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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68
8 O.S. 2011, Section 1357, as last amended by Section
9 2, Chapter 429, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2014,
10 Section 1357), which relates to sales tax exemptions;
11 authorizing exemption for sales of groceries made to
12 certain veterans and their unremarried surviving
13 spouses; limiting amount of exemption; requiring
14 taxpayer provide certain attestation upon request;
15 providing penalty; defining term; providing an
16 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 1357, as
19 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 429, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp.
20 2014, Section 1357), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1357. Exemptions - General.

22 There are hereby specifically exempted from the tax levied by
23 the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code:

24 1. Transportation of school pupils to and from elementary
schools or high schools in motor or other vehicles;

1 2. Transportation of persons where the fare of each person does
2 not exceed One Dollar (\$1.00), or local transportation of persons
3 within the corporate limits of a municipality except by taxicabs;

4 3. Sales for resale to persons engaged in the business of
5 reselling the articles purchased, whether within or without the
6 state, provided that such sales to residents of this state are made
7 to persons to whom sales tax permits have been issued as provided in
8 the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code. This exemption shall not apply to the
9 sales of articles made to persons holding permits when such persons
10 purchase items for their use and which they are not regularly
11 engaged in the business of reselling; neither shall this exemption
12 apply to sales of tangible personal property to peddlers, solicitors
13 and other salespersons who do not have an established place of
14 business and a sales tax permit. The exemption provided by this
15 paragraph shall apply to sales of motor fuel or diesel fuel to a
16 Group Five vendor, but the use of such motor fuel or diesel fuel by
17 the Group Five vendor shall not be exempt from the tax levied by the
18 Oklahoma Sales Tax Code. The purchase of motor fuel or diesel fuel
19 is exempt from sales tax when the motor fuel is for shipment outside
20 this state and consumed by a common carrier by rail in the conduct
21 of its business. The sales tax shall apply to the purchase of motor
22 fuel or diesel fuel in Oklahoma by a common carrier by rail when
23 such motor fuel is purchased for fueling, within this state, of any
24 locomotive or other motorized flanged wheel equipment;

1 4. Sales of advertising space in newspapers and periodicals;

2 5. Sales of programs relating to sporting and entertainment
3 events, and sales of advertising on billboards (including signage,
4 posters, panels, marquees, or on other similar surfaces, whether
5 indoors or outdoors) or in programs relating to sporting and
6 entertainment events, and sales of any advertising, to be displayed
7 at or in connection with a sporting event, via the Internet,
8 electronic display devices, or through public address or broadcast
9 systems. The exemption authorized by this paragraph shall be
10 effective for all sales made on or after January 1, 2001;

11 6. Sales of any advertising, other than the advertising
12 described by paragraph 5 of this section, via the Internet,
13 electronic display devices, or through the electronic media,
14 including radio, public address or broadcast systems, television
15 (whether through closed circuit broadcasting systems or otherwise),
16 and cable and satellite television, and the servicing of any
17 advertising devices;

18 7. Eggs, feed, supplies, machinery and equipment purchased by
19 persons regularly engaged in the business of raising worms, fish,
20 any insect or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic animal life
21 and used for the purpose of raising same for marketing. This
22 exemption shall only be granted and extended to the purchaser when
23 the items are to be used and in fact are used in the raising of
24 animal life as set out above. Each purchaser shall certify, in

1 writing, on the invoice or sales ticket retained by the vendor that
2 the purchaser is regularly engaged in the business of raising such
3 animal life and that the items purchased will be used only in such
4 business. The vendor shall certify to the Oklahoma Tax Commission
5 that the price of the items has been reduced to grant the full
6 benefit of the exemption. Violation hereof by the purchaser or
7 vendor shall be a misdemeanor;

8 8. Sale of natural or artificial gas and electricity, and
9 associated delivery or transmission services, when sold exclusively
10 for residential use. Provided, this exemption shall not apply to
11 any sales tax levied by a city or town, or a county, or any other
12 jurisdiction in this state;

13 9. In addition to the exemptions authorized by Section 1357.6
14 of this title, sales of drugs sold pursuant to a prescription
15 written for the treatment of human beings by a person licensed to
16 prescribe the drugs, and sales of insulin and medical oxygen.
17 Provided, this exemption shall not apply to over-the-counter drugs;

18 10. Transfers of title or possession of empty, partially
19 filled, or filled returnable oil and chemical drums to any person
20 who is not regularly engaged in the business of selling, reselling
21 or otherwise transferring empty, partially filled, or filled
22 returnable oil drums;

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1 11. Sales of one-way utensils, paper napkins, paper cups,
2 disposable hot containers and other one-way carry out materials to a
3 vendor of meals or beverages;

