

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1203

By: Representative Underwood

By: Senator Gilmore

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FROM CHARGING A FEE TO
OBTAIN A SALES TAX PERMIT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROTECT ARKANSAS TAXPAYERS FROM A TAX
TO COLLECT TAXES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-52-203 is amended to read as follows:

26-52-203. ~~Fee deposit or bond~~ Fee prohibited – Bond required.

(a) The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration shall not require ~~prior to the issuance of any~~ the payment of a fee as a condition of issuing a new Arkansas gross receipts tax permit ~~the payment of a nonrefundable fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00), which shall be remitted with each new application for a permit.~~

(b)(1) All persons doing a retail business in this state, which business is subject to the provisions of this chapter, who do not have a permanent domicile in this state, shall make a sufficient cash deposit or sufficient bond with the secretary to cover their annual sales tax before doing business in this state or before receiving a permit to do business in this state as provided in § 26-52-201.

~~(c) All revenues derived from the fees imposed by~~ (2) Funds received under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be deposited into the State Treasury as nonrevenue receipts credited to the State Central Services Fund for use by the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and



Administration.