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The bill provides that game release fees are not subject to the sales tax as part of either (1) the taxable price of admission to a game farm or hunting preserve, or (2) the granting of membership in a club. Currently these game release fees are taxable, although 75 percent of the charge may be tax exempt if separately stated as the sale of “food for human consumption.”

The sales tax was imposed during the 1987 legislative session on club memberships granting member access to sporting and athletic facilities, and on admissions to places of amusement including recreational areas and athletic facilities. The current policy related to the taxation of these game release fees arose from a Department interpretation made during 2001 and outlined in a revenue notice released in 2004.

Effective for sales and purchases made after June 30, 2017.