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Returning students will continue to pay under a block pricing structure under the plan approved Friday by the Board of Visitors. New students will pay on a per-credit hour basis, with credits at 15 hours or more reduced to half price.

The increases are 4.19 percent for in-state undergraduate students and 3.98 percent for out-of-state undergraduates. The typical bill for returning students will be \$10,299 for Virginians and \$24,863 for out-of-state students.

For new students taking 30 credit hours per year, the cost will be \$12,002 for Virginians and \$24,473 for out-of-state residents. Costs will be higher for students living in student housing with a meal plan.

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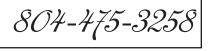
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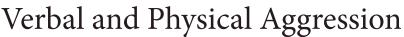
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try and he continues his provocations. He might bebluffingandmerelywantspolicy changes from South Korea and America, but the U.S. needs to take action. Whether we compromise with North Korea or decide to use military force, something needs to be done quickly. Time waits for no man, so while we have it, we need to make use of it.

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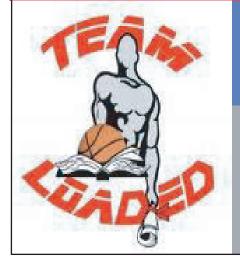


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Bill Passes Senate that will widely change on line shopping

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate aimed to help traditional retailers and financially strapped state and local governments Monday by passing a bill that would widely subject U.S. on-line shopping — for many a largely tax-free frontier — to state sales taxes.

The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 69 to 27, getting support from Republicans and Democrats alike. But opposition from some conservatives who view it as a tax increase will make it a tougher sell in the House. President Barack Obama has conveyed his support for the measure.

Under current law, states can only require retailers to collect sales taxes if the store has a physical presence in the state.

That means big retailers with stores all over the country like Wal-Mart, Best Buy and Target collect sales taxes when they sell goods over the Internet. But on-line retailers like eBay and Amazon don't have to collect sales taxes, except in states where they have offices or distribution centers.

As a result, many on-line sales are tax-Internet retailers giving brick-and-mortar vantage over stores.

"We ought to have a structure in place in the states that treats all retail the same," said Matthew Shay, president and CEO of the National Retail Federation. "Small retailers are collecting (sales tax) on the first dollar of any sale they make, and it's only fair that other retailers who are selling to those same customers the same product have those same obligations."

The bill would empower states to require busi nesses to collect taxes for products they sell on

the Internet, in catalogs and through radio and TV ads. Under the legislation, the sales taxes would be sent to the state where the shopper lives.

Supporters say the current tax disparity is turning some traditional stores into showrooms, where shoppers pick out items they like, then buy them on the Internet to avoid sales taxes.

"It's about the way commerce has changed in America," said Sen. Dick Durbin. "Bookstores, stores that sell running shoes, bicycles and appliances are at a distinct disadvantage. They've become showrooms."

Internet giant eBay is leading the fight against the bill, along with lawmakers from states with no sales tax and several prominent anti-tax groups. The bill's opponents say it would put an expensive obligation on small businesses because they are not as equipped as national merchandisers to collect and remit sales taxes at the multitude of state rates.

"Giant retailers have a requirement to collect sales taxes nationwide because they have physical presence nationwide," eBay president John Donahoe wrote in an on-line column over the weekend. "Likewise, today small retail stores and online retailers collect sales taxes for the one state where they are located. That's a fair requirement."

"If the bill passes, small on-line businesses would have the same tax compliance obligations and face the same enforcement risks as giant retailers, despite the fact that they are usually located in just one state."

Businesses with less than \$1 million in online sales would be exempt. EBay wants

to exempt businesses with up to \$10 million in sales or fewer than 50 employees.

Some states have sales taxes as high as 7 percent, plus city and county taxes that can push the combined rate even higher. For example, the combined state and local sales tax is 9 percent in Los Angeles and 9.25 percent in Chicago. In New York City, it's 8.5 percent and in Richmond, Virginia, 5 percent. In many states, shoppers are already required to pay unpaid sales tax when they file their state income tax returns. However, states complain that few taxpayers comply.

Many governors — Republicans and Democrats - have been lobbying the federal government for years for the authority to collect sales taxes from on-line sales.

The issue is getting bigger for states as more people make purchases on-line. Last year, Internet sales in the U.S. totaled \$226 billion, up nearly 16 percent from the previous year, according to government estimates.

States lost a total of \$23 billion last year because they couldn't collect taxes on out-of-state sales, according to a study done for the National Conference of State Legislatures, which has lobbied for the bill. About half of that was lost from Internet sales; half from purchases made through catalogs, mail orders and telephone orders, the study said.

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RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Southwest Airlines will start daily flights to Richmond and Norfolk on Nov. 3.

The Dallas-based airline says it will have one nonstop flight between Orlando, Fla., and Richmond International Airport, taking over a route now flown by AirTran Airways. Southwest bought Orlando-based AirTran and its Atlanta hub in 2011. AirTran will continue offering flights from Richmond to Atlanta.

Southwest also announced that AirTran will offer nonstop flights between Norfolk International Airport and Atlanta starting this fall. Southwest carries more passengers within the United States than any airline, although it is the nation's fourth-largest airline by passenger miles behind United, Delta and American, which all offer long international flights.

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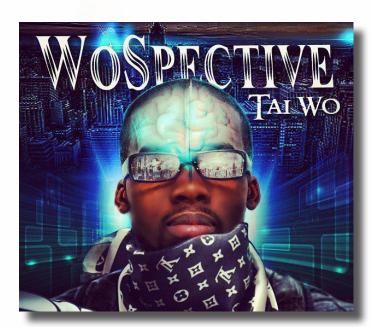
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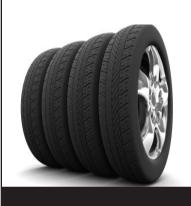
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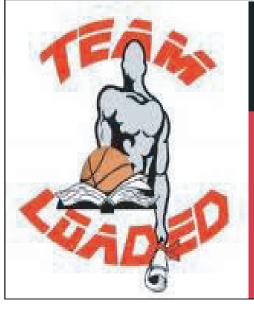
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