



■ Home Rule Sales Tax Rate Change in Bloomington

TO: All Retailers and Servicepersons Conducting Business in Bloomington

Effective **January 1, 1998**, Bloomington's home rule sales tax rate on general merchandise decreases from 1 percent to 0.75 percent.

The home rule sales tax rate is part of the combined rate that is preprinted on your Form ST-1, Sales and Use Tax Return, or, for multiple-site filers, your Form ST-2, Multiple Site Form.

The new combined rate is reflected in Line 4a of Form ST-1 or Form ST-2 as a total general merchandise rate of **7 percent**.

It may be necessary to adjust your cash registers and any computer programs you use so that, beginning on January 1, you will collect and pay the correct amount of tax.

What is taxed?

You must collect home rule sales tax on sales of **general merchandise** (reported on Line 4a of Form ST-1 and Form ST-2). The same items of general merchandise reported on Form ST-1 and Form ST-2 that are subject to state sales tax are also subject to home rule sales tax.

Home rule sales tax does **not** apply to sales of qualifying food, drugs, and medical appliances* (reported on Line 5a of Form ST-1 and Form ST-2).

Also, home rule sales tax does **not** apply to items that must be titled or registered by an agency of Illinois state government (reported on Form ST-556, Sales Tax Transaction Return).

Please note that home rule units of local government may impose and administer other taxes. If these taxes are imposed, they are not collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Please contact your city or county clerk's office for more information.

What do I do when a customer pays me after January 1 for a purchase that was delivered earlier and taxed at a different rate?

If the original purchase was subject to a tax rate that is different from the rate in Line 4a of Form ST-1 or Form ST-2, you must report these receipts on Line 8a.

Questions?

If you have questions or need more information, please call or write us. Our telephone numbers and address are printed at the bottom of this bulletin.

* 86 Ill. Adm. Code 130.310



For information or forms...

Call us at 1 800 732-8866 or 217 782-3336.

Call our TDD (telecommunications device for the deaf) at 1 800 544-5304.

Write us at Illinois Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 19044, Springfield, IL 62794-9044.

Visit our Web site at <www.revenue.state.il.us>.

Call "Illinois Tax Fax," our fax-on-demand service, at 217 785-3400.

Call our 24-hour Forms Order Line at 1 800 356-6302.