

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

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1699

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By: Senator C. Tucker

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SALES TAX HOLIDAY; TO ADD FIREARM SAFETY DEVICES AND FIREARM STORAGE DEVICES TO THE SALES TAX HOLIDAY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ADD FIREARM SAFETY DEVICES AND FIREARM STORAGE DEVICES TO THE SALES TAX HOLIDAY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-52-444(a), concerning the definitions used in relation to the sales tax holiday, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(7)(A) "Firearm safety device" means a device to be equipped or installed on a firearm designed to prevent unauthorized access to the firearm or to prevent it from being operated without first deactivating the device.

(B) "Firearm safety device" does not include a firearm sold with a firearm safety device already installed on the firearm; and

(8) "Firearm storage device" means a container or enclosure designed for the principal purpose of safely storing a firearm and secured by a combination lock, key lock, or lock based on biometric information which once locked is incapable of being opened without the combination, key, or biometric information respectively.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 26-52-444(b), concerning the items subject to the sales tax holiday, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

- (7) Firearm safety device; and
- (8) Firearm storage device.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the sales tax holiday occurs the first weekend of August each year; that the Department of Finance and Administration must provide sellers at least sixty-days' notice of any changes to the sales tax holiday, which means the department must notify sellers by June 1, 2025, of the addition of firearm safety devices and firearm storage devices to the sales tax holiday; and that this act is immediately necessary because there is a mental health crisis in the state, and this act will help prevent tragic deaths in the state by incentivizing the purchase of firearm safety devices and firearm storage devices during the sales tax holiday. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

- (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or
- (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

*/s/McCullough*