96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/20/2009, by Sen. Michael W. Frerichs

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 105/3b new 35 ILCS 120/2-75 new

Amends the Use Tax Act and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, no tax shall be imposed under those Acts upon the privilege of using in this State (for the Use Tax Act) or persons engaged in the business of selling at retail (for the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act) certain household appliances that (i) qualify as an "Energy Star" product under the federal Energy Star Program; and (ii) are purchased from 12:01 a.m. on April 22 of 2009 or 2010 through 11:59 p.m. of April 28 of that same year. Authorizes and encourages units of local government that impose use and occupation taxes to declare a similar tax holiday. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Use Tax Act is amended by adding Section 3b 5 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 105/3b new)

7 Sec. 3b. Tax holiday for "Energy Star" appliances.

8 <u>(a) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, no</u> 9 <u>tax shall be imposed under this Act upon the privilege of using</u> 10 <u>for nonbusiness purposes in this State a clothes washer,</u> 11 <u>dehumidifier, dishwasher, refrigerator, freezer, room air</u> 12 <u>conditioner, ceiling fan, programmable thermostat, ventilating</u> 13 <u>fan, compact fluorescent bulb, or residential light fixture</u> 14 <u>purchased if the item:</u>

(i) qualifies as an "Energy Star" product under the Energy Star Program administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

18 (ii) is purchased during the tax holiday period, which 19 is from 12:01 a.m. on April 22 of 2009 or 2010 through 20 <u>11:59 p.m. of April 28 of that same year.</u>

21 (b) Any discount, coupon, or other credit offered either by
22 the retailer or by a vendor of the retailer to reduce the final
23 price to the customer shall be taken into account in

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determining the selling price of the item for purposes of this holiday. For purpose of this Section, a "purchase" occurs during the tax holiday if the buyer places an order and pays the purchase price by cash or credit during the tax holiday period regardless of whether the delivery of the item occurs after the tax holiday period.

7 <u>(c) Each unit of local government that imposes a use tax</u> 8 <u>may, by resolution or ordinance, declare a tax holiday with</u> 9 <u>respect to its use tax for the same items, during the same</u> 10 <u>periods, and under the same conditions and is encouraged to do</u> 11 <u>so.</u>

Section 10. The Retailers' Occupation Tax Act is amended by adding Section 2-75 as follows:

14 (35 ILCS 120/2-75 new)

15 <u>Sec. 2-75. Tax holiday for "Energy Star" appliances.</u>

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, no 16 17 tax shall be imposed under this Act upon persons engaged in the business of selling at retail, for nonbusiness use, a clothes 18 washer, dehumidifier, dishwasher, refrigerator, freezer, room 19 air conditioner, ceiling fan, programmable thermostat, 20 21 ventilating fan, compact fluorescent bulb, or residential 22 light fixture purchased if the item: 23 (i) qualifies as an "Energy Star" product under the

24 Energy Star Program administered by the United States

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1	Environmental Protection Agency; and
2	(ii) is purchased during the tax holiday period, which
3	is from 12:01 a.m. on April 22 of 2009 or 2010 through
4	11:59 p.m. of April 28 of that same year.
5	(b) Any discount, coupon, or other credit offered either by
6	the retailer or by a vendor of the retailer to reduce the final
7	price to the customer shall be taken into account in
8	determining the selling price of the item for purposes of this
9	holiday. For purpose of this Section, a "purchase" occurs
10	during the tax holiday if the buyer places an order and pays
11	the purchase price by cash or credit during the tax holiday
12	period regardless of whether the delivery of the item occurs
13	after the tax holiday period.
14	(c) Each unit of local government that imposes a retailers'
15	occupation tax may, by resolution or ordinance, declare a tax
16	holiday with respect to its retailers' occupation tax for the
17	same items, during the same periods, and under the same

18 <u>conditions and is encouraged to do so.</u>

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 20 becoming law.

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