired furnace or used in connection with a
12		mechanical burner.
13		c. A bulk tobacco barn or rack, parts and accessories attached to the
14		tobacco barn or rack, and any similar apparatus, part, or accessory
15		used to cure or dry tobacco or another crop.
16	(4e)	Repealed by Session Laws 2006-162, s. 8(b), effective July 24, 2006.
17	(4f)	Sales of the following to a person who is engaged in the commercial logging
18	(/	business:
19		a. Logging machinery. Logging machinery is machinery used to
20		harvest raw forest products for transport to first market.
21		b. Attachments and repair parts for logging machinery.
22		c. Lubricants applied to logging machinery.
23		d. Fuel used to operate logging machinery.
24		Industrial Group.
25	(5)	Manufactured products produced and sold by manufacturers or producers to
26	(3)	other manufacturers, producers, or registered retailers or wholesale
27		merchants, for the purpose of resale except as modified by
28		G.S. 105-164.3(51). This exemption does not extend to or include retail sales
29		to users or consumers not for resale.
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31	(5a) (5b)	Products that are subject to tax under Article 5F of this Chapter.
32	(30)	Sales to a telephone company regularly engaged in providing telephone
33		service to subscribers on a commercial basis of central office equipment,
		switchboard equipment, private branch exchange equipment, terminal
34		equipment other than public pay telephone terminal equipment, and parts
35	(5 -)	and accessories attached to the equipment.
36	(5c)	Sales of towers, broadcasting equipment, and parts and accessories attached
37		to the equipment to a radio or television company licensed by the Federal
38	(5.1)	Communications Commission.
39	(5d)	Sales of broadcasting equipment and parts and accessories attached to the
40		equipment to a cable service provider. For the purposes of this subdivision,
41	(>	"broadcasting equipment" does not include cable.
42	(6)	Repealed by Session Laws 1989 (Regular Session, 1990), c. 1068, s. 1.
43	(7)	Sales of products of waters in their original or unmanufactured state when
44		such sales are made by the producer in the capacity of producer. Fish and
45		seafoods are likewise exempt when sold by the fisherman in that capacity.
46	(8)	Sales to a manufacturer of tangible personal property that enters into or
47		becomes an ingredient or component part of tangible personal property that
48		is manufactured. This exemption does not apply to sales of electricity.
49	(8a)	Sales to a small power production facility, as defined in 16 U.S.C. §
50		796(17)(A), of fuel used by the facility to generate electricity.

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Over-the-counter drugs sold on prescription.

Drugs required by federal law to be dispensed only on prescription.

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1	(13a)	Repealed by Session Laws 1996, Second Extra Session, c. 14, s. 16.
2	(13b)	Repealed by Session Laws 1999, c. 438, s. 7, effective October 1, 1999.
3	(13c)	Nutritional supplements sold by a chiropractic physician at a chiropractic
4		office to a patient as part of the patient's plan of treatment, as authorized by
5		G.S. 90-151.1.
6		Printed Materials Group.
7	(14)	Public school books on the adopted list, the selling price of which is fixed by
8		State contract.
9	(14a)	Recodified as subdivision (33a) by Session Laws 2000-120, s. 5, effective
10		July 14, 2000.
11		Transactions Group.
12	(15)	Accounts of purchasers, representing taxable sales, on which the tax
13		imposed by this Article has been paid, that are found to be worthless and
14		actually charged off for income tax purposes may, at corresponding periods,
15		be deducted from gross sales. In the case of a municipality that sells
16		electricity, the account may be deducted if it meets all the conditions for
17		charge-off that would apply if the municipality were subject to income tax.
18		Any accounts deducted pursuant to this subdivision must be added to gross
19		sales if afterwards collected.
20	(16)	Sales of an article repossessed by the vendor if tax was paid on the sales
21	, ,	price of the article.
22		Exempt Status Group.
23	(17)	Sales which a state would be without power to tax under the limitations of
24	, ,	the Constitution or laws of the United States or under the Constitution of this
25		State.
26		Unclassified Group.
27	(18)	Repealed by Session Laws 2005-276, s. 33.9, effective January 1, 2006.
28	(19)	Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 618, s. 1.
29	(20)	Sales by blind merchants operating under supervision of the Department of
30	` /	Health and Human Services.
31	(21)	The lease or rental of motion picture films used for exhibition purposes
32	` /	where the lease or rental of such property is an established business or part
33		of an established business or the same is incidental or germane to said
34		business of the lessee.
35	(22)	The lease or rental of films, motion picture films, transcriptions and
36	(22)	recordings to radio stations and television stations operating under a
37		certificate from the Federal Communications Commission.
38	(22a)	Sales of audiovisual masters made or used by a production company in
39	(224)	making visual and audio images for first generation reproduction. For the
40		purpose of this subdivision, an "audiovisual master" is an audio or video
41		film, tape, or disk or another audio or video storage device from which all
42		other copies are made.
43	(23)	Sales of the following packaging items:
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45		a. Wrapping paper, labels, wrapping twine, paper, cloth, plastic bags, cartons, packages and containers, cores, cones or spools, wooden
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47		boxes, baskets, coops and barrels, including paper cups, napkins and drinking straws and like articles sold to manufacturers, producers and
48		retailers, when such materials are used for packaging, shipment or
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		delivery of tangible personal property which is sold either at
50		wholesale or retail and when such articles constitute a part of the sale

