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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1916**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Matthews**

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An act to amend Section 6369 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1916, as amended, Matthews. Sales and use taxes: exemptions: medicines: lancets and blood glucose strips used in the treatment of diabetes.

The Sales and Use Tax Law imposes a tax on the gross receipts from the sale in this state of, or the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, tangible personal property. That law provides various exemptions from that tax, including an exemption for specified products, used in the treatment of diabetes, that are furnished by a registered pharmacist as directed by a physician.

This bill would expand this exemption to also include lancets and blood glucose strips, *furnished* for the treatment of diabetes, ~~and would~~

~~require that the exempt products be furnished either by a registered pharmacist or at the direction of a registered pharmacist.~~

Counties and cities are authorized to impose local sales and use taxes in conformity with state sales and use taxes. Exemptions from state sales and use taxes enacted by the Legislature are incorporated into the local taxes.

Section 2230 of the Revenue and Taxation Code provides that the state will reimburse counties and cities for revenue losses caused by the enactment of sales and use tax exemptions.

This bill would provide that, notwithstanding Section 2230 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, no appropriation is made and the state shall not reimburse local agencies for sales and use tax revenues lost by them pursuant to this bill.

This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy, but its operative date would depend on its effective date.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6369 of the Revenue and Taxation Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 6369. (a) There are exempted from the taxes imposed by this
- 4 part the gross receipts from the sale in this state of, and the storage,
- 5 use, or other consumption in this state of, medicines:
- 6 (1) Prescribed for the treatment of a human being by a person
- 7 authorized to prescribe the medicines, and dispensed on
- 8 prescription filled by a registered pharmacist in accordance with
- 9 law.
- 10 (2) Furnished by a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, or
- 11 podiatrist to his or her own patient for treatment of the patient.
- 12 (3) Furnished by a health facility for treatment of any person
- 13 pursuant to the order of a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist,
- 14 or podiatrist.
- 15 (4) Sold to a licensed physician and surgeon, podiatrist, dentist,
- 16 or health facility for the treatment of a human being.
- 17 (5) Sold to this state or any political subdivision or municipal
- 18 corporation thereof, for use in the treatment of a human being; or
- 19 furnished for the treatment of a human being by a medical facility



1 or clinic maintained by this state or any political subdivision or  
2 municipal corporation thereof.

3 (6) Furnished without charge by a pharmaceutical  
4 manufacturer or distributor to a licensed physician, surgeon,  
5 dentist, podiatrist, or health facility for the treatment of a human  
6 being, or furnished by a pharmaceutical manufacturer or  
7 distributor without charge to an institution of higher education for  
8 instruction or research, provided that the exemption provided in  
9 this paragraph is limited to medicines of a type that can be  
10 dispensed only (A) for the treatment of a human being and (B)  
11 pursuant to prescriptions issued by persons authorized to prescribe  
12 medicines. The exemption provided in this paragraph shall include  
13 the materials used to package, and the constituent elements and  
14 ingredients used to produce, the medicines described in this  
15 paragraph and is intended to preclude any imposition of tax  
16 pursuant to Section 6094 or 6095 with respect to those materials,  
17 elements, and ingredients.

18 (b) "Medicines" as used in this section, means any substance  
19 or preparation intended for use by external or internal application  
20 to the human body in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or  
21 prevention of disease and commonly recognized as a substance or  
22 preparation intended for that use. However, "medicines" does not  
23 include any of the following:

24 (1) Any auditory, prosthetic, ophthalmic, or ocular device or  
25 appliance.

26 (2) Articles that are in the nature of splints, bandages, pads,  
27 compresses, supports, dressings, instruments, apparatus,  
28 contrivances, appliances, devices, or other mechanical, electronic,  
29 optical, or physical equipment or article or the component parts  
30 and accessories thereof.

31 (3) Any alcoholic beverage the manufacture, sale, purchase,  
32 possession, or transportation of which is licensed and regulated by  
33 the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (Division 9 (commencing  
34 with Section 23000) of the Business and Professions Code).

35 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), "medicines" as used in  
36 this section means and includes any of the following:

37 (1) Sutures, whether or not permanently implanted.

38 (2) Bone screws, bone pins, pacemakers, and other articles,  
39 other than dentures, permanently implanted in the human body to



1 assist the functioning of any natural organ, artery, vein, or limb and  
2 that remain or dissolve in the body.

3 (3) (A) Orthotic devices, other than orthodontic devices,  
4 designed to be worn on the person of the user as a brace, support,  
5 or correction for the body structure, and replacement parts for  
6 these devices. However, orthopedic shoes and supportive devices  
7 for the foot are not exempt unless they are custom-made  
8 biomechanical foot orthoses or are an integral part of a leg brace  
9 or artificial leg.

10 (B) For purposes of this paragraph, “custom-made  
11 biomechanical foot orthoses” means an individually prescribed  
12 foot orthosis that is custom fabricated over a neutral or near neutral  
13 subtalar joint with a pronated midtarsal joint position positive  
14 plaster model of the patient’s foot, which model, when the cast is  
15 modified to support the osseous position of the forefoot in  
16 relationship to the rearfoot, embodies the angular osseous  
17 relationships of the anterior and posterior portions of the foot. (4)  
18 ~~Prosthetic~~

19 (4) *Prosthetic* devices, and replacement parts for those devices,  
20 designed to be worn on or in the person of the user to replace or  
21 assist the functioning of a natural part of the human body, other  
22 than auditory, ophthalmic, and ocular devices or appliances, and  
23 other than dentures, removable or fixed bridges, crowns, caps,  
24 inlays, artificial teeth, and other dental prosthetic materials and  
25 devices.

26 (5) Artificial limbs and eyes, or their replacement parts, for  
27 human beings.

28 (6) Programmable drug infusion devices to be worn on or  
29 implanted in the human body.

30 (d) “Health facility” as used in this section has the meaning  
31 ascribed to it in Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, and  
32 also includes any “clinic” as defined in Section 1200 of the Health  
33 and Safety Code.

34 (e) Insulin, lancets, blood glucose strips, and insulin syringes  
35 ~~furnished by a registered pharmacist, or at the direction of a~~  
36 ~~registered pharmacist, to a person for treatment of diabetes as~~  
37 *furnished, whether by a registered pharmacist or not, to a person*  
38 *for the treatment of diabetes as directed by a physician* ~~physician~~,  
39 shall be deemed to be dispensed on prescription within the  
40 meaning of this section.



1 (f) Orthotic and prosthetic devices, and replacement parts for  
 2 these devices, furnished pursuant to the written order of a  
 3 physician or podiatrist, shall be deemed to be dispensed on  
 4 prescription within the meaning of paragraph (1) of subdivision  
 5 (a), whether or not the devices are furnished by a registered  
 6 pharmacist.

7 (g) Mammary prostheses, and any appliances and related  
 8 supplies necessary as the result of any surgical procedure by which  
 9 an artificial opening is created in the human body for the  
 10 elimination of natural waste, shall be deemed to be dispensed on  
 11 prescription within the meaning of this section.

12 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 2230 of the Revenue and  
 13 Taxation Code, no appropriation is made by this act and the state  
 14 shall not reimburse any local agency for any sales and use tax  
 15 revenues lost by it under this act.

16 SEC. 3. This act provides for a tax levy within the meaning of  
 17 Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect.  
 18 However, the provisions of this act shall become operative on the  
 19 first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 90  
 20 days after the effective date of this act.

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22 CORRECTIONS

23 **Heading — Line 6.**

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