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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to sales of motor vehicles powered by electricity or hydrogen; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; exempting the sale of an electric vehicle and a hydrogen vehicle from the sales and use tax; defining the terms "electric vehicle" and "hydrogen vehicle"; providing for expiration; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (000) is added to subsection (7) of section 212.08, Florida Statutes, to read:

212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and storage tax; specified exemptions.—The sale at retail, the rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter.

(7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS.—Exemptions provided to any entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a representative or employee of the entity by any means, including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as

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required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer this subsection.

(ooo) Electric and hydrogen vehicles.—The sale of an electric vehicle or a hydrogen vehicle is exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter. As used in this paragraph, the term "electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is powered solely by electricity produced by rechargeable storage batteries. The term "hydrogen vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is powered solely by hydrogen used in a fuel cell or an internal combustion engine. This paragraph expires June 30, 2021.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.