

HB 3312 -- SALES TAX PILOT PROGRAM

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This bill creates a sales tax pilot program in certain counties, as described in the bill. The bill describes which counties will be considered "seller's counties" and which will be considered "purchaser's counties".

Sales taxes generated when a resident of a purchaser's county makes a retail transaction from a vendor in a seller's county will be transferred back to the purchaser's county by the Department of Revenue. The bill applies only to vendors in a seller's county with annual gross receipts of \$12 million or more.

Revenues transferred from the seller's county to the purchaser's county will be placed in a trust fund created by the Department of Revenue. On the 10th day of each month, the Department will distribute money collected in the fund the previous month to the appropriate purchaser's county.

Money allocated to counties from the trust fund will be used to reduce the residential real property tax liability incurred by veterans who are residents of the purchaser's county. Any remaining funds will be used to reduce up to 30% of the residential real property tax liability incurred by senior citizens who are residents of the purchaser's county and who are members of a household with a total annual income that doesn't exceed \$90,000. Any remaining funds will be credited to the general revenue of the county.

Upon enactment, purchaser's counties will be Bollinger, Iron, Madison, Reynolds, Shannon, Washington, and Wayne Counties, and seller's counties will be Cape Girardeau, Jefferson, and St. Francois Counties.