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No. 469

Introduced by Assembly Member Eng
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Evans)
(Coauthor: Senator Wolk)

February 24, 2009

An act to amend Sections 6452.1, 6453, 6487.3, and 18510 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 469, as amended, Eng. Sales and use taxes: qualified use tax payment.

The Sales and Use Tax Law imposes a tax on retailers measured by the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property sold at retail in this state, or on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer for storage, use, or other consumption in this state. Existing law requires retailers, as specified, to register with the State Board of Equalization, and requires that board to issue forms for the computation and payment of sales and use taxes collected or owed by those retailers. For taxable years beginning on January 1, 2003, and ending on December 31, 2009, existing law authorizes a person to make an irrevocable election to report qualified use tax, as defined, on that person's income tax form.

Existing law requires the Franchise Tax Board to include space on income tax returns to allow a person to report and remit qualified use taxes to the Franchise Tax Board, and requires the Franchise Tax Board to remit the qualified use taxes collected to the State Board of Equalization.

This bill would revise the provisions relating to use tax reporting on an income tax return to instead require every person subject to qualified use tax, as defined, to report and remit that tax on an acceptable tax return, as specified. This bill would require the Franchise Tax Board to revise the income tax form to enable a person to report and remit qualified use tax. This bill would also make conforming changes to related provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6452.1 of the Revenue and Taxation
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 6452.1. (a) Notwithstanding Section 6451, every person that
- 4 purchases tangible personal property, the storage, use, or other
- 5 consumption of which is subject to qualified use tax, as defined
- 6 in subdivision (d), that is otherwise required to report and remit
- 7 that tax pursuant to this part and fails to do so, shall report and
- 8 remit qualified use tax on an acceptable tax return.
- 9 (b) (1) In the case of a married individual filing a separate
- 10 California personal income tax return, an election may be made
- 11 to report either one-half of the qualified use tax or the entire
- 12 qualified use tax on his or her separate California personal income
- 13 tax return.
- 14 (2) If an individual elects to report one-half of the qualified use
- 15 tax, that election will not be binding with respect to the remaining
- 16 one-half of the qualified use tax owed by that individual and that
- 17 individual’s spouse.
- 18 (c) An acceptable tax return that contains use tax shall be
- 19 considered a tax return for purposes of this part.
- 20 (d) For purposes of this section:
- 21 (1) “Acceptable tax return” means a timely filed original return
- 22 that is filed pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section
- 23 18501), Article 2 (commencing with Section 18601), Section

1 18633, Section 18633.5 of Chapter 2 (commencing with Section
2 18501) of Part 10.2, or Article 3 (commencing with Section 23771)
3 of Chapter 4 of Part 11.

4 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), “qualified use
5 tax” means:

6 (i) For one or more single nonbusiness purchases of individual
7 items of tangible personal property with a sales price of less than
8 one thousand dollars (\$1,000), either of the following:

9 (I) The use tax imposed under this part, Section 35 of Article
10 XIII of the California Constitution, the Bradley-Burns Uniform
11 Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section
12 7200)), or the Transactions and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6
13 (commencing with Section 7251)) that has not been paid to a
14 retailer holding a seller’s permit or certificate of registration-use
15 tax.

16 (II) The estimated amount of use tax due based on the person’s
17 California-taxable *adjusted gross* income as reflected in the use
18 tax table shown in the accompanying instructions of the acceptable
19 tax return.

20 (ii) For one or more single nonbusiness purchases of individual
21 items of tangible personal property with a sales price of one
22 thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, or for any tangible personal
23 property purchased for use in a trade or business, the amount of
24 use tax imposed under this part, Section 35 of Article XIII of the
25 California Constitution, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales
26 and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200)), or
27 the Transactions and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6 (commencing with
28 Section 7251)) that has not been paid to a retailer holding a seller’s
29 permit or certificate of registration-use tax.

