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**HOUSE BILL 20-1182**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR SALES**  
102              **TO RESIDENTS OF BORDERING STATES WITHOUT RETAIL SALES**  
103              **TAXES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Statutory Revision Committee.** Under current law, the sales tax exemption for sales to residents of bordering states without retail sales taxes exempts from state sales tax all retail sales made within 20 miles of the Colorado border to residents of states that border Colorado and do not have a retail sales tax, so long as those residents are in Colorado for the

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primary purpose of making the purchase. The bill repeals this exemption.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) The sales tax exemption for sales to residents of bordering  
5 states may only be claimed by residents who, among other requirements,  
6 are from states that border Colorado and that do not have a retail sales  
7 tax.

8 (b) At the time the exemption was enacted, Nebraska was the only  
9 state bordering Colorado that did not have a retail sales tax, and since the  
10 exemption was created, Nebraska has begun assessing a retail sales tax.

11 (c) Thus, no taxpayer can qualify for the exemption because all of  
12 the states that border Colorado assess a sales tax.

13 (2) Therefore, it is the intent of the general assembly to simplify  
14 the administration of taxes for the state of Colorado by repealing tax  
15 expenditures that are obsolete and can no longer be claimed.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-26-704, **amend**  
17 (2) as follows:

18 **39-26-704. Miscellaneous sales tax exemptions - governmental**  
19 **entities - hotel residents - schools - exchange of property.** (2) There  
20 shall be exempt from taxation under the provisions of part 1 of this ~~article~~  
21 ~~ARTICLE 26~~ all sales that the state of Colorado is prohibited from taxing  
22 under the constitution or laws of the United States or the state of  
23 Colorado. ~~and all retail sales within a distance of twenty miles within the~~  
24 ~~boundaries of this state to persons resident, excluding corporations, of~~  
25 ~~adjoining states, which adjoining states do not impose or levy a retail~~

1 ~~sales tax on such sales, if the residents of the adjoining states are in this~~  
2 ~~state for the express purpose of making purchases and not as tourists.~~

3       **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
4 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
5 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
6 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a  
7 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
8 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
9 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
10 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
11 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.