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Rep. Smola Back Sales Tax Holiday for August 14-15

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that Massachusetts residents will soon be able to enjoy a two-day reprieve from the state sales tax, thanks to the Legislature’s approval of a sales tax holiday for mid-August.

“This is great news for Massachusetts,” said Representative Smola. “This has been an unbelievably difficult year for local retailers and hopefully this tax incentive will result in a big weekend for sales.”

During the sales tax holiday, businesses will be allowed to waive the 6.25 percent state sales tax on most consumer purchases totaling \$2,500 or less. The sales tax will still apply to all telecommunications, tobacco, utilities, motor vehicle, motorboat, and meals purchases, as well as any single item with a price in excess of \$2,500.

Massachusetts first offered a one-day sales tax holiday in 2004 before expanding it to a two-day event the following year. With the exception of 2009, the state has offered a sales tax holiday every summer during the month of August since 2004. This year’s sales tax holiday will be the 12th one offered in the past 12 years.

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