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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the tax on intangible
3	personal property; amending s. 199.032, F.S.;
4	reducing the annual rate of the tax; amending
5	s. 199.202, F.S.; authorizing the executive
6	director of the Department of Revenue to adopt
7	emergency rules; amending s. 199.303, F.S.;
8	providing legislative intent that the taxes
9	imposed for specified years remain in effect
10	and remain collectible as specified; providing
11	for the future repeal of ss. 199.012, 199.023,
12	199.032, 199.033, 199.042, 199.052, 199.057,
13	199.062, 199.103, 199.1055, 199.106, 199.175,
14	and 199.185, F.S., which provide for annual
15	taxes on intangible personal property; amending
16	ss. 192.032, 192.042, 192.091, 193.114,
17	196.015, 196.199, 196.1993, 201.23, 212.02,
18	213.053, 213.054, 213.27, 213.31, 215.555,
19	220.1845, 288.039, 288.1045, 288.106,
20	376.30781, 493.6102, 516.031, 627.311, 627.351,
21	650.05, 655.071, 733.702, and 766.105, F.S., to
22	conform to such repeal; providing an effective
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25	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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27	Section 1. Section 199.032, Florida Statutes, is
28	amended to read:
29	199.032 Levy of annual tax
30	(1)(a) Beginning January 1, 2005, an annual tax of $.66$
31	\pm mill is imposed on each dollar of the just valuation of all

intangible personal property that has a taxable situs in this state, except for notes and other obligations for the payment of money, other than bonds, which are secured by mortgage, deed of trust, or other lien upon real property situated in the state.

- (b) Beginning January 1, 2006, an annual tax of .33 mill is imposed on each dollar of the just valuation of the intangible personal property described in paragraph (a).
- (2) The tax imposed under this section This tax shall be assessed and collected as provided in this chapter.

Section 2. Section 199.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

199.202 Administration of law; rules.--

- (1) The department shall administer and enforce the assessment and collection of the taxes, interest, and penalties imposed by this chapter. It may by rule prescribe the form and content of all returns and reports. It has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to enforce the provisions of this chapter.
- (2) The executive director of the department may adopt emergency rules under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this chapter. The Legislature declares that all conditions to adopting such emergency rules under those provisions have been met. Notwithstanding any other law, such emergency rules shall remain in effect for 6 months after the date of their adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to adopt rules addressing the subject of the emergency rules.

Section 3. Effective January 1, 2007, subsection (3) is added to section 199.303, Florida Statutes, to read:

199.303 Declaration of legislative intent.--

1	(3) It is the specific legislative intent that all
2	annual intangible personal property taxes imposed under the
3	Florida Statutes for the calendar years 2006 and earlier
4	remain in full force and effect, during the period specified
5	by s. 95.091, for the year in which the tax was due. It is the
6	further legislative intent that the department continue to
7	assess and collect all taxes due the state under these
8	provisions for all periods available for assessment, as
9	provided for the year in which the tax was due by s. 95.091.
10	Section 4. Effective January 1, 2007, sections
11	199.012, 199.023, 199.032, 199.033, 199.042, 199.052, 199.057,
12	199.062, 199.103, 199.1055, 199.106, 199.175, and 199.185,
13	Florida Statutes, are repealed.
14	Section 5. Effective January 1, 2007, subsection (5)
15	of section 192.032, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
16	Section 6. Effective January 1, 2007, subsection (3)
17	of section 192.042, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
18	Section 7. Effective January 1, 2007, subsections (5)
19	and (6) of section 192.091, Florida Statutes, are amended to
20	read:
21	192.091 Commissions of property appraisers and tax
22	collectors
23	(5) Provided, that the provisions of This section <u>does</u>
24	shall not apply to commissions on intangible property taxes or
25	drainage district or drainage subdistrict taxes.: and
26	(6) <u>If a</u> Provided, further, that where any property
27	appraiser or tax collector in the state is receiving
28	compensation for expenses in conducting his or her office or
29	by way of salary pursuant to any act of the Legislature other
30	than the general law fixing compensation of property
31	appraisers, <u>the</u> such property appraiser or tax collector may

 file a declaration in writing with the board of county commissioners of his or her county electing to come under the provisions of this section, and thereupon the such property appraiser or tax collector shall be paid compensation in accordance with this section the provisions hereof, and shall not be entitled to the benefit of the said special or local act. If the such property appraiser or tax collector does not so elect, he or she shall continue to be paid such compensation as is may now be provided by law for such a property appraiser or tax collector.

Section 8. <u>Effective January 1, 2007, subsection (4)</u> of section 193.114, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 9. <u>Effective January 1, 2007, subsection (9)</u> of section 196.015, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 10. Effective January 1, 2007, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 196.199, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

196.199 Government property exemption. --

- (2) Property owned by the following governmental units but used by nongovernmental lessees shall only be exempt from taxation under the following conditions:
- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), the exemption provided by this subsection shall not apply to those portions of a leasehold or other interest defined by s. 199.023(1)(d), Florida Statutes 2003, subject to the provisions of subsection (7). Such leasehold or other interest shall be taxed only as intangible personal property pursuant to chapter 199 if rental payments are due in consideration of such leasehold or other interest. If no rental payments are due pursuant to the agreement creating such leasehold or other interest, the leasehold or other interest shall be taxed as real property.

