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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- ENFORCEMENT AND
COLLECTION

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Casey, Serodio, Hawkins, and Ruggiero

Date Introduced: January 22, 2020

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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2 SECTION 1. Section 44-19-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-19 entitled "Sales and
3 Use Taxes - Enforcement and Collection" is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **44-19-1. Annual permit required -- Retail business subject to sales tax -- Promotion**
5 **of shows -- Revocation of show permit.**

6 (a)(1) Every person desiring to engage in or conduct within this state a business of
7 making sales at retail, or engage in a business of renting living quarters in any hotel, rooming
8 house, or tourist camp, the gross receipts from which sales or rental charges are required to be
9 included in the measure of the tax imposed under chapter 18 of this title, shall file with the tax
10 administrator an application for a permit for each place of business. The application shall be in a
11 form, include information, and bear any signatures that the tax administrator may require. ~~At the~~
12 ~~time of making an application, the applicant shall pay to the tax administrator a permit fee of ten~~
13 ~~dollars (\$10.00) for each permit.~~ Every permit issued under this chapter expires on June 30 of
14 each year.

15 (2) Every permit holder shall annually, on or before February 1 of each year, renew its
16 permit by filing an application for renewal ~~along with a ten dollar (\$10.00) renewal fee.~~ The
17 renewal permit is valid for the period July 1 of that calendar year through June 30 of the
18 subsequent calendar year unless otherwise canceled, suspended or revoked. All fees received

1 under this section are allocated to the tax administrator for enforcement and collection of all
2 taxes.

3 (b) Every promoter of a show shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the opening of each
4 show, file with the tax administrator a notice stating the location and dates of the show, in a form
5 prescribed by the tax administrator.

6 (2) The tax administrator shall, within five (5) days after the receipt of that notice, issue
7 to the promoter, without charge, a permit to operate the show, unless the provisions of
8 subdivision (5) of this subsection have been applied to the promoter. No promoter may operate a
9 show without obtaining the permit. The permit shall be prominently displayed at the main
10 entrance of the show.

11 (3) Any promoter who is a retailer shall comply with all of the provisions of this chapter
12 and chapter 18 relating to retailers, in addition to all of the provisions of this chapter relating to
13 promoters.

14 (4) A promoter may not permit any person to display or sell tangible personal property,
15 services, or food and drink at a show unless that person is registered under subsection (a) of this
16 section and displays his or her permit in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this
17 section.

18 (5) Any promoter who permits any person to display or sell tangible personal property,
19 services, or food and drink at a show who is not registered, or does not display a permit, or fails
20 to keep a record or file a monthly report of the name, address and permit number of every person
21 whom the promoter permitted to sell or display tangible personal property, services, or food and
22 drink at a show, is subject to revocation of all existing permits issued pursuant to this section to
23 operate a show, and to the denial of a permit to operate any show for a period of not more than
24 two (2) years, in addition to the provisions of § 44-19-31.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would eliminate the ten dollar (\$10.00) fee requirement for the sales tax permit.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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