

Restaurant Tax Revisions
2025 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the restaurant tax within the Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, Convention, and Airport Facilities tax.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- updates the definition of restaurant to include portions of the grocery store that function like a restaurant, resulting in the restaurant tax being imposed on transactions from the restaurant portion of the grocery store.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

59-12-602, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 483

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **59-12-602** is amended to read:

59-12-602 . Definitions.

As used in this part:

(1) "Airport facility" means an airport of regional significance, and includes:

- (a) an appurtenance to an airport, including a fixed guideway that provides transportation service to or from the airport;
- (b) a control tower, including a radar system;
- (c) a public area of an airport; or
- (d) a terminal facility.

(2) "Airport of regional significance" means the same as that term is defined in Section

59-12-2202.

(3) "All-terrain type I vehicle" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-22-2.

(4) "All-terrain type II vehicle" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-22-2.

(5) "All-terrain type III vehicle" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-22-2.

(6) "Convention facility" means any publicly owned or operated convention center, sports arena, or other facility at which conventions, conferences, and other gatherings are held and whose primary business or function is to host such conventions, conferences, and other gatherings.

(7) "Cultural facility" means any publicly owned or operated museum, theater, art center, music hall, or other cultural or arts facility.

(8)(a) "Grocery store" means a retail establishment for which the primary business or function is the sale of food or food ingredients for off-premise, but not immediate, consumption.

(b) "Grocery store" does not include a retail establishment for which the primary business or function is the sale of fuel.

[(8)] (9)(a) "Off-highway vehicle" means any snowmobile, all-terrain type I vehicle, all-terrain type II vehicle, all-terrain type III vehicle, or motorcycle.

(b) "Off-highway vehicle" does not include a vehicle that is a motor vehicle under Section 41-1a-102.

[(9)] (10) "Motorcycle" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-22-2.

[(10)] (11) "Recreation facility" or "tourist facility" means any publicly owned or operated park, campground, marina, dock, golf course, water park, historic park, monument, planetarium, zoo, bicycle trails, and other recreation or tourism-related facility.

[(11)] (12)(a) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular unit other than a mobile home, primarily designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, or vacation use, that is pulled by another vehicle.

(b) "Recreational vehicle" includes:

(i) a travel trailer;

(ii) a camping trailer; and

(iii) a fifth wheel trailer.

(c) "Recreational vehicle" does not include a vehicle that is a motor vehicle under Section 41-1a-102.

[(12)] (13)(a) "Restaurant" means a retail establishment for which the primary business or function is the sale of prepared food for on-premise or immediate consumption.

(b) "Restaurant" includes~~[-any]~~ :

(i) a coffee shop, cafeteria, luncheonette, soda fountain, dinner theater, or fast-food service where food is prepared for immediate consumption[-] ; and

(ii) the portion of a grocery store that sells prepared food for on-premise or immediate consumption and that:

(A) is prepared or heated upon customer request;

(B) can be prepared to the specification of the purchaser; or

(C) is displayed for sale without packaging and generally sold as a single serving.

~~[(b)]~~ (c) "Restaurant" does not include:

(i) any retail establishment ~~[whose]~~ for which the primary business or function is the sale of fuel[-or food items for off-premise, but not immediate, consumption; and] ;

(ii) except as provided in Subsection (13)(b)(ii), a grocery store, including the refrigerated sections containing prepackaged prepared food or a self-service buffet where the customer entirely serves the food or food ingredients; or

~~[(ii)]~~ (iii) a theater that sells food items~~[-, but not]~~ other than a dinner theater.

~~[(13)]~~ (14) "Snowmobile" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-22-2.

~~[(14)]~~ (15) "Travel trailer," "camping trailer," or "fifth wheel trailer" means a portable vehicle without motive power, designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, or vacation use that does not require a special highway movement permit when drawn by a self-propelled motor vehicle.

Section 2. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.