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HOUSE BILL NO. 509

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TAX/SALES & USE: Suspends the state sales and use tax exemption for business utilities

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:331(S), relative to sales and use tax; to provide for the effectiveness and
3 applicability of the exemptions for electric power or energy, natural gas, water, and
4 steam; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 47:331(S) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §331. Imposition of tax

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9 S. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for the period
10 of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, the exemptions to the tax levied by this
11 Section for sales of steam, water, electric power, or energy, and natural gas shall be
12 inapplicable, inoperable, and of no effect.

13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2015; if vetoed by the governor
14 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
15 2015, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Suspends from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, the state sales and use tax exemption as to the .97% levy for business utilities for sales of steam, water, electric, resulting in the imposition of this sales tax on these items.

Present law authorizes the levy of a .97% state tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage for use or consumption in this state of each item or article of tangible personal property.

Present law exempts sales of electric power or energy, natural gas, steam, and water from imposition of these taxes.

Proposed law renders the exemptions provided in present law inapplicable, inoperable, and of no effect for all taxable years between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017.

Effective July 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 47:331(S))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. Delete the suspension of the exemption as to the 2% and 1% levies of the state sales and use tax on the sales of electric power or energy, natural gas, steam, and water.