30 (B) “Qualified use tax” does not include:

31 (i) Use tax that applies to a mobilehome or a commercial coach
32 that is required to be registered annually pursuant to the Health
33 and Safety Code or use tax that applies to a vehicle subject to
34 identification under Division 16.5 (commencing with Section
35 38000) of the Vehicle Code, or to a vehicle that qualifies under
36 the permanent trailer identification plate program pursuant to
37 subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code.

38 (ii) Use tax imposed on a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft.

39 (iii) Use tax imposed on a lessee of tangible personal property.

1 (iv) Use tax imposed on a purchase of cigarettes, tobacco
2 products, or cigarettes and tobacco products for which the
3 purchaser is registered with the board as a cigarette consumer, a
4 tobacco products consumer, or a cigarette and tobacco products
5 consumer.

6 (e) (1) A person that is required to report qualified use tax on
7 an acceptable tax return shall report and remit the qualified use
8 tax by reporting the amount due based on all taxable purchases of
9 tangible personal property made during the taxable year for which
10 the acceptable tax return is required to be filed. A person that has
11 made one or more single nonbusiness purchases of individual items
12 of tangible personal property each with a sales price of less than
13 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) may satisfy his or her tax liability
14 for those purchases by using the use tax table shown in the
15 accompanying instructions of the acceptable tax return.

16 (2) Any other person required to file a return pursuant to Article
17 1 (commencing with Section 18501) or Article 2 (commencing
18 with Section 18601) of Chapter 2, Section 18633 or Section
19 18633.5 of Article 4, of Chapter 2 of Part 10.2, or Article 3
20 (commencing with Section 23771) of Chapter 4 of Part 11, that is
21 not required to report qualified use tax on an acceptable tax return
22 pursuant to this section shall designate a "0" on the space provided
23 on the return for use tax.

24 (f) (1) The penalties and interest imposed under this part, the
25 Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5
26 (commencing with Section 7200)), or the Transactions and Use
27 Tax Law (Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251)) shall apply
28 to use tax reported as qualified use tax on an acceptable return.

29 (2) Any claims for refunds or credits of any use tax reported as
30 qualified use tax on an acceptable tax return shall be made in
31 accordance with Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 6901) of
32 this part.

33 (3) Qualified use tax shall be considered to be timely reported
34 and remitted for purposes of this part, the Bradley-Burns Uniform
35 Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section
36 7200)), and the Transactions and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6
37 (commencing with Section 7251)), if the qualified use tax is timely
38 reported on and remitted with an acceptable tax return in
39 accordance with the provisions of this section.

1 (g) Notwithstanding a person's payment of qualified use tax on
2 an acceptable tax return, the State Board of Equalization is not
3 precluded from making any determinations for understatements
4 of qualified use tax against that person in accordance with Part 5
5 (commencing with Section 6451). However, with respect to one
6 or more single nonbusiness purchases of individual items of
7 tangible personal property with a sales price of less than one
8 thousand dollars (\$1,000), the board shall be precluded from
9 making any such determination against any person that uses the
10 use tax table for purposes of satisfying his or her use tax liability
11 when the person uses that table in accordance with the
12 accompanying instructions.

13 (h) Any payments and credits shown on the return, together
14 with any other credits associated with that person's account, of a
15 person that is required to report qualified use tax on an acceptable
16 tax return shall be applied in the following order:

17 (1) Taxes imposed under Part 10 (commencing with Section
18 17001) or Part 11 (commencing with Section 23001), including
19 penalties and interest, if any, imposed under Part 10.2 (commencing
20 with Section 18041).

21 (2) Qualified use tax reported on the acceptable tax return in
22 accordance with this section.

23 (i) (1) This section does not apply to a person who is otherwise
24 required to hold a seller's permit or to register with the State Board
25 of Equalization pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001)
26 of this division.

27 (2) This section applies to purchases of tangible personal
28 property made on or after January 1, 2010, in taxable years
29 beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

30 SEC. 2. Section 6453 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
31 amended to read:

32 6453. For purposes of the sales tax, the return shall show the
33 gross receipts of the seller during the preceding reporting period
34 and, in the case of a person who is liable for the sales tax and is
35 not a seller, the gross receipts of such person for the period in
36 which the liability was incurred. For purposes of the use tax, in
37 case of a return filed by a retailer, the return shall show the total
38 sales price of the property sold by him or her, the storage, use, or
39 consumption of which property became subject to the use tax
40 during the preceding reporting period; in case of a return filed by

1 a purchaser, except as provided in Section 6452.1, the return shall
2 show the total sales price of the property purchased by him or her,
3 the storage, use, or consumption of which became subject to the
4 use tax during the preceding reporting period.

