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AN ACT

To repeal section 94.902, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a public safety sales tax.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 94.902, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 94.902, to read as follows:

94.902. 1. The governing bodies of the following cities may impose a tax as provided in this section:

(1) Any city of the third classification with more than twenty-six thousand three hundred but less than twenty-six thousand seven hundred inhabitants;

(2) Any city of the fourth classification with more than thirty thousand three hundred but fewer than thirty thousand seven hundred inhabitants;

(3) Any city of the fourth classification with more than twenty-four thousand eight hundred but fewer than twenty-five thousand inhabitants;

(4) Any special charter city with more than twenty-nine thousand but fewer than thirty-two thousand inhabitants; ~~[or]~~

(5) Any city of the third classification with more than four thousand but fewer than four thousand five hundred inhabitants and located in any county of the first classification with more than two hundred thousand but fewer than two hundred sixty thousand inhabitants; **or**

(6) Any city of the fourth classification with more than nine thousand five hundred but fewer than ten thousand nine hundred inhabitants and located in any county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants.

2. The governing body of any city listed in subsection 1 of this section may impose, by

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 order or ordinance, a sales tax on all retail sales made in the city which are subject to taxation
19 under chapter 144. The tax authorized in this section may be imposed in an amount of up to
20 one-half of one percent, and shall be imposed solely for the purpose of improving the public
21 safety for such city, including but not limited to expenditures on equipment, city employee
22 salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, fire and emergency medical providers. The tax
23 authorized in this section shall be in addition to all other sales taxes imposed by law, and shall
24 be stated separately from all other charges and taxes. The order or ordinance imposing a sales
25 tax under this section shall not become effective unless the governing body of the city submits
26 to the voters residing within the city, at a county or state general, primary, or special election, a
27 proposal to authorize the governing body of the city to impose a tax under this section.

28 3. The ballot of submission for the tax authorized in this section shall be in substantially
29 the following form:

30 Shall the city of (city's name) impose a citywide sales tax at
31 a rate of (insert rate of percent) percent for the purpose of improving the public safety of
32 the city?

33 ☐ YES ☐ NO

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35 If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed
36 to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".

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38 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor
39 of the proposal, then the ordinance or order and any amendments to the order or ordinance shall
40 become effective on the first day of the second calendar quarter after the director of revenue
41 receives notice of the adoption of the sales tax. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal
42 by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the proposal, then the tax shall not become
43 effective unless the proposal is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and such
44 proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposal. However, in
45 no event shall a proposal under this section be submitted to the voters sooner than twelve months
46 from the date of the last proposal under this section.

47 4. Any sales tax imposed under this section shall be administered, collected, enforced,
48 and operated as required in section 32.087. All sales taxes collected by the director of the
49 department of revenue under this section on behalf of any city, less one percent for cost of
50 collection which shall be deposited in the state's general revenue fund after payment of premiums
51 for surety bonds as provided in section 32.087, shall be deposited in a special trust fund, which
52 is hereby created in the state treasury, to be known as the "City Public Safety Sales Tax Trust
53 Fund". The moneys in the trust fund shall not be deemed to be state funds and shall not be

54 commingled with any funds of the state. The provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary
55 notwithstanding, money in this fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of the
56 general revenue fund. The director shall keep accurate records of the amount of money in the
57 trust fund and which was collected in each city imposing a sales tax under this section, and the
58 records shall be open to the inspection of officers of the city and the public. Not later than the
59 tenth day of each month the director shall distribute all moneys deposited in the trust fund during
60 the preceding month to the city which levied the tax. Such funds shall be deposited with the city
61 treasurer of each such city, and all expenditures of funds arising from the trust fund shall be by
62 an appropriation act to be enacted by the governing body of each such city. Expenditures may
63 be made from the fund for any functions authorized in the ordinance or order adopted by the
64 governing body submitting the tax to the voters. If the tax is repealed, all funds remaining in the
65 special trust fund shall continue to be used solely for the designated purposes. Any funds in the
66 special trust fund which are not needed for current expenditures shall be invested in the same
67 manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall
68 be credited to the fund.

69 5. The director of the department of revenue may authorize the state treasurer to make
70 refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credited to any city for erroneous payments and
71 overpayments made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of
72 such cities. If any city abolishes the tax, the city shall notify the director of the action at least
73 ninety days before the effective date of the repeal, and the director may order retention in the
74 trust fund, for a period of one year, of two percent of the amount collected after receipt of such
75 notice to cover possible refunds or overpayment of the tax and to redeem dishonored checks and
76 drafts deposited to the credit of such accounts. After one year has elapsed after the effective date
77 of abolition of the tax in such city, the director shall remit the balance in the account to the city
78 and close the account of that city. The director shall notify each city of each instance of any
79 amount refunded or any check redeemed from receipts due the city.

80 6. The governing body of any city that has adopted the sales tax authorized in this section
81 may submit the question of repeal of the tax to the voters on any date available for elections for
82 the city. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following form:

83 Shall (insert the name of the city) repeal the sales tax
84 imposed at a rate of (insert rate of percent) percent for the purpose of improving the public
85 safety of the city?

86 ☐ YES ☐ NO

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88 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal are in favor of repeal, that repeal shall become
89 effective on December thirty-first of the calendar year in which such repeal was approved. If a

90 majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to
91 the repeal, then the sales tax authorized in this section shall remain effective until the question
92 is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters, and the repeal is approved by a majority
93 of the qualified voters voting on the question.

94 7. Whenever the governing body of any city that has adopted the sales tax authorized in
95 this section receives a petition, signed by ten percent of the registered voters of the city voting
96 in the last gubernatorial election, calling for an election to repeal the sales tax imposed under this
97 section, the governing body shall submit to the voters of the city a proposal to repeal the tax. If
98 a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of
99 the repeal, that repeal shall become effective on December thirty-first of the calendar year in
100 which such repeal was approved. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified
101 voters voting thereon are opposed to the repeal, then the tax shall remain effective until the
102 question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and the repeal is approved by
103 a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.

104 8. **Any sales tax imposed under this section by a city described under subdivision**
105 **(6) of subsection 1 of this section that is in effect as of December 31, 2038, shall**
106 **automatically expire. No city described under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of this section**
107 **shall collect a sales tax pursuant to this section after January 1, 2039. Subsection 7 of this**
108 **section shall not apply to a sales tax imposed under this section by a city described under**
109 **subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of this section.**

110 9. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087 shall
111 apply to the tax imposed under this section.

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