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Nothing in This paragraph does not shall be deemed to exempt personal property, buildings, or other real property improvements owned by the lessee from ad valorem taxation.

Section 11. Effective January 1, 2007, section 196.1993, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

196.1993 Certain agreements with local governments for use of public property; exemption.—Any agreement entered into with a local governmental authority prior to January 1, 1969, for use of public property, under which it was understood and agreed in a written instrument or by special act that no ad valorem real property taxes would be paid by the licensee or lessee, shall be deemed a license or management agreement for the use or management of public property. Such interest shall be deemed not to convey an interest in the property and shall not be subject to ad valorem real property taxation. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to exempt such licensee from the ad valorem intangible tax and the ad valorem personal property tax.

Section 12. Effective January 1, 2007, subsection (4) of section 201.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

201.23 Foreign notes and other written obligations

(4) The excise taxes imposed by this chapter shall not apply to the documents, notes, evidences of indebtedness, financing statements, drafts, bills of exchange, or other taxable items dealt with, made, issued, drawn upon, accepted, delivered, shipped, received, signed, executed, assigned, transferred, or sold by or to a banking organization, as defined in s. 199.023(9), Florida Statutes 2003, in the conduct of an international banking transaction, as defined in s. 199.023(11), Florida Statutes 2003. Nothing in This

 subsection <u>does not</u> shall be construed to change the application of paragraph (2)(a).

Section 13. Effective January 1, 2007, subsection (19) of section 212.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212.02 Definitions.--The following terms and phrases when used in this chapter have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(19) "Tangible personal property" means and includes personal property that can which may be seen, weighed, measured, or touched or is in any manner perceptible to the senses, including electric power or energy, boats, motor vehicles and mobile homes as defined in s. 320.01(1) and (2), aircraft as defined in s. 330.27, and all other types of vehicles. The term "tangible personal property" does not include stocks, bonds, notes, insurance, or other obligations or securities, intangibles as defined by the intangible tax law of the state; or pari-mutuel tickets sold or issued under the racing laws of the state.

Section 14. Effective January 1, 2007, subsection (4), paragraphs (k) and (p) of subsection (7), and paragraph (a) of subsection (14) of section 213.053, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

213.053 Confidentiality and information sharing.--

(4) Nothing contained in This section does not shall prevent the department from publishing statistics so classified as to prevent the identification of particular accounts, reports, declarations, or returns or prevent the department from disclosing to the Chief Financial Officer the names and addresses of those taxpayers who have claimed an

exemption pursuant to s. 199.185(1)(i) or a deduction pursuant to s. 220.63(5).

- (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department may provide:
- (k)1. Payment information relative to chapters 199, 201, 212, 220, 221, and 624 to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, or its employees or agents that are identified in writing by the office to the department, in the administration of the tax refund program for qualified defense contractors authorized by s. 288.1045 and the tax refund program for qualified target industry businesses authorized by s. 288.106.
- 2. Information relative to tax credits taken by a business under s. 220.191 and exemptions or tax refunds received by a business under s. 212.08(5)(j) to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, or its employees or agents that are identified in writing by the office to the department, in the administration and evaluation of the capital investment tax credit program authorized in s. 220.191 and the semiconductor, defense, and space tax exemption program authorized in s. 212.08(5)(j).
- (p) Information relative to ss. 199.1055, 220.1845, and 376.30781 to the Department of Environmental Protection in the conduct of its official business.

Disclosure of information under this subsection shall be pursuant to a written agreement between the executive director and the agency. Such agencies, governmental or nongovernmental, shall be bound by the same requirements of confidentiality as the Department of Revenue. Breach of

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confidentiality is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided by s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(14)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department shall, subject to the safeguards specified in paragraph (c), disclose to the Division of Corporations of the Department of State the name, address, federal employer identification number, and duration of tax filings with this state of all corporate or partnership entities which are not on file or have a dissolved status with the Division of Corporations and which have filed tax returns pursuant to either chapter 199 or chapter 220.

Section 15. Effective January 1, 2007, section 213.054, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

213.054 Persons claiming tax exemptions or deductions; annual report. -- The Department of Revenue shall be responsible for monitoring the utilization of tax exemptions and tax deductions authorized pursuant to chapter 81-179, Laws of Florida. On or before September 1 of each year, the department shall report to the Chief Financial Officer the names and addresses of all persons who have claimed an exemption pursuant to s. 199.185(1)(i) or a deduction pursuant to s. 220.63(5).

Section 16. Effective January 1, 2007, section 213.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

213.27 Contracts with debt collection agencies and certain vendors. --

(1) The Department of Revenue may, for the purpose of collecting any delinquent taxes due from a taxpayer, including taxes for which a bill or notice has been generated, contract with any debt collection agency or attorney doing business 31 | within or without this state for the collection of such

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delinquent taxes including penalties and interest thereon. The department may also share confidential information pursuant to the contract necessary for the collection of delinquent taxes and taxes for which a billing or notice has been generated. Contracts will be made pursuant to chapter 287. The taxpayer must be notified by mail by the department, its employees, or its authorized representative 30 days prior to commencing any litigation to recover any delinquent taxes. The taxpayer must be notified by mail by the department 30 days prior to the department assigning the collection of any taxes to the debt collection agency.

individual or business for the purpose of identifying intangible personal property tax liability. Contracts may provide for the identification of assets subject to the tax on intangible personal property, the determination of value of such property, the requirement for filing a tax return and the collection of taxes due, including applicable penalties and interest thereon. The department may share confidential information pursuant to the contract necessary for the identification of taxable intangible personal property. Contracts shall be made pursuant to chapter 287. The taxpayer must be notified by mail by the department 30 days prior to the department assigning identification of intangible personal property to an individual or business.

