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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 919**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Williams**

February 22, 2013

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An act to add Section 6018.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 919, as amended, Williams. Sales and use taxes: veterans: itinerant vendors: repayment.

Existing sales and use tax laws impose 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, measured by sales price. That law, with certain exceptions, defines a retailer as a seller who makes any retail sale of tangible personal property and as a person who makes more than 2 retail sales of tangible personal property during any 12-month period, and defines a retail sale as a sale of tangible personal property for any purpose other than resale in the regular course of business.

Existing law, from April 1, 2010, to January 1, 2022, provides that a qualified itinerant vendor, as defined, is a consumer, and not a retailer, of tangible personal property owned and sold by the qualified itinerant vendor, except for alcoholic beverages or items sold for more than \$100, so that the retail sale subject to tax is the sale of tangible personal

property to the qualified itinerant vendor and not the sale by the qualified itinerant vendor.

This bill would provide a procedure for a qualified veteran, who is a person who met specified requirements for being a qualified itinerant vendor, to submit a claim for qualified repayments, as defined, with the State Board of Equalization, as provided. This bill would, on or before March 1, 2016, require the board to certify to the Controller the amount of qualified repayments to be made to each qualified veteran, and would require the State Controller, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to make the payments of qualified repayments. This bill would limit the total amount of money available to make qualified repayments to not more than \$50,000.

This bill would make findings regarding the public purpose served by the bill.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3 (a) Prior to the enactment of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2009  
4 (Senate Bill 805 of the 2009–10 Regular Session), which became  
5 operative on April 1, 2010, there was considerable uncertainty  
6 among honorably discharged veterans with respect to their  
7 responsibilities under California’s Sales and Use Tax Law. These  
8 veterans relied upon Section 16102 of the Business and Professions  
9 Code that exempts honorably discharged veterans from payment  
10 of any license, tax or fee, whatsoever, for their sales of goods,  
11 wares, or merchandise owned by them (except alcoholic  
12 beverages), and as a result, failed to pay sales tax or to collect sales  
13 tax reimbursement on their retail sales.

14 (b) This uncertainty resulted in deficiency assessments by the  
15 State Board of Equalization against these veterans and subsequent  
16 payments to the board by these veterans of the tax, interest, and  
17 penalty for amounts that the board determined to be due.

18 (c) For the public purpose of assuring equity in the payment of  
19 sales tax among qualified veterans for tangible personal property  
20 owned and sold by those veterans for \$100 or less, excluding  
21 alcoholic beverages, it is the intent of the Legislature that the sales

1 tax, interest, and any penalties paid by these veterans on those  
2 sales during the period on and after April 1, 2002, and before April  
3 1, 2010, for which there was no sales tax reimbursement collected  
4 from customers, be repaid in accordance with the provisions of  
5 this act.

6 SEC. 2. Section 6018.2 is added to the Revenue and Taxation  
7 Code, to read:

8 6018.2. (a) A qualified veteran may receive from the state, a  
9 qualified repayment if all provisions of this section are satisfied.

10 (b) The procedures set forth in this section shall be the procedure  
11 and remedy for the claims for a repayment of taxes, interest, or  
12 penalties paid by a qualified veteran under the Sales and Use Tax  
13 Law (Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001)), Section 35 of  
14 Article XIII of the California Constitution, local sales tax imposed  
15 in accordance with the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and  
16 Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200)), and  
17 local transactions and use taxes imposed in accordance with the  
18 Transactions and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6 (commencing with Section  
19 7251)) during the eight-year period beginning on and after April  
20 1, 2002, and before April 1, 2010.

21 (c) (1) For purposes of this section, a “qualified veteran” means  
22 a person who meets all of the following requirements:

23 (A) The person met the requirements of a qualified itinerant  
24 vendor as set forth in Section 6018.3 during the period in which  
25 the sales were made.

26 (B) The person paid to the board taxes imposed under the Sales  
27 and Use Tax Law (Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001)),  
28 Section 35 of Article XIII of the California Constitution, taxes  
29 imposed in accordance with the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local  
30 Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section  
31 7200)), and transactions and use taxes imposed in accordance with  
32 the Transactions and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6 (commencing with  
33 Section 7251)) during the period beginning April 1, 2002, and  
34 before April 1, 2010, for which no sales tax reimbursement was  
35 collected from customers, and also paid any interest or penalties  
36 associated with those tax liabilities.

37 (2) “Qualified repayment” means an amount equal to the amount  
38 described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1), *less any amount*  
39 *previously refunded to a qualified veteran through administrative*  
40 *refund actions, including administrative settlement, and any*

1 *amounts received in judgment or settlement of refund through a*  
2 *court of competent jurisdiction.*

3 (d) (1) Before January 1, 2016, a qualified veteran may file a  
4 claim for a qualified repayment with the board.

5 (2) The claim shall be in writing, and shall be completed in  
6 accordance with any instructions or regulations as the board may  
7 prescribe, including, but not limited to, proof of payment of the  
8 tax, interest, or penalties described in subparagraph (B) of  
9 paragraph (1) of subdivision (c).

10 (3) On or before March 1, 2016, the board shall certify to the  
11 Controller the amount of qualified repayments to be made to each  
12 qualified veteran pursuant to this section. The total amount of  
13 money available to make qualified repayment shall not exceed  
14 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). If the total amount of claims filed  
15 exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the board shall determine  
16 the pro rata share due to each qualified veteran based on the  
17 proportion each claim bears to the total amount of claims and shall  
18 report that amount for certification.

19 (4) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Controller shall  
20 make the payments of qualified repayments to qualified veterans.

21 (5) No interest shall be paid on any qualified repayment made  
22 pursuant to this section.

23 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that the addition of  
24 Section 6018.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code by this act  
25 serves a public purpose, as described in Section 1 of this act, and  
26 does not constitute a gift of public funds within the meaning of  
27 Section 6 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.