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**HOUSE BILL 18-1083**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR AIRCRAFT TO BE**  
102 **USED BY ON-DEMAND AIR CARRIERS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill creates a sales and use tax exemption for the purchase, storage, use, or consumption of an aircraft for use in interstate, intrastate, or foreign commerce by an on-demand air carrier if the aircraft is purchased by a person and then subsequently leased or subleased to an on-demand air carrier or if the aircraft is purchased by an on-demand air carrier.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
May 3, 2018

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
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HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
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The bill specifies that a statutory town, city, or county may exempt the same items only by express inclusion of the exemption in its initial sales tax ordinance or resolution or by amendment thereto.

The bill requires any special district or other limited purpose governmental entity that is authorized by law to levy sales tax upon all transactions or incidents with respect to which the state levies sales tax to levy a tax on the purchase, storage, use, or consumption of aircraft for use in interstate, intrastate, or foreign commerce by an on-demand air carrier.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby finds and declares:

4           (a) That the intended purpose of this act is to place additional  
5 aircraft in commercial service in Colorado, which will increase jobs  
6 related to their operation;

7           (b) A recent survey of several Colorado-based on-demand air  
8 carriers reflected that, on average, each aircraft creates slightly more than  
9 five jobs to support its operation;

10           (c) Colorado has a multitude of on-demand air carriers that will  
11 have increased access to additional aircraft as a result of this exemption;

12           (d) The exemption will help current on-demand air carriers to  
13 update their fleet with newer aircraft with enhanced safety features; and

14           (e) Colorado's rural communities will benefit through additional  
15 service because service providers critical to rural communities, such as  
16 medical support, rely on on-demand air carriers to access communities  
17 with no commercial airline service.

18           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-26-711, **amend**  
19 (1) introductory portion and (2) introductory portion; and **add** (1)(c),  
20 (2)(c), (3), and (4) as follows:

21           **39-26-711. Aircraft - tangible personal property - definition.**

1 (1) The following ~~shall be~~ ARE exempt from taxation under ~~the~~  
2 ~~provisions of part 1 of this article~~ ARTICLE 26:

3 (c) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019, THE SALE OF AIRCRAFT USED OR  
4 PURCHASED FOR USE IN INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE COMMERCE BY AN  
5 ON-DEMAND AIR CARRIER.

6 (2) The following ~~shall be~~ ARE exempt from taxation under ~~the~~  
7 ~~provisions of part 2 of this article~~ ARTICLE 26:

8 (c) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019, THE STORAGE, USE, OR  
9 CONSUMPTION OF AIRCRAFT USED OR PURCHASED FOR USE IN INTERSTATE  
10 OR INTRASTATE COMMERCE BY AN ON-DEMAND AIR CARRIER.

11 (3) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ON-DEMAND AIR CARRIER"  
12 MEANS AN ENTITY AUTHORIZED BY \_\_\_\_\_ THE FEDERAL AVIATION  
13 ADMINISTRATION TO OPERATE AN AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT PEOPLE OR  
14 PROPERTY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CERTIFICATION AND OPERATIONS  
15 REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN 14 CFR 125, 133, OR 135.

16 (4) NOTWITHSTANDING THE EXEMPTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN  
17 SUBSECTIONS (1)(c) AND (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION, ANY SPECIAL DISTRICT  
18 OR OTHER LIMITED PURPOSE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT IS AUTHORIZED  
19 BY LAW TO LEVY SALES TAX UPON ALL TRANSACTIONS OR INCIDENTS WITH  
20 RESPECT TO WHICH THE STATE LEVIES SALES TAX, REGARDLESS OF  
21 WHETHER THE AUTHORIZATION SPECIFICALLY REFERENCES THIS ARTICLE  
22 26, SHALL, IF IT LEVIES SALES TAX, LEVY THE TAX ON THE ITEMS  
23 EXEMPTED IN SUBSECTIONS (1)(c) AND (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION.

24 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-2-105, **add**  
25 (1)(d)(I)(P) as follows:

26 **29-2-105. Contents of sales tax ordinances and proposals -**  
27 **repeal.** (1) The sales tax ordinance or proposal of any incorporated town,

1 city, or county adopted pursuant to this article shall be imposed on the  
2 sale of tangible personal property at retail or the furnishing of services,  
3 as provided in subsection (1)(d) of this section. Any countywide or  
4 incorporated town or city sales tax ordinance or proposal shall include the  
5 following provisions:

6 (d) (I) A provision that the sale of tangible personal property and  
7 services taxable pursuant to this article shall be the same as the sale of  
8 tangible personal property and services taxable pursuant to section  
9 39-26-104, except as otherwise provided in this subsection (1)(d). The  
10 sale of tangible personal property and services taxable pursuant to this  
11 article shall be subject to the same sales tax exemptions as those specified  
12 in part 7 of article 26 of title 39; except that the sale of the following may  
13 be exempted from a town, city, or county sales tax only by the express  
14 inclusion of the exemption either at the time of adoption of the initial  
15 sales tax ordinance or resolution or by amendment thereto:

16 (P) THE ON-DEMAND AIR CARRIER EXEMPTIONS SET FORTH IN  
17 SECTION 39-26-711 (1)(c) AND (2)(c).

18 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.