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- 2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1733 by replacing
- 3 the title with the following:
- 4 "AN ACT in relation to taxes."; and
- 5 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
- 6 following:
- 7 "ARTICLE 5
- 8 Section 5-1. Short title. This Article may be cited as
- 9 the Gas Use Tax Law.
- 10 Section 5-5. Definitions. For purposes of this Law:
- "Delivering supplier" means any person engaged in the
- 12 business of delivering gas to persons for use or consumption
- 13 and not for resale, and who, in any case where more than one
- 14 person participates in the delivery of gas to a specific
- 15 purchaser, is the last of the suppliers engaged in delivering
- 16 the gas prior to its receipt by the purchaser.
- 17 "Delivering supplier maintaining a place of business in
- this State", or any like term, means any delivering supplier
- 19 having or maintaining within this State, directly or by a
- 20 subsidiary, an office, distribution facility, sales office,

- or other place of business, or any employee, agent, or other
- 2 representative operating within this State under the
- 3 authority of such delivering supplier or such delivering
- 4 supplier's subsidiary, irrespective of whether such place of
- 5 business or agent or other representative is located in this
- 6 State permanently or temporarily, or whether such delivering
- 7 supplier or such delivering supplier's subsidiary is licensed
- 8 to do business in this State.
- 9 "Department" means the Department of Revenue of the State
- 10 of Illinois.
- "Director" means the Director of Revenue.
- "Gas" means any gaseous fuel distributed through a
- 13 pipeline system.
- "Person" means any natural individual, firm, trust,
- 15 estate, partnership, association, joint stock company, joint
- 16 adventure, corporation, limited liability company, or a
- 17 receiver, trustee, guardian, or other representative
- 18 appointed by order of any court, or any city, town, county,
- or other political subdivision of this State.
- 20 "Purchase of out-of-State gas" means a transaction for
- 21 the purchase of gas from any supplier in a manner that does
- 22 not subject the seller of that gas to liability under the Gas
- 23 Revenue Tax Act.
- 24 "Purchase price" means the consideration paid for the
- 25 distribution, supply, furnishing, sale, transportation, or
- 26 delivery of gas to a person for use or consumption and not
- 27 for resale, and for all services directly related to the
- 28 production, transportation, or distribution of gas
- 29 distributed, supplied, furnished, sold, transmitted, or
- 30 delivered for use or consumption, including cash, services,
- 31 and property of every kind and nature. However, "purchase
- 32 price" shall not include consideration paid for:
- 33 (i) Any charge for a dishonored check.
- 34 (ii) Any finance or credit charge, penalty, charge

2 (iii) Any charge for reconnection of service or for

for delayed payment, or discount for prompt payment.

- 3 replacement or relocation of facilities.
- 4 (iv) Any advance or contribution in aid of
- 5 construction.

- 6 (v) Repair, inspection, or servicing of equipment
- 7 located on customer premises.
- 8 (vi) Leasing or rental of equipment, the leasing or
- 9 rental of which is not necessary to furnishing,
- 10 supplying, or selling gas.
- 11 (vii) Any purchase by a purchaser if the supplier
- is prohibited by federal or State constitution, treaty,
- 13 convention, statute, or court decision from recovering
- the related tax liability from such purchaser.
- 15 (viii) Any amounts added to purchasers' bills
- 16 because of changes made pursuant to the tax imposed by
- 17 this Law.
- 18 In case credit is extended, the amount thereof shall be
- included only as and when payments are received.
- 20 "Purchaser" means any person who acquires the ownership
- 21 of gas for use or consumption, and not for resale, for a
- 22 valuable consideration.
- "Self-assessing purchaser" means a purchaser of gas for
- use or consumption that is required to be registered with the
- 25 Department and is responsible for filing returns and paying
- 26 the tax imposed under this Law directly to the Department.
- "Use" means the exercise by any person of any right or
- 28 power over gas incident to the ownership of that gas, except
- 29 that it does not include the sale of gas in the regular
- 30 course of business.
- 31 Section 5-10. Imposition of tax. Beginning October 1,
- 32 2003, a tax is imposed upon the privilege of using in this
- 33 State gas obtained in a purchase of out-of-state gas at the