4 12. Sales of food or food products for home consumption which
5 are purchased in whole or in part with coupons issued pursuant to
6 the federal food stamp program as authorized by Sections 2011
7 through 2029 of Title 7 of the United States Code, as to that
8 portion purchased with such coupons. The exemption provided for
9 such sales shall be inapplicable to such sales upon the effective
10 date of any federal law that removes the requirement of the
11 exemption as a condition for participation by the state in the
12 federal food stamp program;

13 13. Sales of food or food products, or any equipment or
14 supplies used in the preparation of the food or food products to or
15 by an organization which:

- 16 a. is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of
17 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26
18 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and which provides and
19 delivers prepared meals for home consumption to
20 elderly or homebound persons as part of a program
21 commonly known as "Meals on Wheels" or "Mobile Meals",
22 or
23 b. is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of
24 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26

1 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and which receives federal
2 funding pursuant to the Older Americans Act of 1965,
3 as amended, for the purpose of providing nutrition
4 programs for the care and benefit of elderly persons;

5 14. a. Sales of tangible personal property or services to or
6 by organizations which are exempt from taxation
7 pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the
8 Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3),
9 and:

10 (1) are primarily involved in the collection and
11 distribution of food and other household products
12 to other organizations that facilitate the
13 distribution of such products to the needy and
14 such distributee organizations are exempt from
15 taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section
16 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26
17 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), or

18 (2) facilitate the distribution of such products to
19 the needy.

20 b. Sales made in the course of business for profit or
21 savings, competing with other persons engaged in the
22 same or similar business shall not be exempt under
23 this paragraph;
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1 15. Sales of tangible personal property or services to
2 children's homes which are located on church-owned property and are
3 operated by organizations exempt from taxation pursuant to the
4 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section
5 501(c) (3);

6 16. Sales of computers, data processing equipment, related
7 peripherals and telephone, telegraph or telecommunications service
8 and equipment for use in a qualified aircraft maintenance or
9 manufacturing facility. For purposes of this paragraph, "qualified
10 aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility" means a new or
11 expanding facility primarily engaged in aircraft repair, building or
12 rebuilding whether or not on a factory basis, whose total cost of
13 construction exceeds the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00)
14 and which employs at least two hundred fifty (250) new full-time-
15 equivalent employees, as certified by the Oklahoma Employment
16 Security Commission, upon completion of the facility. In order to
17 qualify for the exemption provided for by this paragraph, the cost
18 of the items purchased by the qualified aircraft maintenance or
19 manufacturing facility shall equal or exceed the sum of Two Million
20 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00);

21 17. Sales of tangible personal property consumed or
22 incorporated in the construction or expansion of a qualified
23 aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility as defined in
24 paragraph 16 of this section. For purposes of this paragraph, sales

1 made to a contractor or subcontractor that has previously entered
2 into a contractual relationship with a qualified aircraft
3 maintenance or manufacturing facility for construction or expansion
4 of such a facility shall be considered sales made to a qualified
5 aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility;

6 18. Sales of the following telecommunications services:

7 a. Interstate and International "800 service". "800
8 service" means a "telecommunications service" that
9 allows a caller to dial a toll-free number without
10 incurring a charge for the call. The service is
11 typically marketed under the name "800", "855", "866",
12 "877", and "888" toll-free calling, and any subsequent
13 numbers designated by the Federal Communications
14 Commission, or

15 b. Interstate and International "900 service". "900
16 service" means an inbound toll "telecommunications
17 service" purchased by a subscriber that allows the
18 subscriber's customers to call in to the subscriber's
19 prerecorded announcement or live service. "900
20 service" does not include the charge for: collection
21 services provided by the seller of the
22 "telecommunications services" to the subscriber, or
23 service or product sold by the subscriber to the
24 subscriber's customer. The service is typically

1 marketed under the name "900" service, and any
2 subsequent numbers designated by the Federal
3 Communications Commission,

4 c. Interstate and International "private communications
5 service". "Private communications service" means a
6 "telecommunications service" that entitles the
7 customer to exclusive or priority use of a
8 communications channel or group of channels between or
9 among termination points, regardless of the manner in
10 which such channel or channels are connected, and
11 includes switching capacity, extension lines,
12 stations, and any other associated services that are
13 provided in connection with the use of such channel or
14 channels,

15 d. "Value-added nonvoice data service". "Value-added
16 nonvoice data service" means a service that otherwise
17 meets the definition of "telecommunications services"
18 in which computer processing applications are used to
19 act on the form, content, code, or protocol of the
20 information or data primarily for a purpose other than
21 transmission, conveyance or routing,

