## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Rhode Island Department of Revenue Division of Taxation

# **Public Notice of Proposed Rule-Making**

**RULE IDENTIFIER: ERLID 245** 

**REGULATION TITLE**: Credit Against the Rhode Island Use Tax for Sales or Use Tax

Paid in Another Taxing Jurisdiction

#### TIMETABLE FOR ACTION ON THE PROPOSED RULE:

Public Notice Date: February 14, 2018

End of Comment Period Date: March 17, 2018

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2(a)(1), and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35, the Division of Taxation hereby gives notice of its intent to repeal a regulation regarding Credit Against the Rhode Island Use Tax for Sales or Use Tax Paid in Another Taxing Jurisdiction.

The proposed regulation and concise summary of non-technical requirements and proposed new rules are available for public inspection at www.tax.ri.gov, in person at the Rhode Island Division of Taxation, or requested by e-mail at Michael.Taylor@tax.ri.gov or by calling Michael Taylor at (401) 574-8930.

In the development of the proposed regulation, consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) whether the regulation, in and of itself, would have significant economic impact on small businesses. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

All interested parties are invited to submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed regulations by Thursday, March 16, 2018 to Michael Taylor, Rhode Island Division of Taxation, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI – telephone number (401) 574-8930 or via e-mail at Michael.Taylor@tax.ri.gov.

This rule is not expected to be controversial and shall be submitted as a direct final rule pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.11. The proposed rule takes effect thirty (30) days after publication if no objection is received. If no objection is received, the rule becomes final. If an objection to the rule is received from any person not later than thirty (30) days after publication of the notice of the proposed rule, the proposed rule does not become final.

# **Rhode Island Department of Revenue**

### **Division of Taxation**

Concise summary of all non-technical requirements pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2(a)(1) for rules and regulations regarding Credit Against the Rhode Island Use Tax for Sales or Use Tax Paid in Another Taxing Jurisdiction.

The purpose of this regulation is repeal the regulation regarding Credit Against the Rhode Island Use Tax for Sales or Use Tax Paid in Another Taxing Jurisdiction. **This regulation shall take effect March 17, 2018.** 

State of Rhode Island - Division of Taxation

Sales and Use Tax

Regulation SU 87-29

Credit Against the Rhode Island Use Tax for Sales or Use Tax Paid in Another Taxing Jurisdiction

A taxpayer, when computing the use tax due on an article brought into Rhode Island for use,
storage or other consumption therein, may credit the amount of the sales or use tax which he or
she was lawfully obligation to pay and paid in another taxing jurisdiction on such article.

Section 44-18-20 imposes the Rhode Island use tax on the storage, use or other consumption in
this state of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer. The tax is also imposed on
casual sales or motor vehicles, boats, airplanes, and trailers.

Liability for the use tax on tangible personal property purchased outside Rhode Island arises at the time such property is first stored, used or consumed in this state.

Even though liability for the tax on such use, storage or consumption of property purchased outside Rhode Island accrues at the time aforesaid, payment of said tax is not required to be made until the 20th day of the month following the month during which such use, storage or consumption first occurred.

In considering the imposition of the Rhode Island use tax, the significant factor is the date the property is first used, stored or consumed in Rhode Island, and not the date of its purchase outside this state or the due date for the payment of such tax.

Before any person who is liable for the payment of the Rhode Island use tax can claim a credit for any sales or use tax paid in another taxing jurisdiction, he or she must produce proof of the payment of such tax in the other jurisdiction.

Accordingly, as evidence of such payment, the taxpayer is required to show to the Tax

Administrator or to his representative either the original invoice or a duplicate copy thereof,

describing the article purchased, the selling price thereof, the amount of the sales or use tax paid
thereon, the date of purchase, the name and address of the seller and the seller's sales tax permit
number, and the name and address of the purchaser. The invoice or copy must show that
payment of the tax by the purchaser has been duly receipted for by the seller.

Where, due to the nature of the item purchased from a retailer (e.g. a motor vehicle) or because

of a taxable casual sale having been made (e.g. an airplane, boat, trailer or motor vehicle), the

purchaser is required to pay the sales or use tax imposed by another taxing jurisdiction directly to

the Tax Division or other governmental agency of the jurisdiction, the receipt issued by such

division or agency showing payment of the tax on the item and the bill of sale therefore must be

presented to the Tax Administrator or his representative before any credit for tax payment can be

claimed.

It is emphasized that no such credit can be claimed unless the sales or use tax imposed in another

taxing jurisdiction has actually been paid by the purchaser and the purchaser was lawfully

obligated to pay such tax in the other taxing jurisdiction prior to the inception of his obligation to

this state.

R. GARY CLARK

**TAX ADMINISTRATOR** 

**DATE: May 1, 1987**