1 rate of 2.4 cents per therm or 5% of the purchase price 2 the billing period, whichever is the lower rate. Such tax rate shall be referred to as the "self-assessing purchaser 3 4 rate." Beginning with bills issued by delivering suppliers on and after October 1, 2003, purchasers may elect 5 6 an alternative tax rate of 2.4 cents per therm to be paid under the provisions of Section 5-15 of this Law to a 7 8 delivering supplier maintaining a place of business in this 9 State. Such tax rate shall be referred to as the "alternate tax rate". The tax imposed under this Section shall not apply 10 11 to gas used by business enterprises certified under Section 9-222.1 of the Public Utilities Act, as amended, to the 12 13 extent of such exemption and during the period of time specified by the Department of Commerce and Community 14 15 Affairs.

Section 5-15. Collection of Gas Use Tax; relief of duty. 16 17 Beginning with bills issued on and after October 1, 2003, a 18 delivering supplier maintaining a place of business in this State shall collect, from the purchasers who have elected the 19 20 alternate tax rate provided in Section 5-10 of this Law, the 21 is imposed by this Law at the alternate 2.4 cents 22 per therm rate. The tax imposed at the alternate tax rate by this Law shall, when collected, be stated as a distinct and 23 24 separate item apart from the selling price of the gas. tax collected by any delivering supplier shall constitute a 25 debt owed by that person to this State. Upon receipt by a 26 delivering supplier of copy of a certificate of 27 a registration issued to a self-assessing purchaser under 28 29 Section 5-20 of this Law, that delivering supplier relieved of the duty to collect the alternate tax from that 30 31 self-assessing purchaser beginning with bills issued to that self-assessing purchaser 30 or more days after receipt of the 32 copy of that certificate of registration. 33

certificate of registration. Any purchaser who does not elect

Section. 5-20. Self-assessing purchaser registration;

3 the alternate tax rate to be paid to a delivering supplier

4 shall register with the Department as a self-assessing

purchaser and pay the tax imposed by Section 5-10 of this Law

directly to the Department at the self-assessing purchaser

7 rate.

A purchaser registering as a self-assessing purchaser may not revoke such registration for at least one year thereafter. Application for a certificate of registration as a self-assessing purchaser shall be made to the Department upon forms furnished by the Department and shall contain any reasonable information that the Department may require. The self-assessing purchaser shall be required to disclose the name of the delivering supplier or suppliers who are delivering the gas upon which the self-assessing purchaser will be paying tax directly to the Department.

Upon receipt of the application for a certificate of registration in proper form, the Department shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration as a self-assessing purchaser. The applicant shall provide a copy of the certificate of registration as a self-assessing purchaser to the applicant's delivering supplier or suppliers.

Section 5-25. Self-assessing purchaser; direct return and payment of tax. Except for purchasers who have chosen the alternate tax rate to be paid to a delivering supplier maintaining a place of business in this State, the tax imposed in Section 5-10 of this Law shall be paid to the Department directly by each self-assessing purchaser who is subject to the tax imposed by this Law. Each self-assessing purchaser shall, on or before the 15th day of each month, make a return to the Department for the preceding calendar

1 month, stating the following:

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- 2 (1) His or her name and principal address.
- 3 (2) The total number of therms used by him or her 4 during the preceding calendar month and upon the basis of 5 which the tax is imposed.
  - (3) The purchase price of gas used by him or her during the preceding calendar month and upon the basis of which the tax is imposed.
    - (4) Amount of tax (computed upon items 2 and 3).
- 10 (5) Such other reasonable information as the
  11 Department may require.
- In making such return, the self-assessing purchaser may use any reasonable method to derive reportable "therms" and "purchase price" from his or her billing and payment records.
- If the average monthly liability of the self-assessing purchaser to the Department does not exceed \$100, the Department may authorize his or her returns to be filed on a quarter-annual basis, with the return for January, February, and March of a given year being due by April 30 of such year; with the return for April, May, and June of a given year being due by July 31 of such year; with the return for July,
- August, and September of a given year being due by October 31 of such year; and with the return for October, November, and
- 24 December of a given year being due by January 31 of the
- 25 following year.
- 26 If the average monthly liability of the self-assessing
- 27 purchaser to the Department does not exceed \$20, the
- Department may authorize his or her returns to be filed on a
- annual basis, with the return for a given year being due by
- 30 January 31 of the following year.
- 31 Such quarter-annual and annual returns, as to form and
- 32 substance, shall be subject to the same requirements as
- 33 monthly returns.
- 34 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Law

2 may file his or her return, in the case of any such 3 self-assessing purchaser who ceases to engage in a kind of 4 business which makes him or her responsible for filing

concerning the time within which a self-assessing purchaser

5 returns under this Law, such person shall file a final return

under this Law with the Department not more than one month

7 after discontinuing such business.

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8 self-assessing purchaser whose average monthly 9 liability to the Department under this Law was \$10,000 or more during the preceding calendar year, excluding the month 10 11 of highest liability and the month of lowest liability in such calendar year, and who is not operated by a unit of 12 local government, shall make estimated payments to the 13 Department on or before the 7th, 15th, 22nd, and last day of 14 the month during which tax liability to the Department is 15 16 incurred in an amount not less than the lower of either 22.5% of such person's actual tax liability for the month or 25% of 17 such person's actual tax liability for the same calendar 18 19 month of the preceding year. The amount of such quarter-monthly payments shall be credited against the final 20 2.1 tax liability of the self-assessing purchaser's return for 22 that month. Any outstanding credit, approved by 23 arising from the self-assessing purchaser's Department, overpayment of his or her final tax liability for any month 24 25 may be applied to reduce the amount of any subsequent quarter-monthly payment or credited against the final tax 26 liability of such self-assessing purchaser's return for any 27 subsequent month. If any quarter-monthly payment is not paid 28 29 at the time or in the amount required by this Section, such 30 person shall be liable for penalty and interest on the difference between the minimum amount due as a payment and 31 32 the amount of such payment actually and timely paid, except insofar as such person has previously made payments for that 33 34 month to the Department in excess of the minimum payments

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- 2 The self-assessing purchaser making the return provided
- 3 for in this Section shall, at the time of making such return,
- 4 pay to the Department the amount of tax imposed by this Law.
- 5 All moneys received by the Department under this Law shall be
- 6 paid into the General Revenue Fund in the State treasury.

7 Section 5-30. Registration of delivering suppliers. A 8 delivering supplier maintaining a place of business State who engages in the delivery of gas in this State shall 9 10 register with the Department. A delivering supplier, required to register under the Gas Revenue Tax Act, need not 11 obtain an additional certificate of registration under this 12 Law, but shall be deemed to be sufficiently registered by 13 14 virtue of his being registered under the Gas Revenue Tax Act. 15 Application for a certificate of registration shall be made to the Department upon forms furnished by the Department and 16 17 shall contain any reasonable information the Department may 18 require. Upon receipt of the application for a certificate of registration in proper form, the Department shall issue to 19 20 the applicant a certificate of registration. The Department may deny a certificate of registration to any applicant if 21 22 such applicant is in default for moneys due under this Law. Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Department under 23 24 this Section may, within 20 days after notice of such decision, protest and request a hearing, whereupon the 25 Department shall give notice to such person of the time and 26 place fixed for such hearing and shall hold a hearing in 2.7 conformity with the provisions of this Law and then issue its 28 29 final administrative decision in the matter to such person. In the absence of such a protest within 20 days, 30 31 Department's decision shall become final without any further

determination being made or notice given.

Section 5-35. Return and payment of tax by delivering supplier. Each delivering supplier who is required under Section 5-15 to collect the tax imposed by this Law shall make a return to the Department on or before the 15th day of each month for the preceding calendar month stating the following:

(1) His or her name.