5 The return shall also show the amount of the taxes for the period
6 covered by the return and any other information which the board
7 deems necessary for the proper administration of this part.

8 SEC. 3. Section 6487.3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
9 amended to read:

10 6487.3. (a) (1) For persons that are required to report qualified
11 use tax in accordance with Section 6452.1, except in the case of
12 fraud, intent to avoid this part or authorized rules and regulations
13 issued by the board, or the gross understatement of qualified use
14 taxes, every notice of a deficiency determination with respect to
15 the qualified use tax shall be mailed within three years after the
16 last day for which an acceptable tax return is due or filed,
17 whichever occurs later.

18 (2) In the case of a gross understatement of qualified use tax,
19 every notice of a deficiency determination with respect to the
20 qualified use tax shall be mailed within six years after the last day
21 for which an acceptable tax return is due or filed, whichever occurs
22 later.

23 (3) For purposes of this subdivision, a “gross understatement
24 of qualified use tax” is a deficiency that is in excess of 25 percent
25 of the amount of qualified use tax that is reported on a person’s
26 acceptable tax return. In the case of married individuals filing
27 separate California personal income tax returns, the total amount
28 of qualified use tax that is reported will be considered in
29 determining whether there is a gross understatement of qualified
30 use tax.

31 (4) For purposes of this section, “acceptable tax return” means
32 a timely filed original return that is filed pursuant to Article 1
33 (commencing with Section 18501), Article 2 (commencing with
34 Section 18601), Section 18633, Section 18633.5 of Chapter 2
35 (commencing with Section 18501) of Part 10.2, or Article 3
36 (commencing with Section 23771) of Chapter 4 of Part 11.

37 (b) This section applies to reporting of purchases of tangible
38 personal property made on or after January 1, 2010, in taxable
39 years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

1 SEC. 4. Section 18510 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
2 amended to read:

3 18510. (a) (1) The Franchise Tax Board shall revise the returns
4 required to be filed pursuant to this article, Article 2 (commencing
5 with Section 18601), Section 18633, Section 18633.5, and Article
6 3 (commencing with Section 23771) of Chapter 4 of Part 11 and
7 the accompanying instructions for filing those returns in a form
8 and manner approved by the State Board of Equalization, to enable
9 a person to report and pay qualified use tax in accordance with the
10 provisions of Section 6452.1.

11 (2) Within 10 working days of receiving from the Franchise
12 Tax Board the returns and instructions described in paragraph (1),
13 the State Board of Equalization shall do either of the following:

14 (A) Approve the form and manner of the returns and instructions
15 and notify the Franchise Tax Board of this approval.

16 (B) Submit comments to the Franchise Tax Board regarding
17 changes to the returns and instructions that shall be incorporated
18 before the State Board of Equalization approves the form and
19 manner of the returns and instructions.

20 (b) Any payments and credits shown on the return, together
21 with any other credits associated with that person's account, of a
22 person that reports qualified use tax on an acceptable tax return
23 shall be applied in the following order:

24 (1) Taxes imposed under Part 10 (commencing with Section
25 17001) or Part 11 (commencing with Section 23001), including
26 penalties and interest, if any, imposed under this part.

27 (2) Qualified use tax as reported on the acceptable tax return,
28 in accordance with Section 6452.1.

29 (c) The Franchise Tax Board shall transfer the qualified use tax
30 received pursuant to Section 6452.1, and any information the State
31 Board of Equalization deems necessary for its administration of
32 the use tax, to the State Board of Equalization within 60 days from
33 the date the use tax is received or the acceptable tax return is
34 processed, whichever is later.

35 (d) This section shall be operative for returns filed for taxable
36 years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

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