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That includes the services that accountants and tax professionals provide, as well as trips to the barber or hair stylist, mechanic labor, phone services and even funerals.

Supporters of the plan, including Kasich, say that the changes are necessary to reflect the movement of the state to a more service-based economy.

Other parts of the overall state tax law rewrite would include cutting small business taxes by as much as 50 percent, and lowering the income tax rate by 20 percent over three years.

Gary Gudmundson, spokesman for the Ohio Department of Taxation, is among those in favor of the proposal.

He said that economic experts have demonstrated "that a consumption-based tax system is more conducive to job creation than one that relies more heavily on an income tax base. The point of this reform is to create jobs. To create an environment in Ohio that is friendly to job creation."

But while some economists agree, others note that it would likely face pushback from those who provide professional services and consulting, notably accountants,

lawyers and architects.

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