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REP. STRIPP: ANNOUNCES BACK TO SCHOOL TAX SAVINGS



HARTFORD – State Representative John Stripp (R-Easton, Redding and Weston) today reminded residents, tourists and college students of a state sales tax holidays taking place in Connecticut this year. Exemptions from the state’s six percent sales tax include clothing and college textbooks.

Rep. Stripp said, “People buying back to school clothing will not have to pay Connecticut’s six percent sales tax during the third week of August.

“Students returning to college face a high cost for textbooks. However, Connecticut tries to ease some of the burden by exempting textbooks from the six percent sales tax. This applies to both new and used textbooks”, added Rep. Stripp.

- Connecticut shoppers will have one week to buy clothing and footwear items costing under \$300 without paying Connecticut sales tax. This year, the tax free week runs to from **Sunday, August 19 through Saturday, August 25**. Throughout the year, clothes and shoes up to \$50 are exempt.
- Sales of college textbooks to full-time and part-time students enrolled at institutions of higher education are exempt, with presentation of valid student identification cards. College textbooks means new or used books and workbooks required or recommended for courses. The exemption in effect since 2000 has been expanded to include sales to students at private occupational schools.

Rep. Stripp said, “With many families thinking about back to school shopping, the week of August 19 will be a special time to save on the sales tax and to benefit from other store specials. Connecticut families are going to get much needed relief before their children go back to school. As families prepare for the new school year and the home heating season these are some savings that are available and I hope consumers can make the most of them.”