

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Retailers' Occupation Tax Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 11 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 120/11) (from Ch. 120, par. 450)

7 Sec. 11. All information received by the Department from  
8 returns filed under this Act, or from any investigation  
9 conducted under this Act, shall be confidential, except for  
10 official purposes, and any person who divulges any such  
11 information in any manner, except in accordance with a proper  
12 judicial order or as otherwise provided by law, shall be guilty  
13 of a Class B misdemeanor with a fine not to exceed \$7,500.

14 Nothing in this Act prevents the Director of Revenue from  
15 publishing or making available to the public the names and  
16 addresses of persons filing returns under this Act, or  
17 reasonable statistics concerning the operation of the tax by  
18 grouping the contents of returns so the information in any  
19 individual return is not disclosed.

20 Nothing in this Act prevents the Director of Revenue from  
21 divulging to the United States Government or the government of  
22 any other state, or any officer or agency thereof, for  
23 exclusively official purposes, information received by the

1 Department in administering this Act, provided that such other  
2 governmental agency agrees to divulge requested tax  
3 information to the Department.

4 The Department's furnishing of information derived from a  
5 taxpayer's return or from an investigation conducted under this  
6 Act to the surety on a taxpayer's bond that has been furnished  
7 to the Department under this Act, either to provide notice to  
8 such surety of its potential liability under the bond or, in  
9 order to support the Department's demand for payment from such  
10 surety under the bond, is an official purpose within the  
11 meaning of this Section.

12 The furnishing upon request of information obtained by the  
13 Department from returns filed under this Act or investigations  
14 conducted under this Act to the Illinois Liquor Control  
15 Commission for official use is deemed to be an official purpose  
16 within the meaning of this Section.

17 Notice to a surety of potential liability shall not be  
18 given unless the taxpayer has first been notified, not less  
19 than 10 days prior thereto, of the Department's intent to so  
20 notify the surety.

21 The furnishing upon request of the Auditor General, or his  
22 authorized agents, for official use, of returns filed and  
23 information related thereto under this Act is deemed to be an  
24 official purpose within the meaning of this Section.

25 Where an appeal or a protest has been filed on behalf of a  
26 taxpayer, the furnishing upon request of the attorney for the

1 taxpayer of returns filed by the taxpayer and information  
2 related thereto under this Act is deemed to be an official  
3 purpose within the meaning of this Section.

4 The furnishing of financial information to a municipality  
5 or county, upon request of the chief executive officer or  
6 chairman ~~Chief Executive~~ thereof, as appropriate, is an  
7 official purpose within the meaning of this Section, provided  
8 the municipality or county agrees in writing to the  
9 requirements of this Section. Information provided to  
10 municipalities and counties under this paragraph shall be  
11 limited to: (1) the business name; (2) the business address;  
12 (3) the standard classification number assigned to the  
13 business; (4) net revenue distributed to the requesting  
14 municipality or county that is directly related to the  
15 requesting municipality's or county's local share of the  
16 proceeds under the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the  
17 Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax  
18 Act distributed from the Local Government Tax Fund, and, if  
19 applicable, any locally imposed retailers' occupation tax or  
20 service occupation tax; and (5) ~~(4)~~ a listing of all businesses  
21 within the requesting municipality or county by account  
22 identification number and address. On and after July 1, 2015,  
23 the furnishing of financial information to municipalities or  
24 counties under this paragraph may be by electronic means.

25 Information so provided shall be subject to all  
26 confidentiality provisions of this Section. The written

1 agreement shall provide for reciprocity, limitations on  
2 access, disclosure, and procedures for requesting information.  
3 Only the chief executive officer or chairman of the  
4 municipality or county, as appropriate, may initiate the  
5 written agreement with the Department. The chief executive  
6 officer or chairman of the municipality or county, as  
7 appropriate, shall provide the Department with a list of names  
8 and official titles of municipal or county employees, as  
9 appropriate, designated by him or her as persons exclusively  
10 authorized to request return information, view return  
11 information, or receive related information on his or her  
12 behalf. This list shall be restricted solely to municipal or  
13 county employees, as appropriate, who are directly involved in  
14 the financial operations of the municipality or county, and the  
15 financial information provided by the Department shall not be  
16 viewed by or shared with anyone who is not approved by the  
17 Department. The written agreement may be canceled by either the  
18 Department or the chief executive officer or chairman, as  
19 appropriate, of the municipality or county at any time and  
20 shall be canceled in the event of any unauthorized use or  
21 disclosure of State tax return information obtained pursuant to  
22 the written agreement, or in the event of a failure to abide by  
23 the procedures set forth in the agreement by the Department for  
24 safeguarding the confidentiality of such return information.