22 e. Interstate and International telecommunications
23 service which is:
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1 (1) rendered by a company for private use within its
2 organization, or

3 (2) used, allocated, or distributed by a company to
4 its affiliated group,

5 f. Regulatory assessments and charges, including charges
6 to fund the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund, the
7 Oklahoma Lifeline Fund and the Oklahoma High Cost
8 Fund, and

9 g. Telecommunications nonrecurring charges, including but
10 not limited to the installation, connection, change or
11 initiation of telecommunications services which are
12 not associated with a retail consumer sale;

13 19. Sales of railroad track spikes manufactured and sold for
14 use in this state in the construction or repair of railroad tracks,
15 switches, sidings and turnouts;

16 20. Sales of aircraft and aircraft parts, provided such sales
17 occur at a qualified aircraft maintenance facility. As used in this
18 paragraph, "qualified aircraft maintenance facility" means a
19 facility operated by an air common carrier at which there were
20 employed at least two thousand (2,000) full-time-equivalent
21 employees in the preceding year as certified by the Oklahoma
22 Employment Security Commission and which is primarily related to the
23 fabrication, repair, alteration, modification, refurbishing,
24 maintenance, building or rebuilding of commercial aircraft or

1 aircraft parts used in air common carriage. For purposes of this
2 paragraph, "air common carrier" shall also include members of an
3 affiliated group as defined by Section 1504 of the Internal Revenue
4 Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 1504;

5 21. Sales of machinery and equipment purchased and used by
6 persons and establishments primarily engaged in computer services
7 and data processing:

8 a. as defined under Industrial Group Numbers 7372 and
9 7373 of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)
10 Manual, latest version, which derive at least fifty
11 percent (50%) of their annual gross revenues from the
12 sale of a product or service to an out-of-state buyer
13 or consumer, and

14 b. as defined under Industrial Group Number 7374 of the
15 SIC Manual, latest version, which derive at least
16 eighty percent (80%) of their annual gross revenues
17 from the sale of a product or service to an out-of-
18 state buyer or consumer.

19 Eligibility for the exemption set out in this paragraph shall be
20 established, subject to review by the Tax Commission, by annually
21 filing an affidavit with the Tax Commission stating that the
22 facility so qualifies and such information as required by the Tax
23 Commission. For purposes of determining whether annual gross
24 revenues are derived from sales to out-of-state buyers or consumers,

1 all sales to the federal government shall be considered to be to an
2 out-of-state buyer or consumer;

3 22. Sales of prosthetic devices to an individual for use by
4 such individual. For purposes of this paragraph, "prosthetic
5 device" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 1357.6 of
6 this title, but shall not include corrective eye glasses, contact
7 lenses or hearing aids;

8 23. Sales of tangible personal property or services to a motion
9 picture or television production company to be used or consumed in
10 connection with an eligible production. For purposes of this
11 paragraph, "eligible production" means a documentary, special, music
12 video, or a television commercial or television program that will
13 serve as a pilot for or be a segment of an ongoing dramatic or
14 situation comedy series filmed or taped for network or national or
15 regional syndication or a feature-length motion picture intended for
16 theatrical release or for network or national or regional
17 syndication or broadcast. The provisions of this paragraph shall
18 apply to sales occurring on or after July 1, 1996. In order to
19 qualify for the exemption, the motion picture or television
20 production company shall file any documentation and information
21 required to be submitted pursuant to rules promulgated by the Tax
22 Commission;

23 24. Sales of diesel fuel sold for consumption by commercial
24 vessels, barges and other commercial watercraft;

1 25. Sales of tangible personal property or services to tax-
2 exempt independent nonprofit biomedical research foundations that
3 provide educational programs for Oklahoma science students and
4 teachers and to tax-exempt independent nonprofit community blood
5 banks headquartered in this state;

6 26. Effective May 6, 1992, sales of wireless telecommunications
7 equipment to a vendor who subsequently transfers the equipment at no
8 charge or for a discounted charge to a consumer as part of a
9 promotional package or as an inducement to commence or continue a
10 contract for wireless telecommunications services;

11 27. Effective January 1, 1991, leases of rail transportation
12 cars to haul coal to coal-fired plants located in this state which
13 generate electric power;

14 28. Beginning July 1, 2005, sales of aircraft engine repairs,
15 modification, and replacement parts, sales of aircraft frame repairs
16 and modification, aircraft interior modification, and paint, and
17 sales of services employed in the repair, modification and
18 replacement of parts of aircraft engines, aircraft frame and
19 interior repair and modification, and paint;

