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S.F. No. 3719 – Removing lawn care and related services from the sales tax base

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Under current law, sales tax generally does not apply to services unless specifically included in the sales tax base. Lawn care and related services are subject to sales tax, with some exclusions: services performed under a construction contract for the installation of shrubbery, plants, sod, trees, bushes, and similar items; lawn care and related services used in the maintenance of cemetery grounds, and tree, bush, shrub, and stump removal when performed as part of a land clearing contract. “Related services” means fertilizing, mowing, spraying and sprigging services; garden planting and maintenance; tree, bush, and shrub pruning, bracing, spraying, and surgery; indoor plant care; tree, bush, shrub, and stump removal, except when performed as part of a land clearing contract; and tree trimming for public utility lines.

Section 1. Sale and purchase. Removes lawn care and related services, to the extent not already excluded, from the transactions listed in the definition of “sale and purchase.”

Section 2. Repealer. Repeals the exemption for lawn care services used in the maintenance of cemetery grounds. The exemption is no longer necessary if those services are no longer taxed under section 1.

Effective for sales and purchases made after June 30, 2022.