- (2) The address of his or her principal place of business and the address of the principal place of business (if that is a different address) from which he or she engages in the business of delivering gas to persons for use or consumption and not for resale.
  - (3) The total number of therms of gas delivered to purchasers during the preceding calendar month and upon the basis of which the tax is imposed.
    - (4) Amount of tax computed upon item 3.
- 17 (5) Such other reasonable information as the
  18 Department may require.

In making such return the person engaged in the business of delivering gas to persons for use or consumption and not for resale may use any reasonable method to derive reportable "therms" from his or her billing and payment records.

If the average monthly liability to the Department of the delivering supplier does not exceed \$100, the Department may authorize his or her returns to be filed on a quarter-annual basis, with the return for January, February, and March of a given year being due by April 30 of such year; with the return for April, May, and June of a given year being due by July 31 of such year; with the return for July, August, and September of a given year being due by October 31 of such year; and with the return for October, November, and December of a given year being due by January 31 of the following year.

If the average monthly liability to the Department of the

- delivering supplier does not exceed \$20, the Department may
- 2 authorize his or her returns to be filed on an annual basis,
- 3 with the return for a given year being due by January 31 of
- 4 the following year.
- 5 Such quarter-annual and annual returns, as to form and
- 6 substance, shall be subject to the same requirements as
- 7 monthly returns.
- 8 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Law
- 9 concerning the time within which a delivering supplier may
- 10 file his or her return, in the case of any delivering
- 11 supplier who ceases to engage in a kind of business that
- 12 makes him or her responsible for filing returns under this
- 13 Law, such delivering supplier shall file a final return under
- 14 this Law with the Department not more than one month after
- 15 discontinuing such business.
- 16 Each delivering supplier whose average monthly liability
- 17 to the Department under this Law was \$10,000 or more during
- 18 the preceding calendar year, excluding the month of highest
- 19 liability and the month of lowest liability in such calendar
- 20 year, and who is not operated by a unit of local government,
- 21 shall make estimated payments to the Department on or before
- the 7th, 15th, 22nd, and last day of the month during which
- 23 tax liability to the Department is incurred in an amount not
- less than the lower of either 22.5% of such person's actual
- 25 tax liability for the month or 25% of such person's actual
- 26 tax liability for the same calendar month of the preceding
- 27 year. The amount of such quarter-monthly payments shall be
- 28 credited against the final tax liability of such person's
- 29 return for that month. Any outstanding credit, approved by
- 30 the Department, arising from such person's overpayment of his
- 31 or her final tax liability for any month may be applied to
- 32 reduce the amount of any subsequent quarter-monthly payment
- or credited against the final tax liability of such person's
- 34 return for any subsequent month. If any quarter-monthly

1 payment is not paid at the time or in the amount required by 2 this Section, such person shall be liable for penalty and interest on the difference between the minimum amount due as 3 4 a payment and the amount of such payment actually and timely paid, except insofar as such person has previously made 5

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The delivering supplier making the return provided for in 8 9 this Section shall, at the time of making such return, pay to the Department the amount of tax imposed by this Law. All 10 11 moneys received by the Department under this Law shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund in the State treasury.

Section 5-40. Incorporation of applicable Sections. The Department shall have full power to administer and enforce this Law; to collect all taxes, penalties, and interest due hereunder; to dispose of taxes, penalties, and interest so collected in the manner hereinafter provided; and to determine all rights to credit memoranda or refunds arising on account of the erroneous payment of tax, penalty, or interest hereunder. In the administration of, and compliance with, this Section, the Department and persons who are subject to this Section shall have the same rights, remedies, privileges, immunities, powers, and duties, be subject to the same conditions, restrictions, limitations, penalties, and definitions of terms, and employ the same modes of procedure, are prescribed in Sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 (except provisions relating to transaction returns and except that the due date for returns shall be the 15th day of each month for the preceding calendar month), 10, 11, 12, 12a, 12b, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 of the Use Tax Act, and are not inconsistent with this Section, as fully as if those provisions were set forth herein.

