Henry (HB 247) **Act No. 372**

Existing law provides numerous definitions for purposes of sales and use tax levied by the state and its political subdivisions.

New law grants an exclusion from state and local sales and use tax for tangible personal property and services sold at events sponsored by a tax exempt nonprofit organization if the event transpires over at least seven but not more than twelve days, has an average five-year annual attendance of 300,000 or more, and provides La. heritage, culture, crafts, art, food, and music. The exclusion provided in new law is limited to sales by or for the benefit of the sponsor of the event.

Existing law specifies that the sales and use tax imposed by taxing authorities shall not apply to sales of tangible personal property and services sold at events sponsored by a nonprofit organization when the entire proceeds, except for necessary expenses such as fees paid for guest speakers, chair and table rentals, and food and beverage utility related items connected therewith, are used exclusively for support of the nonprofit organization.

New law adds the same exclusion as provided in existing law for sales at an event which is sponsored by a nonprofit organization, for which the sponsor has contracted for production management and financing services for the event, only if the event transpires over at least seven days but not more than twelve days, has an average five-year annual attendance of 300,000 or more, and provides La. heritage, culture, crafts, art, food, and music.

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(Amends R.S. 47:305.14(A)(1); Adds R.S. 47:301(10)(hh) and (14)(k))