(2)(3) Any contract may provide, in the discretion of the executive director of the Department of Revenue, the manner in which the compensation for such services will be paid. Under standards established by the department, such compensation shall be added to the amount of the tax and

collected as a part thereof by the agency or deducted from the amount of tax, penalty, and interest actually collected.

(3)(4) All funds collected under the terms of the contract, less the fees provided in the contract, shall be remitted to the department within 30 days from the date of collection from a taxpayer. Forms to be used for such purpose shall be prescribed by the department.

(4)(5) The department shall require a bond from the debt collection agency or the individual or business contracted with under subsection (2)not in excess of \$100,000 guaranteeing compliance with the terms of the contract. However, a bond of \$10,000 is required from a debt collection agency if the agency does not actually collect and remit delinquent funds to the department.

(5)(6) The department may, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of or collecting any taxes due from a person doing mail order business in this state, contract with any auditing agency doing business within or without this state for the purpose of conducting an audit of such mail order business; however, such audit agency may not conduct an audit on behalf of the department of any person domiciled in this state, person registered for sales and use tax purposes in this state, or corporation filing a Florida corporate tax return, if any such person or corporation objects to such audit in writing to the department and the auditing agency. The department shall notify the taxpayer by mail at least 30 days before the department assigns the collection of such taxes.

(6)(7) Confidential information shared by the department with debt collection or auditing agencies or individuals or businesses with which the department has

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contracted under subsection (2) is exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1), and debt collection or auditing agencies are and individuals or businesses with which the department has contracted under subsection (2) shall be bound by the same requirements of confidentiality as the Department of Revenue. Breach of confidentiality is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided by ss. 775.082 and 775.083.

(7)(8)(a) The executive director of the department may enter into contracts with private vendors to develop and implement systems to enhance tax collections where compensation to the vendors is funded through increased tax collections. The amount of compensation paid to a vendor shall be based on a percentage of increased tax collections attributable to the system after all administrative and judicial appeals are exhausted, and the total amount of compensation paid to a vendor shall not exceed the maximum amount stated in the contract.

- (b) A person acting on behalf of the department under a contract authorized by this subsection does not exercise any of the powers of the department, except that the person is an agent of the department for the purposes of developing and implementing a system to enhance tax collection.
- (c) Disclosure of information under this subsection shall be pursuant to a written agreement between the executive director and the private vendors. The vendors shall be bound by the same requirements of confidentiality as the department. Breach of confidentiality is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 17. Effective January 1, 2007, section 213.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

213.31 Corporation Tax Administration Trust Fund.—There is hereby created in the State Treasury the Corporation Tax Administration Trust Fund. Moneys in the fund are hereby appropriated to the Department of Revenue for the administration of taxes levied upon corporations, including, but not limited to, those imposed under chapter 199, chapter 220, or chapter 221.

Section 18. Effective January 1, 2007, paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section 215.555, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

215.555 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.--

- (6) REVENUE BONDS. --
- (c) Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation.--
- 1. In addition to the findings and declarations in subsection (1), the Legislature also finds and declares that:
- a. The public benefits corporation created under this paragraph will provide a mechanism necessary for the cost-effective and efficient issuance of bonds. This mechanism will eliminate unnecessary costs in the bond issuance process, thereby increasing the amounts available to pay reimbursement for losses to property sustained as a result of hurricane damage.
- b. The purpose of such bonds is to fund reimbursements through the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to pay for the costs of construction, reconstruction, repair, restoration, and other costs associated with damage to properties of policyholders of covered policies due to the occurrence of a hurricane.
- c. The efficacy of the financing mechanism will be enhanced by the corporation's ownership of the assessments, by

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the insulation of the assessments from possible bankruptcy proceedings, and by covenants of the state with the corporation's bondholders.

- 2.a. There is created a public benefits corporation, which is an instrumentality of the state, to be known as the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation.
- The corporation shall operate under a five-member board of directors consisting of the Governor or a designee, the Chief Financial Officer or a designee, the Attorney General or a designee, the director of the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration, and the senior employee of the State Board of Administration responsible for operations of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.
- The corporation has all of the powers of corporations under chapter 607 and under chapter 617, subject only to the provisions of this subsection.
- The corporation may issue bonds and engage in such other financial transactions as are necessary to provide sufficient funds to achieve the purposes of this section.
- The corporation may invest in any of the investments authorized under s. 215.47.
- There shall be no liability on the part of, and no cause of action shall arise against, any board members or employees of the corporation for any actions taken by them in the performance of their duties under this paragraph.
- 3.a. In actions under chapter 75 to validate any bonds issued by the corporation, the notice required by s. 75.06 shall be published only in Leon County and in two newspapers of general circulation in the state, and the complaint and order of the court shall be served only on the State Attorney 31 of the Second Judicial Circuit.