Section 5-45. Multistate exemption. To prevent actual multi-state taxation of the privilege that is subject to taxation under this Law, any purchaser, upon proof that purchaser has paid a tax in another state on such event, shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this Law, to the extent of the amount of the tax properly due and paid in the other state.

8 Section 5-50. Exemptions. The tax imposed under this Act 9 shall not apply to:

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- (1) Gas used by business enterprises certified under Section 9-222.1 of the Public Utilities Act, to the extent of such exemptions and during the period of time specified by the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs;
  - (2) Gas used by governmental bodies, or corporation, society, association, foundation, or exclusively institution organized and operated for charitable, religious, or educational purposes. Such use shall not be exempt unless the government body, or corporation, society, association, foundation, or institution organized and operated exclusively charitable, religious, or educational purposes has first been issued a tax exemption identification number by the Department of Revenue pursuant to Section 1g of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. A limited liability company may qualify for the exemption under this Section only if the limited liability company is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes. The term "educational purposes" shall have the same meaning as that set forth in Section 2h of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act;
  - (3) Gas used in the production of electric energy.

    This exemption does not include gas used in the general

- maintenance or heating of an electric energy production
  facility or other structure;
- 3 (4) Gas used in a petroleum refinery operation;
- 4 (5) Gas purchased by persons for use in 5 liquefaction and fractionation processes that produce 6 value added natural gas byproducts for resale;
- 7 (6) Gas used in the production of anhydrous ammonia 8 and downstream nitrogen fertilizer products for resale.
- 9 The Department may adopt rules to implement the 10 provisions of this Section.
- Section 5-905. The Gas Revenue Tax Act is amended by changing Sections 1 and 2 as follows:
- 13 (35 ILCS 615/1) (from Ch. 120, par. 467.16)
- 14 For the purposes of this Act: "Gross receipts" means the consideration received for 15 gas distributed, 16 supplied, furnished or sold to persons for use or consumption 17 and not for resale, and for all services (including the transportation or storage of gas for an end-user) rendered in 18 connection therewith, and shall include cash, services and 19 property of every kind or nature, and shall be determined 20 21 without any deduction on account of the cost of the service, product or commodity supplied, the cost of materials used, 22 23 labor or service costs, or any other expense whatsoever. However, "gross receipts" shall not include receipts from: 24 25
  - (i) any minimum or other charge for gas or gas service where the customer has taken no therms of gas;

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- (ii) any charge for a dishonored check;
- (iii) any finance or credit charge, penalty or charge for delayed payment, or discount for prompt payment;
- 31 (iv) any charge for reconnection of service or for 32 replacement or relocation of facilities;

1 (v) any advance or contribution in aid of construction;

- (vi) repair, inspection or servicing of equipment
  located on customer premises;
- (vii) leasing or rental of equipment, the leasing
  or rental of which is not necessary to distributing,
  furnishing, supplying, selling, transporting or storing
  gas;
- (viii) any sale to a customer if the taxpayer is prohibited by federal or State constitution, treaty, convention, statute or court decision from recovering the related tax liability from such customer;
- (ix) any charges added to customers' bills pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-221 or Section 9-222 of the Public Utilities Act, as amended, or any charges added to customers' bills by taxpayers who are not subject to rate regulation by the Illinois Commerce Commission for the purpose of recovering any of the tax liabilities or other amounts specified in such provisions of such Act; and
- gas services to a customer who acquired contractual rights for the direct purchase of gas or gas services originating from an out-of-state supplier or source on or before March 1, 1995, except for those charges solely related to the local distribution of gas by a public utility. This exemption includes any charge for gas or gas service, except for those charges solely related to the local distribution of gas by a public utility, to a customer who maintained an account with a public utility (as defined in Section 3-105 of the Public Utilities Act) for the transportation of customer-owned gas on or before March 1, 1995. The provisions of this amendatory Act of 1997 are intended to clarify, rather than change,

