

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Senator Altman moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (8) and (9) are added to section 212.03, Florida Statutes, to read:

212.03 Transient rentals tax; rate, procedure, enforcement, exemptions.-

(8) (a) For purposes of this section, ss. 125.0104, 125.0108, and 212.0305, and chapter 67-930, Laws of Florida, as amended, the business of renting, leasing, letting, or granting a license to use transient rental accommodations includes charging or receiving a payment consisting of, in any part, an

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amount collected for the benefit of an owner, owner's representative, or operator of a transient rental accommodation located in this state for the occupancy, use, or possession of the accommodation, or the right to occupy, use, or possess the accommodation during the course of engaging in any of the following activities:

- 1. Offering information regarding the availability of transient rental accommodations located in this state;
- 2. Disclosing or establishing the amount paid for transient rental accommodations located in this state;
- 3. Assisting in making a reservation for transient rental accommodations located in this state; or
- 4. Participating in arranging for the occupancy of transient rental accommodations located in this state on behalf of another person.
- (b) The terms "total rental charged" as used in this section, "total consideration" as used in ss. 125.0104 and 125.0108, "consideration" as used in s. 212.0305, and "rent" as used in chapter 67-930, Laws of Florida, as amended, have the same meaning and include amounts charged or received by a dealer in connection with an activity described in paragraph (a) and amounts charged or received for the benefit of an owner, owner's representative, or operator of a transient rental accommodation located in this state for the occupancy, use, or possession of an accommodation, or the right to occupy, use, or possess an accommodation. Such amounts include cash, credits, property, goods, wares, merchandise, services, or other things of value, without deduction for separately identified charges, surcharges, fees, or reimbursements, unless specifically excluded under



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- (c) The terms "total rent" as used in this section, "total consideration" as used in ss. 125.0104 and 125.0108, "consideration" as used in s. 212.0305, and "rent" as used in chapter 67-930, Laws of Florida, as amended, do not include:
- 1. Mandatory charges imposed for the availability of communications services; or
- 2. Separately stated taxes that are remitted to the taxing authority imposing the tax.
- (9) (a) A person who engages in activities described in paragraph (8)(a) shall register with the department and each self-administering local government and collect and remit taxes on the total rent pursuant to this section, total consideration pursuant to ss. 125.0104 and 125.0108, consideration pursuant to s. 212.0305, and rent pursuant to chapter 67-930, Laws of Florida. An owner, owner's representative, or operator providing transient accommodations in this state may not enter into an agreement with any person intending to engage in the business activities described in paragraph (8)(a) concerning such accommodations unless such person has registered as a dealer pursuant to this chapter, has provided a resale certificate and has agreed in writing with the owner, owner's representative, or operator to truthfully collect and remit tax on the total amount due on the rental of transient accommodations located in this state.
- (b) The department may provide by rule for a single registration with the department by a dealer engaged in the activities described in paragraph (8)(a) for all political subdivisions for which the tourist development tax is collected

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by the department. The department need not require separate registrations for each location where transient rental accommodations are located for a dealer who is not an owner or operator. However, a dealer engaged in the activities described in paragraph (8)(a) must register with each political subdivision that collects its own tourist development tax. Such dealer may file consolidated returns pursuant to s. 212.11(1)(e).

(c) Each dealer engaged in the activities described in paragraph (8)(a) shall add the amount of the taxes imposed by this section and ss. 125.0104, 125.0108, and 212.0305 and chapter 67-930, Laws of Florida, as amended, to the total rent and shall state the taxes separately from the price of the tangible personal property or services on all invoices. The tax shall be due and payable at the time of receipt of the payment in the manner provided for dealers pursuant to this chapter. The combined amount of taxes due under ss. 125.0104 and 125.0108, and chapter 67-930, Laws of Florida, as amended, shall be stated and identified as local tax, and the tax imposed pursuant to this section shall be stated and identified as sales tax.

Section 2. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (2) of section 212.06, Florida Statutes, to read:

212.06 Sales, storage, use tax; collectible from dealers; "dealer" defined; dealers to collect from purchasers; legislative intent as to scope of tax.-

(2)

(m) "Dealer" also means any person who pursuant to an agreement with an owner, owner's representative, or operator of a transient rental accommodation located in this state and

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incident to the sale, lease, or rental of such transient accommodations, receives a payment consisting of, in any part, an amount subject to tax under subsection (1) during the course of engaging in any of the following activities:

- 1. Offering information regarding the availability of transient rental accommodations located in this state;
- 2. Disclosing or establishing the amount paid for transient rental accommodations located in this state;
- 3. Assisting in making a reservation for transient rental accommodations located in this state; or
- 4. Participating in arranging for the occupancy of transient rental accommodations located in this state on behalf of another person.

Section 3. The Department of Revenue may adopt emergency rules to implement this act. These rules may prescribe the necessary forms and procedures that apply to the transient rentals tax including provisions to ensure the timely registration, collection, and remittance of the taxes imposed by state law on transient rentals. Notwithstanding any other law, the emergency rules shall remain in effect for 6 months after the date of adoption of the rules or the date of final adoption, whichever occurs later.

Section 4. For transactions that occurred before July 1, 2011, it is not the intent of the Legislature to affect the interpretation of tax liability under the law applicable to those transactions.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

> A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on transient rentals; amending s. 212.03, F.S.; redefining terms; requiring persons who engage in certain business activities to collect and remit the tax on transient rentals; prohibiting an owner, owner's representative, or operator from authorizing another person to facilitate the rental of transient rental accommodations unless the person agrees to collect and remit the tax on transient rentals; authorizing the Department of Revenue to provide by rule for a single registration for a dealer to register to collect the tourist development tax in certain political subdivisions; requiring dealers who engage in certain activities relating to transient rentals to separately state the taxes separately from the tangible personal property or services on the invoice; amending s. 212.06, F.S.; redefining the term "dealer"; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules to implement the act; providing legislative intent; providing for prospective application of the act; providing an effective date.