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To: WVHI retailers
Re: Collection of new \$20 fee on sales transactions
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The Legislature this year passed Senate Bill 335 that imposes a \$20 fee on each of our sales transactions and also on each sale of a stick-built home. The money generated is to fund the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The fund is to help low- to moderate-income individuals buy housing. The new fee is expected to generate \$1.1 million yearly, the bulk of which we believe will come back to our industry in sales. This is a fee on the privilege of transferring property.

Collection of the tax will be made by retailers when they complete the sales transaction in the same way they now handle their sales taxes. These fees are due on the same basis the retailer now pays his or her sales taxes, but are to be segregated for transmission to the state. Most retailers, because of their size, will be expected to remit the fees monthly, but you will follow whatever system now used for your sales tax collections and transfers.

New forms are being prepared by the Tax Department and will be mailed to you as soon as they are ready.

Collection of the fee begins June 5 with the first tax sent to the state on July 20, according to Gail Stricklen, sales tax unit supervisor with the state. She is in charge of the program..

Ms. Stricklen is available to answer further inquiries. She can be reached at (304) 5588639 or by email at gstricklen@tax.state.wv.us