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SALES AND USE TAX – TAX FREE PERIODS

The special session of the Maryland General Assembly enacted legislation providing for two tax free periods. Listed below is information pertaining to each tax free period.

Tax Free Week – Clothing and Footwear, Excluding Accessory Items

Beginning in calendar year 2010, there will be a one week tax-free period for back-to-school shopping in Maryland during which the sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of any items of clothing or footwear, excluding accessory items, if the taxable price of the item of clothing or footwear is \$100 or less. This tax-free period will occur the week of August 8, 2010, through August 14, 2010.

Accessory items, which are not exempt from the sales and use tax during the tax-free week include jewelry, watches, watchbands, handbags, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, scarves, ties, headbands, and belt buckles.

Tax Free Weekend – Energy Star Products

Beginning in calendar year 2011, there will be a tax –free three day weekend during which the sales and use tax will not apply to the sale of any Energy Star Product listed below, or solar water heater. This tax-free weekend will occur the weekend of February 19, 2011, through February 21, 2011.

Energy Star Product means an air conditioner, clothes washer or dryer, furnace, heat pump, standard size refrigerator, compact fluorescent light bulb, dehumidifier, or programmable thermostat that has been designated as meeting or exceeding the applicable Energy Star Efficiency requirements developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.