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- The state hereby covenants with holders of bonds of the corporation that the state will not repeal or abrogate the power of the board to direct the Office of Insurance Regulation to levy the assessments and to collect the proceeds of the revenues pledged to the payment of such bonds as long as any such bonds remain outstanding unless adequate provision has been made for the payment of such bonds pursuant to the documents authorizing the issuance of such bonds.
- The bonds of the corporation are not a debt of the state or of any political subdivision, and neither the state nor any political subdivision is liable on such bonds. The corporation does not have the power to pledge the credit, the revenues, or the taxing power of the state or of any political subdivision. The credit, revenues, or taxing power of the state or of any political subdivision shall not be deemed to be pledged to the payment of any bonds of the corporation.
- The property, revenues, and other assets of the corporation; the transactions and operations of the corporation and the income from such transactions and operations; and all bonds issued under this paragraph and interest on such bonds are exempt from taxation by the state and any political subdivision, including the intangibles tax under chapter 199 and the income tax under chapter 220. This exemption does not apply to any tax imposed by chapter 220 on interest, income, or profits on debt obligations owned by corporations other than the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation.
- All bonds of the corporation shall be and constitute legal investments without limitation for all public bodies of this state; for all banks, trust companies, savings 31 banks, savings associations, savings and loan associations,

and investment companies; for all administrators, executors, trustees, and other fiduciaries; for all insurance companies and associations and other persons carrying on an insurance business; and for all other persons who are now or may hereafter be authorized to invest in bonds or other obligations of the state and shall be and constitute eligible securities to be deposited as collateral for the security of any state, county, municipal, or other public funds. This sub-subparagraph shall be considered as additional and supplemental authority and shall not be limited without specific reference to this sub-subparagraph.

6. The corporation and its corporate existence shall continue until terminated by law; however, no such law shall take effect as long as the corporation has bonds outstanding unless adequate provision has been made for the payment of such bonds pursuant to the documents authorizing the issuance of such bonds. Upon termination of the existence of the corporation, all of its rights and properties in excess of its obligations shall pass to and be vested in the state.

Section 19. Effective January 1, 2007, section 220.1845, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220.1845 Contaminated site rehabilitation tax credit.--

- (1) AUTHORIZATION FOR TAX CREDIT; LIMITATIONS.--
- (a) A credit in the amount of 35 percent of the costs of voluntary cleanup activity that is integral to site rehabilitation at the following sites is available against any tax due for a taxable year under this chapter:
- A drycleaning-solvent-contaminated site eligible for state-funded site rehabilitation under s. 376.3078(3);

- 2. A drycleaning-solvent-contaminated site at which cleanup is undertaken by the real property owner pursuant to s. 376.3078(11), if the real property owner is not also, and has never been, the owner or operator of the drycleaning facility where the contamination exists; or
- 3. A brownfield site in a designated brownfield area under s. 376.80.
- (b) A tax credit applicant, or multiple tax credit applicants working jointly to clean up a single site, may not be granted more than \$250,000 per year in tax credits for each site voluntarily rehabilitated. Multiple tax credit applicants shall be granted tax credits in the same proportion as their contribution to payment of cleanup costs. Subject to the same conditions and limitations as provided in this section, a municipality, county, or other tax credit applicant which voluntarily rehabilitates a site may receive not more than \$250,000 per year in tax credits which it can subsequently transfer subject to the provisions in paragraph(g)(h).
- (c) If the credit granted under this section is not fully used in any one year because of insufficient tax liability on the part of the corporation, the unused amount may be carried forward for a period not to exceed 5 years. The carryover credit may be used in a subsequent year when the tax imposed by this chapter for that year exceeds the credit for which the corporation is eligible in that year under this section after applying the other credits and unused carryovers in the order provided by s. 220.02(8). Five years after the date a credit is granted under this section, such credit expires and may not be used. However, if during the 5-year period the credit is transferred, in whole or in part,

 pursuant to paragraph(g)(h), each transferee has 5 years after the date of transfer to use its credit.

- (d) A taxpayer that files a consolidated return in this state as a member of an affiliated group under s.220.131(1) may be allowed the credit on a consolidated return basis up to the amount of tax imposed upon the consolidated group.
- (e) A taxpayer that receives credit under s. 199.1055 is ineligible to receive credit under this section in a given tax year.
- $\underline{\text{(e)}(f)}$ A tax credit applicant that receives state-funded site rehabilitation under s. 376.3078(3) for rehabilitation of a drycleaning-solvent-contaminated site is ineligible to receive credit under this section for costs incurred by the tax credit applicant in conjunction with the rehabilitation of that site during the same time period that state-administered site rehabilitation was underway.
- $\underline{\text{(f)}}$ The total amount of the tax credits which may be granted under this section and s. 199.1055 is \$2 million annually.
- (g)(h)1. Tax credits that may be available under this section to an entity eligible under s. 376.30781 may be transferred after a merger or acquisition to the surviving or acquiring entity and used in the same manner and with the same limitations.
- 2. The entity or its surviving or acquiring entity as described in subparagraph 1., may transfer any unused credit in whole or in units of no less than 25 percent of the remaining credit. The entity acquiring such credit may use it in the same manner and with the same limitation as described in this section. Such transferred credits may not be

transferred again although they may succeed to a surviving or acquiring entity subject to the same conditions and limitations as described in this section.