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1 of such tangible personal property and are delivered with it to the 2 customer. 3 A container that is used as packaging by the owner of the container b. 4 or another person to enclose tangible personal property for delivery 5 to a purchaser of the property and is required to be returned to its 6 owner for reuse. 7 (24)Sales of fuel and other items of tangible personal property for use or 8 consumption by or on ocean-going vessels which ply the high seas in 9 interstate or foreign commerce in the transport of freight and/or passengers 10 for hire exclusively, when delivered to an officer or agent of such vessel for 11 the use of such vessel; provided, however, that sales of fuel and other items 12 of tangible personal property made to officers, agents, members of the crew 13 or passengers of such vessels for their personal use shall not be exempted 14 from payment of the sales tax. 15 (25)Sales by merchants on the Cherokee Indian Reservation when such 16 merchants are authorized to do business on the Reservation and are paying 17 the tribal gross receipts levy to the Tribal Council. 18 (26)Food sold not for profit by public or private school cafeterias within school 19 buildings during the regular school day. 20 Food sold not for profit by a public school cafeteria to a child care center (26a) 21 that participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program of the 22 Department of Public Instruction. 23 (27)Meals and food products served to students in dining rooms regularly 24 operated by State or private educational institutions or student organizations 25 thereof. 26 Bread, rolls, and buns sold at a bakery thrift store. A "bakery thrift store" is a $\frac{(27a)}{}$ 27 retail outlet of a bakery that sells at wholesale over ninety percent (90%) of 28 the items it makes and sells at the retail outlet day-old bread, rolls, and buns 29 returned to it by retailers that acquired these items from the bakery. 30 (28)Sales of newspapers by newspaper street vendors, by newspaper carriers 31 making door to door deliveries, and by means of vending machines and 32 sales of magazines by magazine vendors making door-to-door sales. 33 (29)Repealed by Session Laws 2005-435, s. 30, effective September 27, 2005. 34 (29a) Repealed by Session Laws 1995 (Regular Session, 1996), c. 646, s. 5. Sales from vending machines when sold by the owner or lessee of said 35 (30)36 machines at a price of one cent (1¢) per sale. 37 (31)Sales of meals not for profit to elderly and incapacitated persons by 38 charitable or religious organizations not operated for profit which are 39 entitled to the refunds provided by G.S. 105-164.14(b), when such meals are 40 delivered to the purchasers at their places of abode. 41 (31a) Food sold by a church or religious organization not operated for profit when 42 the proceeds of the sales are actually used for religious activities. 43 (31b)Repealed by Session Laws 1996, Second Extra Session, c. 14, s. 16. 44 Sales of motor vehicles, the sale of a motor vehicle body to be mounted on a (32)motor vehicle chassis when a certificate of title has not been issued for the 45 46 chassis, and the sale of a motor vehicle body mounted on a motor vehicle 47 chassis that temporarily enters the State so the manufacturer of the body can 48 mount the body on the chassis. 49 Tangible personal property purchased solely for the purpose of export to a (33)50 foreign country for exclusive use or consumption in that or some other 51 foreign country, either in the direct performance or rendition of professional

 or commercial services, or in the direct conduct or operation of a trade or business, all of which purposes are actually consummated, or purchased by the government of a foreign country for export which purpose is actually consummated. "Export" shall include the acts of possessing and marshalling such property, by either the seller or the purchaser, for transportation to a foreign country, but shall not include devoting such property to any other use in North Carolina or the United States. "Foreign country" shall not include any territory or possession of the United States.

In order to qualify for this exemption, an affidavit of export indicating compliance with the terms and conditions of this exemption, as prescribed by the Secretary of Revenue, must be submitted by the purchaser to the seller, and retained by the seller to evidence qualification for the exemption.

If the purposes qualifying the property for exemption are not consummated, the purchaser shall be liable for the tax which was avoided by the execution of the aforesaid affidavit as well as for applicable penalties and interest and the affidavit shall contain express provision that the purchaser has recognized and assumed such liability.