20 29. Sales of materials and supplies to the owner or operator of
21 a ship, motor vessel or barge that is used in interstate or
22 international commerce if the materials and supplies:
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1 a. are loaded on the ship, motor vessel or barge and used
2 in the maintenance and operation of the ship, motor
3 vessel or barge, or

4 b. enter into and become component parts of the ship,
5 motor vessel or barge;

6 30. Sales of tangible personal property made at estate sales at
7 which such property is offered for sale on the premises of the
8 former residence of the decedent by a person who is not required to
9 be licensed pursuant to the Transient Merchant Licensing Act, or who
10 is not otherwise required to obtain a sales tax permit for the sale
11 of such property pursuant to the provisions of Section 1364 of this
12 title; provided:

13 a. such sale or event may not be held for a period
14 exceeding three (3) consecutive days,

15 b. the sale must be conducted within six (6) months of
16 the date of death of the decedent, and

17 c. the exemption allowed by this paragraph shall not be
18 allowed for property that was not part of the
19 decedent's estate;

20 31. Beginning January 1, 2004, sales of electricity and
21 associated delivery and transmission services, when sold exclusively
22 for use by an oil and gas operator for reservoir dewatering projects
23 and associated operations commencing on or after July 1, 2003, in
24 which the initial water-to-oil ratio is greater than or equal to

1 five-to-one water-to-oil, and such oil and gas development projects
2 have been classified by the Corporation Commission as a reservoir
3 dewatering unit;

4 32. Sales of prewritten computer software that is delivered
5 electronically. For purposes of this paragraph, "delivered
6 electronically" means delivered to the purchaser by means other than
7 tangible storage media;

8 33. Sales of modular dwelling units when built at a production
9 facility and moved in whole or in parts, to be assembled on-site,
10 and permanently affixed to the real property and used for
11 residential or commercial purposes. The exemption provided by this
12 paragraph shall equal forty-five percent (45%) of the total sales
13 price of the modular dwelling unit. For purposes of this paragraph,
14 "modular dwelling unit" means a structure that is not subject to the
15 motor vehicle excise tax imposed pursuant to Section 2103 of this
16 title;

17 34. Sales of tangible personal property or services to persons
18 who are residents of Oklahoma and have been honorably discharged
19 from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United
20 States or Oklahoma National Guard and who have been certified by the
21 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor to be
22 in receipt of disability compensation at the one-hundred-percent
23 rate and the disability shall be permanent and have been sustained
24 through military action or accident or resulting from disease

1 contracted while in such active service or the surviving spouse of
2 such person if the person is deceased and the spouse has not
3 remarried; provided, sales for the benefit of the person to a spouse
4 of the eligible person or to a member of the household in which the
5 eligible person resides and who is authorized to make purchases on
6 the person's behalf, when such eligible person is not present at the
7 sale, shall also be exempt for purposes of this paragraph. Sales
8 qualifying for the exemption authorized by this paragraph shall not
9 exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year per
10 individual while the disabled veteran is living. Sales qualifying
11 for the exemption authorized by this paragraph shall not exceed One
12 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year for an unremarried surviving
13 spouse. Upon request of the Tax Commission, a person asserting or
14 claiming the exemption authorized by this paragraph shall provide a
15 statement, executed under oath, that the total sales amounts for
16 which the exemption is applicable have not exceeded Twenty-five
17 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year per living disabled veteran
18 or One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year for an unremarried
19 surviving spouse. If the amount of such exempt sales exceeds such
20 amount, the sales tax in excess of the authorized amount shall be
21 treated as a direct sales tax liability and may be recovered by the
22 Tax Commission in the same manner provided by law for other taxes,
23 including penalty and interest;

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1 35. Sales of electricity to the operator, specifically
2 designated by the Corporation Commission, of a spacing unit or lease
3 from which oil is produced or attempted to be produced using
4 enhanced recovery methods, including, but not limited to, increased
5 pressure in a producing formation through the use of water or
6 saltwater if the electrical usage is associated with and necessary
7 for the operation of equipment required to inject or circulate
8 fluids in a producing formation for the purpose of forcing oil or
9 petroleum into a wellbore for eventual recovery and production from
10 the wellhead. In order to be eligible for the sales tax exemption
11 authorized by this paragraph, the total content of oil recovered
12 after the use of enhanced recovery methods shall not exceed one
13 percent (1%) by volume. The exemption authorized by this paragraph
14 shall be applicable only to the state sales tax rate and shall not
15 be applicable to any county or municipal sales tax rate;