- 3. If In the event the credit provided for under this section is reduced either as a result of a determination by the Department of Environmental Protection or an examination or audit by the Department of Revenue, such tax deficiency shall be recovered from the first entity, or the surviving or acquiring entity, to have claimed such credit up to the amount of credit taken. Any subsequent deficiencies shall be assessed against any entity acquiring and claiming such credit, or in the case of multiple succeeding entities in the order of credit succession.
- $\underline{\text{(h)}(i)}$ In order to encourage completion of site rehabilitation at contaminated sites being voluntarily cleaned up and eligible for a tax credit under this section, the tax credit applicant may claim an additional 10 percent of the total cleanup costs, not to exceed \$50,000, in the final year of cleanup as evidenced by the Department of Environmental Protection issuing a "No Further Action" order for that site.
- (2) FILING REQUIREMENTS.--Any corporation that wishes to obtain credit under this section must submit with its return a tax credit certificate approving partial tax credits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection under s. 376.30781.
- (3) ADMINISTRATION; AUDIT AUTHORITY; TAX CREDIT FORFEITURE.--
- (a) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules to prescribe any necessary forms required to claim a tax credit under this section and to provide the administrative guidelines and procedures required to administer this section.

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- (b) In addition to its existing audit and investigation authority relating to chapter 199 and this chapter, the Department of Revenue may perform any additional financial and technical audits and investigations, including examining the accounts, books, or records of the tax credit applicant, which are necessary to verify the site rehabilitation costs included in a tax credit return and to ensure compliance with this section. The Department of Environmental Protection shall provide technical assistance, when requested by the Department of Revenue, on any technical audits performed pursuant to this section.
- (c) It is grounds for forfeiture of previously claimed and received tax credits if the Department of Revenue determines, as a result of either an audit or information received from the Department of Environmental Protection, that a taxpayer received tax credits pursuant to this section to which the taxpayer was not entitled. In the case of fraud, the taxpayer shall be prohibited from claiming any future tax credits under this section or s. 199.1055.
- 1. The taxpayer is responsible for returning forfeited tax credits to the Department of Revenue, and such funds shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund of the state.
- 2. The taxpayer shall file with the Department of Revenue an amended tax return or such other report as the Department of Revenue prescribes by rule and shall pay any required tax within 60 days after the taxpayer receives notification from the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to s. 376.30781 that previously approved tax credits have been revoked or modified, if uncontested, or within 60 days after a final order is issued following proceedings involving a contested revocation or modification order.

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- 3. A notice of deficiency may be issued by the Department of Revenue at any time within 5 years after the date the taxpayer receives notification from the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to s. 376.30781 that previously approved tax credits have been revoked or modified. If a taxpayer fails to notify the Department of Revenue of any change in its tax credit claimed, a notice of deficiency may be issued at any time. In either case, the amount of any proposed assessment set forth in such notice of deficiency shall be limited to the amount of any deficiency resulting under this section from the recomputation of the taxpayer's tax for the taxable year.
- 4. Any taxpayer that fails to report and timely pay any tax due as a result of the forfeiture of its tax credit is in violation of this section and is subject to applicable penalty and interest.

Section 20. Effective January 1, 2007, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 288.039, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.039 Employing and Training our Youths (ENTRY).--

- (2) TAX REFUND; ELIGIBLE AMOUNTS. --
- (b) After entering into an employment/tax refund agreement under subsection (3), an eligible business may receive refunds for the following taxes or fees due and paid by that business:
- 1. Taxes on sales, use, and other transactions under chapter 212.
 - 2. Corporate income taxes under chapter 220.
- 3. Intangible personal property taxes under chapter 199.
 - 3.4. Emergency excise taxes under chapter 221.

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1 4.5. Excise taxes on documents under chapter 201. 5.6. Ad valorem taxes paid, as defined in s. 2 3 220.03(1). 4 6.7. Insurance premium taxes under s. 624.509. 5 7.8. Occupational license fees under chapter 205. 6 7 However, an eliqible business may not receive a refund under this section for any amount of credit, refund, or exemption granted to that business for any of such taxes or fees. 9 10 refund for such taxes or fees is provided by the office, which 11 taxes or fees are subsequently adjusted by the application of any credit, refund, or exemption granted to the eligible 12 13 business other than as provided in this section, the business shall reimburse the office for the amount of that credit, 14 15 refund, or exemption. An eligible business shall notify and tender payment to the office within 20 days after receiving 16 17 any credit, refund, or exemption other than the one provided 18 in this section. 19 Section 21. Effective January 1, 2007, paragraph (f) of subsection (2) and paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of 20 21 subsection (3) of section 288.1045, Florida Statutes, are 22 amended to read: 288.1045 Qualified defense contractor tax refund 23 24 program. --(2) GRANTING OF A TAX REFUND; ELIGIBLE AMOUNTS.--25 After entering into a tax refund agreement 26 pursuant to subsection (4), a qualified applicant may receive 27 28 refunds from the Economic Development Trust Fund for the

beginning with the applicant's first taxable year that begins

following taxes due and paid by the qualified applicant

31 after entering into the agreement:

- 1. Taxes on sales, use, and other transactions paid pursuant to chapter 212.
 - 2. Corporate income taxes paid pursuant to chapter 220.
- 3. Intangible personal property taxes paid pursuant to chapter 199.
- 3.4. Emergency excise taxes paid pursuant to chapter 221.
- $\underline{4.5.}$ Excise taxes paid on documents pursuant to chapter 201.
- $\underline{5.6}$. Ad valorem taxes paid, as defined in s. 220.03(1)(a) on June 1, 1996.