25 The Department may make available to the Board of Trustees  
26 of any Metro East Mass Transit District information contained

1 on transaction reporting returns required to be filed under  
2 Section 3 of this Act that report sales made within the  
3 boundary of the taxing authority of that Metro East Mass  
4 Transit District, as provided in Section 5.01 of the Local Mass  
5 Transit District Act. The disclosure shall be made pursuant to  
6 a written agreement between the Department and the Board of  
7 Trustees of a Metro East Mass Transit District, which is an  
8 official purpose within the meaning of this Section. The  
9 written agreement between the Department and the Board of  
10 Trustees of a Metro East Mass Transit District shall provide  
11 for reciprocity, limitations on access, disclosure, and  
12 procedures for requesting information. Information so provided  
13 shall be subject to all confidentiality provisions of this  
14 Section.

15 The Director may make available to any State agency,  
16 including the Illinois Supreme Court, which licenses persons to  
17 engage in any occupation, information that a person licensed by  
18 such agency has failed to file returns under this Act or pay  
19 the tax, penalty and interest shown therein, or has failed to  
20 pay any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest due under  
21 this Act. The Director may make available to any State agency,  
22 including the Illinois Supreme Court, information regarding  
23 whether a bidder, contractor, or an affiliate of a bidder or  
24 contractor has failed to collect and remit Illinois Use tax on  
25 sales into Illinois, or any tax under this Act or pay the tax,  
26 penalty, and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay any

1 final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest due under this  
2 Act, for the limited purpose of enforcing bidder and contractor  
3 certifications. The Director may make available to units of  
4 local government and school districts that require bidder and  
5 contractor certifications, as set forth in Sections 50-11 and  
6 50-12 of the Illinois Procurement Code, information regarding  
7 whether a bidder, contractor, or an affiliate of a bidder or  
8 contractor has failed to collect and remit Illinois Use tax on  
9 sales into Illinois, file returns under this Act, or pay the  
10 tax, penalty, and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay  
11 any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest due under  
12 this Act, for the limited purpose of enforcing bidder and  
13 contractor certifications. For purposes of this Section, the  
14 term "affiliate" means any entity that (1) directly,  
15 indirectly, or constructively controls another entity, (2) is  
16 directly, indirectly, or constructively controlled by another  
17 entity, or (3) is subject to the control of a common entity.  
18 For purposes of this Section, an entity controls another entity  
19 if it owns, directly or individually, more than 10% of the  
20 voting securities of that entity. As used in this Section, the  
21 term "voting security" means a security that (1) confers upon  
22 the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the  
23 board of directors or similar governing body of the business or  
24 (2) is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive upon  
25 its exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. A  
26 general partnership interest is a voting security.

1           The Director may make available to any State agency,  
2 including the Illinois Supreme Court, units of local  
3 government, and school districts, information regarding  
4 whether a bidder or contractor is an affiliate of a person who  
5 is not collecting and remitting Illinois Use taxes for the  
6 limited purpose of enforcing bidder and contractor  
7 certifications.

8           The Director may also make available to the Secretary of  
9 State information that a limited liability company, which has  
10 filed articles of organization with the Secretary of State, or  
11 corporation which has been issued a certificate of  
12 incorporation by the Secretary of State has failed to file  
13 returns under this Act or pay the tax, penalty and interest  
14 shown therein, or has failed to pay any final assessment of  
15 tax, penalty or interest due under this Act. An assessment is  
16 final when all proceedings in court for review of such  
17 assessment have terminated or the time for the taking thereof  
18 has expired without such proceedings being instituted.

19           The Director shall make available for public inspection in  
20 the Department's principal office and for publication, at cost,  
21 administrative decisions issued on or after January 1, 1995.  
22 These decisions are to be made available in a manner so that  
23 the following taxpayer information is not disclosed:

24           (1) The names, addresses, and identification numbers  
25 of the taxpayer, related entities, and employees.

26           (2) At the sole discretion of the Director, trade

1           secrets or other confidential information identified as  
2           such by the taxpayer, no later than 30 days after receipt  
3           of an administrative decision, by such means as the  
4           Department shall provide by rule.

5           The Director shall determine the appropriate extent of the  
6           deletions allowed in paragraph (2). In the event the taxpayer  
7           does not submit deletions, the Director shall make only the  
8           deletions specified in paragraph (1).

9           The Director shall make available for public inspection and  
10          publication an administrative decision within 180 days after  
11          the issuance of the administrative decision. The term  
12          "administrative decision" has the same meaning as defined in  
13          Section 3-101 of Article III of the Code of Civil Procedure.  
14          Costs collected under this Section shall be paid into the Tax  
15          Compliance and Administration Fund.

16          Nothing contained in this Act shall prevent the Director  
17          from divulging information to any person pursuant to a request  
18          or authorization made by the taxpayer or by an authorized  
19          representative of the taxpayer.

20          (Source: P.A. 98-1058, eff. 1-1-15.)

21          Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22          becoming law.