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**SENATE BILL 1629**

Short Title: Limited Sales Tax Exemption for Baked Goods. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Hoyle; Bingham, Brown, Cowell, Garrou, Hagan, Kerr, Malone, McKissick, Nesbitt, Rand, Snow, and Stevens.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A LIMITED EXEMPTION FOR BAKED GOODS FROM  
3 STATE SALES AND USE TAXES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 105-164.3 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 105-164.3. Definitions.

7 The following definitions apply in this Article:

8 (1) Analytical services. – Testing laboratories that are included in national  
9 industry 541380 of NAICS or medical laboratories that are included in  
10 national industry 621511 of NAICS.

11 (1a) Ancillary service. – A service associated with or incidental to the  
12 provision of a telecommunications service. The term includes detailed  
13 communications billing, directory assistance, vertical service, and  
14 voice mail service. A vertical service is a service, such as call  
15 forwarding, caller ID, three-way calling, and conference bridging, that  
16 allows a customer to identify a caller or manage multiple calls and call  
17 connections.

18 (1b) Baked goods. – Bakery items, including bread, rolls, buns, biscuits,  
19 bagels, croissants, pastries, donuts, danish, cakes, tortes, pies, tarts,  
20 muffins, bars, cookies, and tortillas.

21 ~~(1b)~~(1c) Bundled transaction. – A retail sale of two or more distinct and  
22 identifiable products, at least one of which is taxable and one of which  
23 is exempt, for one nonitemized price. Products are not sold for one  
24 nonitemized price if an invoice or another sales document made  
25 available to the purchaser separately identifies the price of each  
26 product. A bundled transaction does not include the retail sale of any  
27 of the following:

- 1 a. A product and any packaging item that accompanies the product  
2 and is exempt under G.S. 105-164.13(23).  
3 b. A sale of two or more products whose combined price varies, or  
4 is negotiable, depending on the products the purchaser selects.  
5 c. A sale of a product accompanied by a transfer of another  
6 product with no additional consideration.  
7 d. A product and the delivery or installation of the product.  
8 e. A product and any service necessary to complete the sale.
- 9 (1d) Business. – Includes any activity engaged in by any person or caused  
10 to be engaged in by him with the object of gain, profit, benefit or  
11 advantage, either direct or indirect. The term "business" shall not be  
12 construed in this Article to include occasional and isolated sales or  
13 transactions by a person who does not hold himself out as engaged in  
14 business.
- 15 (1f) Cable service. – The one-way transmission to subscribers of video  
16 programming or other programming service and any subscriber  
17 interaction required to select or use the service.
- 18 (2) Candy. – A preparation of sugar, honey, or other natural or artificial  
19 sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruits, nuts, or other  
20 ingredients or flavorings in the form of bars, drops, or pieces that do  
21 not require refrigeration. The term does not include any preparation  
22 that contains flour.

23 ...."

24 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 105-164.13B reads as rewritten:

25 **"§ 105-164.13B. Food exempt from tax.**

26 (a) State Exemption. – Food is exempt from the taxes imposed by this Article  
27 unless the food is included in one of the subdivisions in this subsection. The following  
28 food items are subject to tax:

- 29 (1) Repealed by Session Laws 2005-276, s. 33.10, effective October 1,  
30 2005.
- 31 (2) Dietary supplements.
- 32 (3) Food sold through a vending machine.
- 33 (4) Prepared ~~food~~ food, other than baked goods sold without eating  
34 utensils provided by the seller.
- 35 (5) Soft drinks.
- 36 (6) Repealed by Session Laws 2003-284, s. 45.6B, effective January 1,  
37 2004.
- 38 (7) Candy.

39 (b) Administration of Local Food Tax. – The Secretary must administer local  
40 sales and use taxes imposed on food as if they were imposed under this Article. This  
41 applies to local taxes on food imposed under Subchapter VIII of this Chapter and under  
42 Chapter 1096 of the 1967 Session Laws."

43 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective on April 1, 2003, and applies to  
44 sales made on or after that date. This act is repealed effective March 1, 2006.