The principal purpose of this exemption is to encourage the flow of commerce through North Carolina ports that is now moving through out-of-state ports. However, it is not intended that property acquired for personal use or consumption by the purchaser, including gifts, shall be exempt hereunder.

- (33a) Tangible personal property sold by a retailer to a purchaser within or without this State, when the property is delivered in this State to a common carrier or to the United States Postal Service for delivery to the purchaser or the purchaser's designees outside this State and the purchaser does not subsequently use the property in this State.
- (34) Sales of items by a nonprofit civic, charitable, educational, scientific or literary organization when the net proceeds of the sales will be given or contributed to the State of North Carolina or to one or more of its agencies or instrumentalities, or to one or more nonprofit charitable organizations, one of whose purposes is to serve as a conduit through which such net proceeds will flow to the State or to one or more of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- (35) Sales by a nonprofit civic, charitable, educational, scientific, literary, or fraternal organization when all of the following conditions are met:
 - a. The sales are conducted only upon an annual basis for the purpose of raising funds for the organization's activities.
 - b. The proceeds of the sale are actually used for the organization's activities.
 - c. The products sold are delivered to the purchaser within 60 days after the first solicitation of any sale made during the organization's annual sales period.
- (36) Advertising supplements and any other printed matter ultimately to be distributed with or as part of a newspaper.
- (37) Repealed by Session Laws 2001-424, s. 34.23(a), effective December 1, 2001, and applicable to sales made on or after that date.
- (38) Food and other items lawfully purchased under the Food Stamp Program, 7 U.S.C. § 2011, and supplemental foods lawfully purchased with a food instrument issued under the Special Supplemental Food Program, 42 U.S.C.

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1 § 1786, and supplemental foods purchased for direct distribution by the 2 Special Supplemental Food Program. 3 (39)Sales of paper, ink, and other tangible personal property to commercial 4 printers and commercial publishers for use as ingredients or component parts 5 of free distribution periodicals and sales by printers of free distribution 6 periodicals to the publishers of these periodicals. As used in this subdivision, 7 the term "free distribution periodical" means a publication that is 8 continuously published on a periodic basis monthly or more frequently, is 9 provided without charge to the recipient, and is distributed in any manner 10 other than by mail. Sales to the Department of Transportation. 11 (40)12 (41)Sales of mobile classrooms to local boards of education or to local boards of 13 trustees of community colleges. 14 (42)Tangible personal property that is purchased by a retailer for resale or is 15 manufactured or purchased by a wholesale merchant for resale and then 16 withdrawn from inventory and donated by the retailer or wholesale merchant 17 to either a governmental entity or a nonprofit organization, contributions to 18 which are deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax 19 purposes. 20 (43)Custom computer software. Custom computer software and the portion of 21 prewritten computer software that is modified or enhanced if the 22 modification or enhancement is designed and developed to the specifications 23 of a specific purchaser and the charges for the modification or enhancement 24 are separately stated. 25 (43a)Computer software delivered electronically or delivered by load and leave. 26 (44)Piped natural gas. – This item is exempt because it is taxed under Article 5E 27 of this Chapter. 28 Sales of the following items to an interstate passenger air carrier for use at its (45)29 hub: 30 Aircraft lubricants, aircraft repair parts, and aircraft accessories. a. 31 Aircraft simulators for flight crew training. 32 Sales to an interstate air business of tangible personal property that becomes (45a) 33 a component part of or is dispensed as a lubricant into commercial aircraft 34 during its maintenance, repair, or overhaul. For the purpose of this 35 subdivision, commercial aircraft includes only aircraft that has a certified 36 maximum take off weight of more than 12,500 pounds and is regularly used 37 to carry for compensation passengers, commercial freight, or individually 38 addressed letters and packages. 39 (45b) Sales of the following items to an interstate air courier for use at its hub: 40 Aircraft lubricants, aircraft repair parts, and aircraft accessories. a. 41 b. Materials handling equipment, racking systems, and related parts and 42 accessories for the storage or handling and movement of tangible 43 personal property at an airport or in a warehouse or distribution 44 facility. 45 (46)Sales of electricity by a municipality whose only wholesale supplier of 46 electric power is a federal agency and who is required by a contract with that 47 federal agency to make payments in lieu of taxes. 48 An amount charged as a deposit on a beverage container that is returnable to (47)49 the vendor for reuse when the amount is refundable or creditable to the

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vendee, whether or not the deposit is separately charged.