However, a qualified applicant may not receive a tax refund pursuant to this section for any amount of credit, refund, or exemption granted such contractor for any of such taxes. If a refund for such taxes is provided by the office, which taxes are subsequently adjusted by the application of any credit, refund, or exemption granted to the qualified applicant other than that provided in this section, the qualified applicant shall reimburse the Economic Development Trust Fund for the amount of such credit, refund, or exemption. A qualified applicant must notify and tender payment to the office within 20 days after receiving a credit, refund, or exemption, other than that provided in this section.

- (3) APPLICATION PROCESS; REQUIREMENTS; AGENCY DETERMINATION.--
- (b) Applications for certification based on the consolidation of a Department of Defense contract or a new Department of Defense contract must be submitted to the office

 as prescribed by the office and must include, but are not limited to, the following information:

- 1. The applicant's federal employer identification number, the applicant's Florida sales tax registration number, and a notarized signature of an officer of the applicant.
- 2. The permanent location of the manufacturing, assembling, fabricating, research, development, or design facility in this state at which the project is or is to be located.
- 3. The Department of Defense contract numbers of the contract to be consolidated, the new Department of Defense contract number, or the "RFP" number of a proposed Department of Defense contract.
- 4. The date the contract was executed or is expected to be executed, and the date the contract is due to expire or is expected to expire.
- 5. The commencement date for project operations under the contract in this state.
- 6. The number of net new full-time equivalent Florida jobs included in the project as of December 31 of each year and the average wage of such jobs.
- 7. The total number of full-time equivalent employees employed by the applicant in this state.
- 8. The percentage of the applicant's gross receipts derived from Department of Defense contracts during the 5 taxable years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.
 - 9. The amount of:
- a. Taxes on sales, use, and other transactions paid pursuant to chapter 212;

1 Corporate income taxes paid pursuant to chapter 2 220; 3 c. Intangible personal property taxes paid pursuant to 4 chapter 199; 5 c.d. Emergency excise taxes paid pursuant to chapter 6 221; 7 d.e. Excise taxes paid on documents pursuant to chapter 201; and 8 9 e.f. Ad valorem taxes paid 10 11 during the 5 fiscal years immediately preceding the date of the application, and the projected amounts of such taxes to be 12 due in the 3 fiscal years immediately following the date of 13 the application. 14 10. The estimated amount of tax refunds to be claimed 15 16 for each fiscal year. 17 11. A brief statement concerning the applicant's need 18 for tax refunds, and the proposed uses of such refunds by the 19 applicant. 20 A resolution adopted by the county commissioners 12. of the county in which the project will be located, which 21 22 recommends the applicant be approved as a qualified applicant, and which indicates that the necessary commitments of local 23 24 financial support for the applicant exist. Prior to the 25 adoption of the resolution, the county commission may review the proposed public or private sources of such support and 26 determine whether the proposed sources of local financial 27 28 support can be provided or, for any applicant whose project is 29 located in a county designated by the Rural Economic Development Initiative, a resolution adopted by the county 30

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- 13. Any additional information requested by the office.
- Applications for certification based on the conversion of defense production jobs to nondefense production jobs must be submitted to the office as prescribed by the office and must include, but are not limited to, the following information:
- The applicant's federal employer identification number, the applicant's Florida sales tax registration number, and a notarized signature of an officer of the applicant.
- The permanent location of the manufacturing, assembling, fabricating, research, development, or design facility in this state at which the project is or is to be located.
- The Department of Defense contract numbers of the contract under which the defense production jobs will be converted to nondefense production jobs.
- The date the contract was executed, and the date the contract is due to expire or is expected to expire, or was canceled.
- The commencement date for the nondefense production operations in this state.
- The number of net new full-time equivalent Florida jobs included in the nondefense production project as of December 31 of each year and the average wage of such jobs.
- 7. The total number of full-time equivalent employees employed by the applicant in this state.
- The percentage of the applicant's gross receipts 31 derived from Department of Defense contracts during the 5

taxable years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.

- 9. The amount of:
- Taxes on sales, use, and other transactions paid pursuant to chapter 212;
- b. Corporate income taxes paid pursuant to chapter 220;
- c. Intangible personal property taxes paid pursuant to chapter 199;
- c.d. Emergency excise taxes paid pursuant to chapter 221;
- d.e. Excise taxes paid on documents pursuant to chapter 201; and
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- 10. The estimated amount of tax refunds to be claimed for each fiscal year.
- A brief statement concerning the applicant's need for tax refunds, and the proposed uses of such refunds by the applicant.
- 12. A resolution adopted by the county commissioners of the county in which the project will be located, which recommends the applicant be approved as a qualified applicant, and which indicates that the necessary commitments of local financial support for the applicant exist. Prior to the adoption of the resolution, the county commission may review 31 the proposed public or private sources of such support and

determine whether the proposed sources of local financial support can be provided or, for any applicant whose project is located in a county designated by the Rural Economic Development Initiative, a resolution adopted by the county commissioners of such county requesting that the applicant's project be exempt from the local financial support requirement.

- 13. Any additional information requested by the office.
- (d) Applications for certification based on a contract for reuse of a defense-related facility must be submitted to the office as prescribed by the office and must include, but are not limited to, the following information:
- 1. The applicant's Florida sales tax registration number and a notarized signature of an officer of the applicant.
- 2. The permanent location of the manufacturing, assembling, fabricating, research, development, or design facility in this state at which the project is or is to be located.
- 3. The business entity holding a valid Department of Defense contract or branch of the Armed Forces of the United States that previously occupied the facility, and the date such entity last occupied the facility.
- 4. A copy of the contract to reuse the facility, or such alternative proof as may be prescribed by the office that the applicant is seeking to contract for the reuse of such facility.
- 5. The date the contract to reuse the facility was executed or is expected to be executed, and the date the contract is due to expire or is expected to expire.

