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Bill Summary

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Overview

St. John's University underwent governance restructuring last year in order to meet some educational endorsement requirements. The restructure eliminated the lodging and food exemption St. John's Abbey previously enjoyed due to the Abbey's and University's shared facilities.

This bill retroactively reinstates the exemption beginning with sales and purchases made after June 30, 2012. This is the only church affiliated institution of higher education in the state affected by this exemption.

Section

- 1 Sales to nonprofits.** Provides a cross reference to the exemption in section 2.
- 2 Established religious orders.** Excludes from the sales tax the sale of lodging and table food and beverages between an established religious order and an affiliated higher education institution. Defines both "established religious order" and "affiliated" for purposes of this subdivision. The effect is to reinstate the sales tax exemption St. John's Abbey lost last year when St. John's University underwent a governance restructuring last year in order to meet some educational endorsement requirements. Retroactive to sales and purchases made after June 30, 2012.