- (48) An amount charged as a deposit on an aeronautic, automotive, industrial, marine, or farm replacement part that is returnable to the vendor for rebuilding or remanufacturing when the amount is refundable or creditable to the vendee, whether or not the deposit is separately charged. This exemption does not include tires or batteries.
- (49) Installation charges when the charges are separately stated.
- (49a) Delivery charges for delivery of direct mail if the charges are separately stated on an invoice or similar billing document given to the purchaser.
- (50) Fifty percent (50%) of the sales price of tangible personal property sold through a coin-operated vending machine, other than tobacco.
- (51) Water delivered by or through main lines or pipes for either commercial or domestic use or consumption.
- (52) Items subject to sales and use tax under G.S. 105-164.4, other than electricity, telecommunications service, and ancillary service as defined in G.S. 105-164.4, if all of the following conditions are met:
 - a. The items are purchased by a State agency for its own use and in accordance with G.S. 105-164.29A.
 - b. The items are purchased pursuant to a valid purchase order issued by the State agency that contains the exemption number of the agency and a description of the property purchased, or the items purchased are paid for with a State-issued check, electronic deposit, credit card, procurement card, or credit account of the State agency.
 - c. For all purchases other than by an agency-issued purchase order, the agency must provide to or have on file with the retailer the agency's exemption number.
- (53) Sales to a professional land surveyor of tangible personal property on which custom aerial survey data is stored in digital form or is depicted in graphic form. Data is custom if it was created to the specifications of the professional land surveyor purchasing the property. A professional land surveyor is a person licensed as a surveyor under Chapter 89C of the General Statutes.
- (54) The following telecommunications services and charges:
 - a. Telecommunications service that is a component part of or is integrated into a telecommunications service that is resold. This exemption does not apply to service purchased by a pay telephone provider who uses the service to provide pay telephone service. Examples of services that are resold include carrier charges for access to an intrastate or interstate interexchange network, interconnection charges paid by a provider of mobile telecommunications service, and charges for the sale of unbundled network elements. An unbundled network element is a network element, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(29), to which access is provided on an unbundled basis pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3).
 - b. Pay telephone service.
 - e. 911 charges imposed under G.S. 62A-43 and remitted to the 911 Fund under that section.
 - d. Charges for telecommunications service made by a hotel, motel, or another entity whose gross receipts are taxable under G.S. 105-164.4(a)(3) when the charges are incidental to the occupancy of the entity's accommodations.

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- e. Telecommunications service purchased by a State agency or a unit of local government for the North Carolina Information Highway or another data network owned or leased by the State or unit of local government.
- (55) Sales of electricity for use at an eligible Internet data center and eligible business property to be located and used at an eligible Internet data center. As used in this subdivision, "eligible business property" is property that is capitalized for tax purposes under the Code and is used either:
 - a. For the provision of Internet service or Web search portal services as contemplated by G.S. 105-164.3(8e)a., including equipment cooling systems for managing the performance of the property.
 - b. For the generation, transformation, transmission, distribution, or management of electricity, including exterior substations and other business personal property used for these purposes.
 - c. To provide related computer engineering or computer science research.

If the level of investment required by G.S. 105-164.3(8e)d. is not timely made, then the exemption provided under this subdivision is forfeited. If the level of investment required by G.S. 105-164.3(8e)d. is timely made but any specific eligible business property is not located and used at an eligible Internet data center, then the exemption provided for such eligible business property under this subdivision is forfeited. If the level of investment required by G.S. 105-164.3(8e)d. is timely made but any portion of the electricity is not used at an eligible Internet data center, then the exemption provided for such electricity under this subdivision is forfeited. A taxpayer that forfeits an exemption under this subdivision is liable for all past taxes avoided as a result of the forfeited exemption, computed from the date the taxes would have been due if the exemption had not been allowed, plus interest at the rate established under G.S. 105-241.21. If the forfeiture is triggered due to the lack of a timely investment required by G.S. 105-164.3(8e)d., then interest is computed from the date the taxes would have been due if the exemption had not been allowed. For all other forfeitures, interest is computed from the time as of which the eligible business property or electricity was put to a disqualifying use. The past taxes and interest are due 30 days after the date the exemption is forfeited. A taxpayer that fails to pay the past taxes and interest by the due date is subject to the provisions of G.S. 105-236.

- (56) Sales to the owner or lessee of an eligible railroad intermodal facility of intermodal cranes, intermodal hostler trucks, and railroad locomotives that reside on the premises of the facility and are used at the facility.
- (57) (Effective July 1, 2010 see notes) Fuel and electricity sold to a manufacturer for use in connection with the operation of a manufacturing facility.
- (58) Tangible personal property purchased with a client assistance debit card issued for disaster assistance relief by a State agency or a federal agency or instrumentality.
- (59) Interior design services provided in conjunction with the sale of tangible personal property."

SECTION 5. The Revenue Laws Study Committee may make an interim report to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly and shall make its final report to the 2011 General Assembly.

SECTION 6. This act is effective when it becomes law.

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