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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations (Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to ad valorem tax exemptions; amending s. 196.199, F.S.; providing that certain leasehold interests and improvements to land owned by the United States, a branch of the United States Armed Forces, or any agency or quasi-governmental agency of the United States are exempt from ad valorem taxation under specified circumstances; providing that such leasehold interests and improvements are entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation without an application being filed for the exemption or the property appraiser approving the exemption; providing for retroactive application; providing an effective date.

16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 19 196.199, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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196.199 Government property exemption.-

(1) Property owned and used by the following governmental units shall be exempt from taxation under the following conditions:

(a)<u>1.</u> All property of the United States <u>is shall be</u> exempt
from ad valorem taxation, except such property as is subject to
tax by this state or any political subdivision thereof or any
municipality under any law of the United States.

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28	2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes
29	of the exemption from ad valorem taxation provided in
30	subparagraph 1., property of the United States includes any
31	leasehold interest of and improvements affixed to land owned by
32	the United States, any branch of the United States Armed Forces,
33	or any agency or quasi-governmental agency of the United States
34	if the leasehold interest and improvements are acquired or
35	constructed and used pursuant to the federal Military Housing
36	Privatization Initiative of 1996, 10 U.S.C. ss. 2871 et seq. As
37	used in this subparagraph, the term "improvements" includes, but
38	is not limited to, actual housing units and any facilities that
39	are directly related to such housing units, including any
40	housing maintenance facilities, housing rental and management
41	offices, parks and community centers, and recreational
42	facilities. Any leasehold interest and improvements described in
43	this subparagraph shall be construed as being owned by the
44	United States, the applicable branch of the United States Armed
45	Forces, or the applicable agency or quasi-governmental agency of
46	the United States and are exempt from ad valorem taxation
47	without the necessity of an application for exemption being
48	filed or approved by the property appraiser. This subparagraph
49	does not apply to a transient public lodging establishment as
50	that term is defined in s. 509.013.
51	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law
52	and shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2007.