16 36. Sales of intrastate charter and tour bus transportation.
17 As used in this paragraph, "intrastate charter and tour bus
18 transportation" means the transportation of persons from one
19 location in this state to another location in this state in a motor
20 vehicle which has been constructed in such a manner that it may
21 lawfully carry more than eighteen persons, and which is ordinarily
22 used or rented to carry persons for compensation. Provided, this
23 exemption shall not apply to regularly scheduled bus transportation
24 for the general public;

1 37. Sales of vitamins, minerals and dietary supplements by a
2 licensed chiropractor to a person who is the patient of such
3 chiropractor at the physical location where the chiropractor
4 provides chiropractic care or services to such patient. The
5 provisions of this paragraph shall not be applicable to any drug,
6 medicine or substance for which a prescription by a licensed
7 physician is required;

8 38. Sales of goods, wares, merchandise, tangible personal
9 property, machinery and equipment to a web search portal located in
10 this state which derives at least eighty percent (80%) of its annual
11 gross revenue from the sale of a product or service to an out-of-
12 state buyer or consumer. For purposes of this paragraph, "web
13 search portal" means an establishment classified under NAICS code
14 519130 which operates web sites that use a search engine to generate
15 and maintain extensive databases of Internet addresses and content
16 in an easily searchable format;

17 39. Sales of tangible personal property consumed or
18 incorporated in the construction or expansion of a facility for a
19 corporation organized under Section 437 et seq. of Title 18 of the
20 Oklahoma Statutes as a rural electric cooperative. For purposes of
21 this paragraph, sales made to a contractor or subcontractor that has
22 previously entered into a contractual relationship with a rural
23 electric cooperative for construction or expansion of a facility
24 shall be considered sales made to a rural electric cooperative;

1 40. Sales of tangible personal property or services to a
2 business primarily engaged in the repair of consumer electronic
3 goods, including, but not limited to, cell phones, compact disc
4 players, personal computers, MP3 players, digital devices for the
5 storage and retrieval of information through hard-wired or wireless
6 computer or Internet connections, if the devices are sold to the
7 business by the original manufacturer of such devices and the
8 devices are repaired, refitted or refurbished for sale by the entity
9 qualifying for the exemption authorized by this paragraph directly
10 to retail consumers or if the devices are sold to another business
11 entity for sale to retail consumers;

12 41. Before July 1, 2019, sales of rolling stock when sold or
13 leased by the manufacturer, regardless of whether the purchaser is a
14 public services corporation engaged in business as a common carrier
15 of property or passengers by railway, for use or consumption by a
16 common carrier directly in the rendition of public service. For
17 purposes of this paragraph, "rolling stock" means locomotives,
18 autocars and railroad cars; ~~and~~

19 42. Sales of gold, silver, platinum, palladium or other bullion
20 items such as coins and bars and legal tender of any nation, which
21 legal tender is sold according to its value as precious metal or as
22 an investment. As used in the paragraph, "bullion" means any
23 precious metal, including, but not limited to, gold, silver,
24 platinum and palladium, that is in such a state or condition that

1 its value depends upon its precious metal content and not its form.
2 The exemption authorized by this paragraph shall not apply to
3 fabricated metals that have been processed or manufactured for
4 artistic use or as jewelry; and

5 43. Sales of groceries to persons who are residents of Oklahoma
6 and have been honorably discharged from active service in any branch
7 of the Armed Forces of the United States or Oklahoma National Guard
8 and who have been awarded the Purple Heart military decoration as
9 certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its
10 successor or the surviving spouse of such person if the person is
11 deceased, and the spouse has not remarried. Sales qualifying for
12 the exemption authorized by this paragraph shall not exceed Twenty-
13 five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year per individual while the
14 Purple Heart military decoration recipient is living. Sales
15 qualifying for the exemption authorized by this paragraph shall not
16 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year for an unremarried
17 surviving spouse. Upon request of the Tax Commission, a person
18 asserting or claiming the exemption authorized by this paragraph
19 shall provide a statement, executed under oath, that the total sales
20 amounts for which the exemption is applicable have not exceeded
21 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year per living Purple
22 Heart military decoration recipient or One Thousand Dollars
23 (\$1,000.00) per year for an unremarried surviving spouse. If the
24 amount of such exempt sales exceeds such amount, the sales tax in

1 excess of the authorized amount shall be treated as a direct sales
2 tax liability and may be recovered by the Tax Commission in the same
3 manner provided by law for other taxes, including penalty and
4 interest. For purposes of this paragraph the term "groceries"
5 includes all eligible foods and beverages as defined in the federal
6 Food Stamp Act, 7 U.S.C., Section 2011 et seq., as the act existed
7 on January 1, 2005.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

9 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
10 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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