

Subject Explicitly prohibits new local sales taxes on food and beverages.

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Overview

Modifies the current general statutory prohibition against a local government imposing a tax on income or sales by explicitly prohibiting an increase or new excise tax or fee on food and beverages or their containers – at any level in the distribution process. The prohibition applies to volume and unit taxes as well as those based on value. It applies to food for both human and animal consumption.

Effective the day after final enactment.

Background: Current law prohibits local governments from imposing a new tax on sales. This prohibition is not limited by type of product sold, unit basis for the tax, or type of person making the sale. Exceptions to the prohibition must be granted legislatively.