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Military Thrift Store Tax Exemption Extended Through 2023

Sacramento – Purchases of used items from thrift stores located on California military bases will continue to be exempt from sales and use tax until January 1, 2024. [Legislation](#) supported by the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) extended this exemption that was set to expire on January 1, 2014.

“Our military forces deserve to receive every penny possible from these organizations without state and local tax obligations,” said Board of Equalization Member George Runner. “It is a small token of our appreciation for everything military personnel do to protect our state and nation.”

This sales and use tax exemption will apply to thrift stores operated by the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society on bases in San Diego, Twentynine Palms, Miramar, Camp Pendleton, Port Imperial Beach, Port Hueneme, and Lemoore. These thrift stores sell nominally-priced used clothing, uniforms, and household goods to military families and Department of Defense employees, including retirees and civilian contractors. The stores are closed to the general public.

The income from sales at these stores supports relief services to Navy and Marine Corps communities on and near their respective bases. Board Members [unanimously supported](#) the legislation extending the sales and use tax exemption to provide tax relief for military customers at these stores.

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Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California's tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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