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Senate

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1 Representative Mercado offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 1754 and 1755, insert:

5 Section 34. Section 423.02, Florida Statutes, is amended
6 to read:

7 423.02 Housing projects exempted from taxes and
8 assessments; payments in lieu thereof.—The housing projects,
9 including all property of housing authorities used for or in
10 connection therewith or appurtenant thereto, of housing
11 authorities shall be exempt from all taxes and special
12 assessments of the state or any city, town, county, or political
13 subdivision of the state, provided, however, that in lieu of

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14 such taxes or special assessments a housing authority may agree
15 to make payments to any city, town, county, or political
16 subdivision of the state for services, improvements, or
17 facilities furnished by such city, town, county, or political
18 subdivision for the benefit of a housing project owned by the
19 housing authority, but in no event shall such payments exceed
20 the estimated cost to such city, town, county, or political
21 subdivision of the services, improvements, or facilities to be
22 so furnished. A city, town, county, or political subdivision of
23 the state may not rename, modify terminology, or otherwise
24 change a tax or assessment with the intent to circumvent the
25 exemption provided under this section, which must be interpreted
26 broadly to protect housing authorities from taxation or
27 assessment.

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30 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

31 Remove line 174 and insert:

32 420.5095, F.S., in a reference thereto; amending s.
33 423.02, F.S.; prohibiting a city, town, county, or
34 political subdivision of the state, with a certain
35 intent, from renaming, modifying terminology, or
36 otherwise changing a tax or assessment related to
37 housing projects exempted from taxes and assessments;
38 providing an

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