ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

ARIZONA TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX RULING

TPR 93-17

(Note: On 9/2/2020, the statute references were updated to their new numbers. See the footnotes for more details. No substantive changes were made.)

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This ruling supersedes and rescinds Arizona Sales Tax Ruling No. 4-11-84

<u>ISSUE</u>:

The exemption under the restaurant classification for sales of food or drink by veterans organizations.

APPLICABLE LAW:

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 42-5074(A) ¹ provides that the restaurant classification is comprised of the business of operating restaurants, dining cars, dining rooms, lunchrooms, lunch stands, soda fountains, catering services or similar establishments where articles of food or drink are sold for consumption on or off the premises.

¹ This ruling originally cited A.R.S. § 42-1310.14.A which was renumbered as A.R.S. § 42-5074(A).

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A.R.S. § 42-5074(B)(2) ² provides an exemption from tax under the restaurant classification for sales by a congressionally chartered veterans organization of food or drink prepared for consumption on the premises leased, owned or maintained by the organization.

RULING:

Sales of food or drink by a congressionally chartered veterans organization prepared for consumption on the organization's premises are not subject to tax under the restaurant classification.

The following organizations currently qualify for the exemption under

A.R.S. § 42-5074(B)(2)³:

American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.

American Legion

American Red Cross

American Veterans Committee

AMVETS

Blinded Veterans Association

Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A.

Congressional Medal of Honor Society of the U.S.A.

Disabled American Veterans

² This ruling originally cited A.R.S. § 42-1310.14.B.2 which was renumbered as A.R.S. § 42-5074(B)(2).

³ See Footnote number 2.

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Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.

Jewish War Veterans of the United States

Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Inc.

Marine Corps League

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Non Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S.A.

Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc.

Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A.

United Spanish War Veterans of the United States

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc.

Vietnam Veterans of America

It should be noted that an organization listed above may cease to *qualify* for the exemption, and other organizations may subsequently qualify.

Harold Scott, Acting Director Signed April 6, 1993

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