- 1 existing law as to the meaning and scope of this
- 2 exemption. This exemption (x) expires on September 30,
- 3 2003.
- In case credit is extended, the amount thereof shall be
- 5 included only as and when payments are received.
- 6 "Gross receipts" shall not include consideration received
- 7 from business enterprises certified under Section 9-222.1 of
- 8 the Public Utilities Act, as amended, to the extent of such
- 9 exemption and during the period of time specified by the
- 10 Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.
- "Department" means the Department of Revenue of the State
- 12 of Illinois.
- "Director" means the Director of Revenue for the
- 14 Department of Revenue of the State of Illinois.
- 15 "Taxpayer" means a person engaged in the business of
- 16 distributing, supplying, furnishing or selling gas for use or
- 17 consumption and not for resale.
- 18 "Person" means any natural individual, firm, trust,
- 19 estate, partnership, association, joint stock company, joint
- 20 adventure, corporation, limited liability company, or a
- 21 receiver, trustee, guardian or other representative appointed
- 22 by order of any court, or any city, town, county or other
- 23 political subdivision of this State.
- "Invested capital" means that amount equal to (i) the
- 25 average of the balances at the beginning and end of each
- 26 taxable period of the taxpayer's total stockholder's equity
- 27 and total long-term debt, less investments in and advances to
- 28 all corporations, as set forth on the balance sheets included
- in the taxpayer's annual report to the Illinois Commerce
- 30 Commission for the taxable period; (ii) multiplied by a
- 31 fraction determined under Sections 301 and 304(a) of the
- 32 "Illinois Income Tax Act" and reported on the Illinois income
- 33 tax return for the taxable period ending in or with the
- 34 taxable period in question. However, notwithstanding the

1 income tax return reporting requirement stated above, 2 beginning July 1, 1979, no taxpayer's denominators used to sales, property or payroll factors under 3 compute the subsection (a) of Section 304 of the Illinois Income Tax Act 4 5 shall include payroll, property or sales of any corporate 6 entity other than the taxpayer for the purposes 7 determining an allocation for the invested capital tax. This amendatory Act of 1982, Public Act 82-1024, is not 8 9 to and does not make any change in the meaning of any provision of this Act, it having been the intent of 10 11 General Assembly in initially enacting the definition of "invested capital" to provide for apportionment of the 12 invested capital of each company, based solely upon 13 the sales, property and payroll of that company. 14

"Taxable period" means each period which ends after the effective date of this Act and which is covered by an annual report filed by the taxpayer with the Illinois Commerce Commission.

19 (Source: P.A. 89-417, eff. 1-1-96; 90-16, eff. 6-16-97.)

20 (35 ILCS 615/2) (from Ch. 120, par. 467.17)

21 Sec. 2. A tax is imposed upon persons engaged 22 business of distributing, supplying, furnishing or selling gas to persons for use or consumption and not for resale 23 24 the rate of 2.4 cents per therm of all gas which is so distributed, supplied, furnished, sold or transported to or 25 customer in the course of such business, or 5% of 26 for each the gross receipts received from each customer from such 2.7 28 business, whichever is the lower rate as applied to each 29 customer for that customer's billing period, provided that any change in rate imposed by this amendatory Act of 1985 30 31 shall become effective only with bills having a meter reading date on or after January 1, 1986. However, such taxes are not 32 33 imposed with respect to any business in interstate commerce,

- 1 or otherwise to the extent to which such business may not,
- 2 under the Constitution and statutes of the United States, be
- 3 made the subject of taxation by this State.
- 4 Nothing in this amendatory Act of 1985 shall impose a tax
- 5 with respect to any transaction with respect to which no tax
- 6 was imposed immediately preceding the effective date of this
- 7 amendatory Act of 1985.
- 8 Beginning with bills issued to customers on and after
- 9 October 1, 2003, no tax shall be imposed under this Act on
- 10 <u>transactions with customers who incur a tax liability under</u>
- the Gas Use Tax Law.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 84-307; 84-1093.)
- 13 Section 5-999. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
- 14 October 1, 2003.".