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Overview

Provides a sales tax exemption for construction materials, supplies, and equipment used for construction or replacement of real property destroyed by a fire in the city of Melrose on September 8, 2016. Provides a refund mechanism for materials purchased prior to April 1, 2017. Provides a one-time grant to the city.

Section

- 1 Properties destroyed by fire.** Provides a sales tax exemption for construction materials, supplies, and equipment used for construction or replacement of real property destroyed by a fire in the city of Melrose on September 8, 2016. The exemption applies to purchases made after September 30, 2016 and before January 1, 2019.
Provides that for the period between September 30, 2016 and April 1, 2017, the tax must be paid at the time of the purchase and refunded as provided in the bill.
- 2 Tax collected.** Adds the exemption in section 1 to the list of sales tax exemptions where the tax is paid at that time of purchase and then refunded.
- 3 Refund; eligible persons.** Requires the owner or developer of the project exempt under section 1 to apply for the refund on purchases made before April 1, 2017.

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- 4** **Application.** Requires any contractors or subcontractors who paid sales tax on construction materials during the refund period to supply the owner/developer with the information needed to apply for the refund. (Note: All qualifying purchases made after April 1, 2017 are exempt at the point of sales, regardless of who makes the purchase.)

- 5** **Appropriation.** Provides a one-time appropriation in fiscal year 2017 to the city of Melrose from the general fund. The appropriation amount is unspecified.