- 6. The commencement date for project operations under the contract in this state.
- 7. The number of net new full-time equivalent Florida jobs included in the project as of December 31 of each year and the average wage of such jobs.
- 8. The total number of full-time equivalent employees employed by the applicant in this state.
 - 9. The amount of:
- a. Taxes on sales, use, and other transactions paid pursuant to chapter 212.
- b. Corporate income taxes paid pursuant to chapter
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- c. Intangible personal property taxes paid pursuant to chapter 199.
- $\underline{\text{c.d.}}$ Emergency excise taxes paid pursuant to chapter 221.
- $\underline{\text{d.e.}}$ Excise taxes paid on documents pursuant to chapter 201.
- $\underline{\text{e.f.}}$ Ad valorem taxes paid during the 5 fiscal years immediately preceding the date of the application, and the projected amounts of such taxes to be due in the 3 fiscal years immediately following the date of the application.
- 10. The estimated amount of tax refunds to be claimed for each fiscal year.
- 11. A brief statement concerning the applicant's need for tax refunds, and the proposed uses of such refunds by the applicant.
- 12. A resolution adopted by the county commissioners of the county in which the project will be located, which recommends the applicant be approved as a qualified applicant, and which indicates that the necessary commitments of local

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13. Any additional information requested by the office.

Section 22. Effective January 1, 2007, paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 288.106, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.106 Tax refund program for qualified target industry businesses .--

- (2) TAX REFUND; ELIGIBLE AMOUNTS.--
- (c) After entering into a tax refund agreement under subsection (4), a qualified target industry business may:
- Receive refunds from the account for the following taxes due and paid by that business beginning with the first taxable year of the business which begins after entering into the agreement:
 - a. Corporate income taxes under chapter 220.
 - Insurance premium tax under s. 624.509.
- Receive refunds from the account for the following taxes due and paid by that business after entering into the agreement:
- Taxes on sales, use, and other transactions under a. 31 chapter 212.

1 b. Intangible personal property taxes under chapter 2 199. 3 b.c. Emergency excise taxes under chapter 221. 4 c.d. Excise taxes on documents under chapter 201. 5 d.e. Ad valorem taxes paid, as defined in s. 6 220.03(1). 7 Section 23. Effective January 1, 2007, paragraph (a) 8 of subsection (2) and subsections (3) and (12) of section 376.30781, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 9 10 376.30781 Partial tax credits for rehabilitation of 11 drycleaning-solvent-contaminated sites and brownfield sites in designated brownfield areas; application process; rulemaking 12 13 authority; revocation authority. --14 (2)(a) A credit in the amount of 35 percent of the 15 costs of voluntary cleanup activity that is integral to site rehabilitation at the following sites is allowed pursuant to 16 s.ss. 199.1055 and 220.1845: 17 1. A drycleaning-solvent-contaminated site eligible 18 19 for state-funded site rehabilitation under s. 376.3078(3); 20 2. A drycleaning-solvent-contaminated site at which cleanup is undertaken by the real property owner pursuant to 21 s. 376.3078(11), if the real property owner is not also, and 22 has never been, the owner or operator of the drycleaning 23 24 facility where the contamination exists; or 25 3. A brownfield site in a designated brownfield area under s. 376.80. 26 27 (3) The Department of Environmental Protection shall 28 be responsible for allocating the tax credits provided for in 29 s.ss. 199.1055 and 220.1845, not to exceed a total of \$2 million in tax credits annually. 30

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(12) A tax credit applicant who receives state-funded site rehabilitation under s. 376.3078(3) for rehabilitation of a drycleaning-solvent-contaminated site is ineligible to receive a tax credit under s. 199.1055 or s. 220.1845 for costs incurred by the tax credit applicant in conjunction with the rehabilitation of that site during the same time period that state-administered site rehabilitation was underway.

Section 24. Effective January 1, 2007, subsection (13) of section 493.6102, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

493.6102 Inapplicability of this chapter.--This chapter shall not apply to:

(13) Any individual employed as a security officer by a church or ecclesiastical or denominational organization having an established physical place of worship in this state at which nonprofit religious services and activities are regularly conducted or by a church cemetery religious institution as defined in s. 199.183(2)(a)to provide security on the institution property of the organization or cemetery, and who does not carry a firearm in the course of her or his duties.

