Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1988

Date Introduced: 3 November 1988
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Peter Morris, M.P., Minister for Industrial Relations

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Purpose
To alter the sales tax classification of a number of goods including those used by retailers to wrap or secure goods, thick shake mixes, and accessories to take-away food containers.

Background
The measures to be introduced by this Bill were announced in the 1988–89 Budget. The measures result from a review of the classification of certain goods that is aimed at removing anomalies and inconsistencies where similar goods are treated differently for sales tax purposes.

Main Provisions
The amendments will have effect from 8 p.m. on 23 August 1988 (clause 2).

Clause 4 will amend the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935 as set out in the Schedules to this Bill. The amendments are:

- goods used to wrap or secure goods for marketing or delivery, which are currently exempt, will be taxed at the rate of 20 per cent;
- thick shake mixes used in the manufacture of thick shakes and ice creams, which are currently exempt, will be taxed at the rate of 10 per cent;
- accessories to containers used by retailers in marketing take-away food or beverages, which are currently exempt, will be taxed at the rate of 10 per cent.

For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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