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HOUSE BILL No. 2635

By Representative Stogsdill

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1 AN ACT concerning firearms; relating to the sale of firearms and 2 ammunition; imposing a privilege tax on the sale thereof.

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4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

5 Section 1. (a) A tax is hereby imposed upon the privilege of selling 6 firearms and ammunition in this state, at the rate of 5% on the gross 7 receipts received from the sale of firearms and ammunition. The tax 8 imposed by this section shall be collected and paid by the seller of the 9 firearm or ammunition.

10 (b) On or before the 20th day of each calendar month, each seller who 11 has sold a firearm or ammunition, or both, during the immediately 12 preceding month shall file a return with the director of taxation showing 13 the total amount of gross receipts received from the sale of firearms and 14 ammunition within this state during the preceding calendar month. Each 15 return shall be accompanied by a remittance for the full tax liability 16 shown.

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(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

(1) Sales from one federally licensed firearms dealer to anotherfederally licensed firearms dealer;

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(2) sales of firearms and ammunition at wholesale; or

(3) sales of firearms and ammunition to any military unit of the armed
forces of the United States, army or air national guard unit, law
enforcement agency or any member of any such unit or agency, provided
such firearm or ammunition is purchased solely for use as part of the
buyer's official duties.

26 (d) The tax imposed by this section shall be in addition to any 27 applicable state and local sales and use taxes.

28 Sec. 2. The director of taxation shall have the power to require any 29 firearm or ammunition seller to furnish additional information deemed 30 necessary for the purpose of computing the amount of the taxes due 31 pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, and for such purpose to 32 examine all books, records and files of such persons or entities, and for 33 such purpose, the director shall have the power to issue subpoenas and 34 examine witnesses under oath, and if any witness shall fail or refuse to 35 appear at the request of the director, or refuse access to books, records and 36 files, the district court of the proper county, or the judge thereof, on

application of the director, shall compel obedience by proceedings for
 contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena
 issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein.

4 Sec. 3. The provisions of K.S.A. 75-5133, 79-3610, 79-3611, 79-5 3612, 79-3613, 79-3615 and 79-3617, and amendments thereto, relating to 6 the assessment, collection, appeal and administration of the retailers' sales 7 tax, insofar as practical, shall have full force and effect with respect to 8 taxes, penalties and fines imposed by section 1, and amendments thereto.

9 Sec. 4. (a) All moneys received by the director of taxation, or the 10 director's designee, from the payment of the tax and any fines imposed by 11 sections 1 through 3, and amendments thereto, shall be remitted to the 12 state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and 13 amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state 14 treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit 15 of the state general fund. Such moneys shall be used solely for:

16 (1) Costs related to the administration and enforcement of the 17 provisions of sections 1 through 3, and amendments thereto; and

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(2) costs related to providing residential mental health treatment.

19 (b) On or before the 15th day of each month, the director of taxation 20 shall certify to the director of accounts and reports an amount equal to the 21 aggregate amount of moneys received by the director of taxation from the 22 payment of the tax and any fines imposed by sections 1 through 3, and 23 amendments thereto, less the costs related to the administration and 24 enforcement of the provisions of sections 1 through 3, and amendments 25 thereto, for the immediately preceding month. Upon receipt of such certification, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer such 26 27 certified amount to the residential mental health treatment fund.

28 (c) There is hereby established the residential mental health treatment 29 fund in the state treasury. The secretary of the Kansas department for aging 30 and disability services shall administer the residential mental health 31 treatment fund. Moneys credited to the residential mental health treatment 32 fund shall only be expended or transferred for providing residential mental 33 health treatment. Expenditures from such fund shall be made in 34 accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of 35 accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the 36 secretary of the Kansas department for aging and disability services, or the 37 secretary's designee.

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Sec. 5. As used in sections 1 through 4, and amendments thereto:

(a) The terms "firearm" and "law enforcement officer" shall have the
same meanings as such terms are defined in K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21-5111,
and amendments thereto; and

42 (b) the term "law enforcement agency" means the state, or any 43 county, city or other political subdivision thereof, or any department,

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- division, board or other agency of any of the foregoing, except any board of education of any school district employing school security officers, employing a law enforcement officer. 2 3
- Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 4 publication in the statute book. 5