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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 94.902, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to sales taxes.

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Section A. Section 94.902, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 94.902, to read as follows: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

(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;

(6) Any city of the fourth classification with more than nine thousand five hundred but fewer than ten thousand eight hundred inhabitants; ~~or~~

(7) Any city of the fourth classification with more than five hundred eighty but fewer than six hundred fifty inhabitants; **or**

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 **(8) Any village with more than one thousand three hundred fifty but fewer than one**
19 **thousand five hundred inhabitants and located in any county of the first classification with**
20 **more than two hundred thousand but fewer than two hundred sixty thousand inhabitants.**

21 2. The governing body of any city **or village** listed in subsection 1 of this section may
22 impose, by order or ordinance, a sales tax on all retail sales made in the city **or village** which are
23 subject to taxation under chapter 144. The tax authorized in this section may be imposed in an
24 amount of up to one-half of one percent, and shall be imposed solely for the purpose of
25 improving the public safety for such city[;] **or village** including, but not limited to, expenditures
26 on equipment, city **or village** employee salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, fire, and
27 emergency medical providers. The tax authorized in this section shall be in addition to all other
28 sales taxes imposed by law, and shall be stated separately from all other charges and taxes. The
29 order or ordinance imposing a sales tax under this section shall not become effective unless the
30 governing body of the city **or village** submits to the voters residing within the city **or village**, at
31 a county or state general, primary, or special election, a proposal to authorize the governing body
32 of the city **or village** to impose a tax under this section.

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

35 Shall the (city/village) of _____ ([city's] insert name) impose a citywide sales tax at
36 a rate of _____ (insert rate of percent) percent for the purpose of improving the public safety
37 of the (city/village)?

38 YES NO

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

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

51 4. Any sales tax imposed under this section shall be administered, collected, enforced,
52 and operated as required in section 32.087. All sales taxes collected by the director of the
53 department of revenue under this section on behalf of any city **or village**, less one percent for

54 cost of collection which shall be deposited in the state's general revenue fund after payment of
55 premiums for surety bonds as provided in section 32.087, shall be deposited in a special trust
56 fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury, to be known as the "City Public Safety Sales
57 Tax Trust Fund". The moneys in the trust fund shall not be deemed to be state funds and shall
58 not be commingled with any funds of the state. The provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary
59 notwithstanding, money in this fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of the
60 general revenue fund. The director shall keep accurate records of the amount of money in the
61 trust fund and which was collected in each city **or village** imposing a sales tax under this section,
62 and the records shall be open to the inspection of officers of the city **or village** and the public.
63 Not later than the tenth day of each month the director shall distribute all moneys deposited in
64 the trust fund during the preceding month to the city **or village** which levied the tax. Such funds
65 shall be deposited with the city **or village** treasurer of each such city **or village**, and all
66 expenditures of funds arising from the trust fund shall be by an appropriation act to be enacted
67 by the governing body of each such city **or village**. Expenditures may be made from the fund
68 for any functions authorized in the ordinance or order adopted by the governing body submitting
69 the tax to the voters. If the tax is repealed, all funds remaining in the special trust fund shall
70 continue to be used solely for the designated purposes. Any funds in the special trust fund which
71 are not needed for current expenditures shall be invested in the same manner as other funds are
72 invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

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

85 6. The governing body of any city **or village** that has adopted the sales tax authorized
86 in this section may submit the question of repeal of the tax to the voters on any date available for
87 elections for the city **or village**. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following
88 form:

89 Shall _____ (insert the name of the city **or village**) repeal the sales tax imposed at a rate
90 of _____ (insert rate of percent) percent for the purpose of improving the public safety of the
91 (city/**village**)?

92 YES NO

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94 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal are in favor of repeal, that repeal shall become
95 effective on December thirty-first of the calendar year in which such repeal was approved. If a
96 majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to
97 the repeal, then the sales tax authorized in this section shall remain effective until the question
98 is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters, and the repeal is approved by a majority
99 of the qualified voters voting on the question.

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

111 8. Any sales tax imposed under this section by a city described under subdivision (6) of
112 subsection 1 of this section that is in effect as of December 31, 2038, shall automatically expire.
113 No city described under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of this section shall collect a sales tax
114 pursuant to this section on or after January 1, 2039. Subsection 7 of this section shall not apply
115 to a sales tax imposed under this section by a city described under subdivision (6) of subsection
116 1 of this section.

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

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