Section 25. Effective January 1, 2007, paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 516.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

516.031 Finance charge; maximum rates.--

- (3) OTHER CHARGES.--
- In addition to the interest, delinquency, and insurance charges herein provided for, no further or other charges or amount whatsoever for any examination, service, commission, or other thing or otherwise shall be directly or indirectly charged, contracted for, or received as a condition 31 to the grant of a loan, except:

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- 1. An amount not to exceed \$10 to reimburse a portion of the costs for investigating the character and credit of the person applying for the loan;
- An annual fee of \$25 on the anniversary date of each line-of-credit account;
- Charges paid for brokerage fee on a loan or line of credit of more than \$10,000, title insurance, and the appraisal of real property offered as security when paid to a third party and supported by an actual expenditure;
- 4. Intangible personal property tax on the loan note or obligation when secured by a lien on real property;
- 4.5. The documentary excise tax and lawful fees, if any, actually and necessarily paid out by the licensee to any public officer for filing, recording, or releasing in any public office any instrument securing the loan, which fees may be collected when the loan is made or at any time thereafter;
- 5.6. The premium payable for any insurance in lieu of perfecting any security interest otherwise required by the licensee in connection with the loan, if the premium does not exceed the fees which would otherwise be payable, which premium may be collected when the loan is made or at any time thereafter;
- 6.7. Actual and reasonable attorney's fees and court costs as determined by the court in which suit is filed;
- 7.8. Actual and commercially reasonable expenses of repossession, storing, repairing and placing in condition for sale, and selling of any property pledged as security; or
- 8.9. A delinquency charge not to exceed \$10 for each payment in default for a period of not less than 10 days, if the charge is agreed upon, in writing, between the parties 31 before imposing the charge.

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Any charges, including interest, in excess of the combined total of all charges authorized and permitted by this chapter constitute a violation of chapter 687 governing interest and usury, and the penalties of that chapter apply. In the event of a bona fide error, the licensee shall refund or credit the borrower with the amount of the overcharge immediately but within 20 days from the discovery of such error.

Section 26. Effective January 1, 2007, paragraph (m) of subsection (5) of section 627.311, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.311 Joint underwriters and joint reinsurers; public records and public meetings exemptions .--

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Each joint underwriting plan or association created under this section is not a state agency, board, or commission. However, for the purposes of s. 199.183(1) only, the joint underwriting plan is a political subdivision of the state and is exempt from the corporate income tax.

Section 27. Effective January 1, 2007, paragraph (j) of subsection (6) of section 627.351, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.--

- (6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION. --
- (j) For the purposes of s. 199.183(1), The corporation shall be considered a political subdivision of the state and shall be exempt from the corporate income tax. The premiums, assessments, investment income, and other revenue of the corporation are funds received for providing property insurance coverage as required by this subsection, paying 31 claims for Florida citizens insured by the corporation,

securing and repaying debt obligations issued by the 2 corporation, and conducting all other activities of the 3 corporation, and shall not be considered taxes, fees, 4 licenses, or charges for services imposed by the Legislature 5 on individuals, businesses, or agencies outside state 6 government. Bonds and other debt obligations issued by or on 7 behalf of the corporation are not to be considered "state bonds" within the meaning of s. 215.58(8). The corporation is 8 9 not subject to the procurement provisions of chapter 287, and 10 policies and decisions of the corporation relating to 11 incurring debt, levying of assessments and the sale, issuance, continuation, terms and claims under corporation policies, and 12 all services relating thereto, are not subject to the 13 provisions of chapter 120. The corporation is not required to 14 obtain or to hold a certificate of authority issued by the 15 office, nor is it required to participate as a member insurer 16 17 of the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association. However, the corporation is required to pay, in the same manner as an 18 19 authorized insurer, assessments pledged by the Florida 20 Insurance Guaranty Association to secure bonds issued or other indebtedness incurred to pay covered claims arising from 21 22 insurer insolvencies caused by, or proximately related to, hurricane losses. It is the intent of the Legislature that the 23 24 tax exemptions provided in this paragraph will augment the 25 financial resources of the corporation to better enable the corporation to fulfill its public purposes. Any bonds issued 26 by the corporation, their transfer, and the income therefrom, 27 28 including any profit made on the sale thereof, shall at all 29 times be free from taxation of every kind by the state and any political subdivision or local unit or other instrumentality 30 31 thereof; however, this exemption does not apply to any tax

imposed by chapter 220 on interest, income, or profits on debt obligations owned by corporations other than the corporation.

Section 28. Effective January 1, 2007, paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 650.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

650.05 Plans for coverage of employees of political subdivisions.--

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(b) The grants-in-aid and other revenue referred to in paragraph (a) specifically include, but are not limited to, minimum foundation program grants to public school districts and community colleges; gasoline, motor fuel, intangible, cigarette, racing, and insurance premium taxes distributed to political subdivisions; and amounts specifically appropriated as grants-in-aid for mental health, mental retardation, and mosquito control programs.

Section 29. Effective January 1, 2007, subsection (1) of section 655.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

655.071 International banking facilities; definitions; notice before establishment.--

(1) "International banking facility" means a set of asset and liability accounts segregated on the books and records of a banking organization, as that term is defined in s. 199.023, Florida Statutes 2003, that includes only international banking facility deposits, borrowings, and extensions of credit, as those terms shall be defined by the commission pursuant to subsection (2).

Section 30. <u>Effective January 1, 2007, subsection (5)</u> of section 733.702, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 31. Effective January 1, 2007, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 766.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 766.105 Florida Patient's Compensation Fund.--(1) DEFINITIONS. -- The following definitions apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this section: The term "fund" means the Florida Patient's Compensation Fund. The fund is not a state agency, board, or commission. However, for the purposes of s. 199.183(1) only, the fund shall be considered a political subdivision of this state. Section 32. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect January 1, 2005. SENATE SUMMARY Provides for the gradual reduction of the annual rate of the tax on intangible personal property. Provides for the repeal of the tax effective January 1, 2007. Provides that the taxes levied for calendar year 2006 and before remain in effect and collectible. Authorizes the executive director of the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules.