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CS/SB 208 by CM, Hukill (CO-INTRODUCERS) Thrasher, Hays, Latvala, Simpson, Simmons, Negron, Braynon, Altman, Galvano; (Similar to H 0127) Motorsports Entertainment Complexes

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The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAX

Senator Hukill, Chair Senator Ring, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Thursday, February 6, 2014

TIME: 9:00 —11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Hukill, Chair; Senator Ring, Vice Chair; Senators Abruzzo, Altman, Brandes, Clemens, Diaz

de la Portilla, Evers, Gardiner, Margolis, Sachs, and Simmons

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	CS/SB 208 Commerce and Tourism / Hukill (Similar H 127)	Motorsports Entertainment Complexes; Providing for a monthly distribution of a specified amount of sales tax revenue to a complex certified as a motorsports entertainment complex by the Department of Economic Opportunity; specifying that the department may certify only one motorsports entertainment complex; authorizing the Auditor General to verify the expenditure of specified distributions and to notify the Department of Revenue of improperly expended funds so that it may pursue recovery, etc. CM 01/08/2014 Fav/CS AFT 02/06/2014 Fav/CS AP RC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
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Other Related Meeting Documents

The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Technical Changes

I. Summary:

CS/CS/SB 208 permits the Department of Economic Opportunity to certify one motorsports entertainment complex to receive a monthly distribution from state sales tax revenues.

The bill authorizes the Auditor General to conduct audits to ensure that distributions are expended as required and, if not found in compliance, notify the Department of Revenue which may pursue recovery of such funds.

The distribution is \$166,667 monthly for up to 30 years. For Fiscal Year 2014-2015, the fiscal impact of the bill is a negative \$1.7 million; the recurring fiscal impact is a negative \$2 million annually.

II. Present Situation:

Motorsports in Florida

Automobile racing in Florida has a long and storied history stretching back more than 100 years. In April 1902, the first "tests of speed" began on the 12-mile stretch of beach between Ormond and Daytona.¹

¹ Randall L. Hall, *Automobile Racing in the South*, The Journal of Southern History, (August 2002).

In late 1947, a group of racing promoters gathered in Daytona Beach to create an organization which would unify automobile racers and build back interest in the sport following World War II. This meeting was the impetus for the incorporation of the National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) in 1948.²

Today, NASCAR is automobile racing's largest sanctioning body for stock cars. Currently, NASCAR has 28 sanctioned tracks. Additionally, Florida is one of only three states that have two NASCAR-sanctioned tracks. These tracks are the Daytona International Speedway and the Homestead-Miami Speedway.³ Information on the tracks is below:

	Daytona International	Homestead Miami
	Speedway ⁴	Speedway ⁵
Major Races	Daytona 500, Coke Zero 400	Ford EcoBoost 400, Ford
		EcoBoost 300
Year Opened	1959	1995
Grandstand Seating Capacity	147,000	65,000
Location	Volusia County	Miami-Dade County
Facility Operator	International Speedway	International Speedway
	Corporation (facility leased	Corporation (facility leased
	from Daytona Beach Racing	from City of Homestead)
	and Recreational Facilities	
	District)	

The Daytona 500 is the opening race of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, and is considered the race that "sets the tone for the entire season to follow." The Ford EcoBoost 400 is the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series' final race.

Aside from the two NASCAR-sanctioned tracks, Florida is home to an additional 50 automobile racing tracks. These tracks are located throughout the state, and provide local amateur racers and enthusiasts the opportunity to be involved with the sport.⁷

Sales and Use Tax

Chapter 212, F.S., contains the state's statutory provisions authorizing the levy and collection of Florida's sales and use tax, as well as the exemptions and credits applicable to certain items or uses under specified circumstances. A 6 percent sales and use tax is levied on tangible personal property and a limited number of services. The statutes currently provide for more than 200 different exemptions.

 $^{^{2}}$ Id.

³ NASCAR Tracks, available at: www.nascar.com/races/tracks/, (last visited on December 17, 2013).

⁴ ESPN, *NASCAR Track Guide: Daytona International Speedway*, (June 27, 2011), available at: http://espn.go.com/espn/thelife/news/story?id=2346804, (last visited on December 17, 2013).

⁵ Homestead Miami Speedway website, *The History of Homestead-Miami Speedway*, available at: http://www.homesteadmiamispeedway.com/About/Track-History.aspx, (last visited on December 17, 2013). ⁶ *Supra* note 4.

⁷ Florida Race Track Directory of Asphalt & Dirt Tracks & Drag Strips, available at: http://www.racingin.com/track/florida.aspx, (last visited December 17, 2013).

Sales Tax Funding of Professional Sports Facilities

Since 1991, Florida has authorized distributions from state sales tax for professional sports facilities and for spring training facilities. There are eight certified new or retained professional sports franchise facilities in Florida, the total number allowed under the statute. The maximum payment allowed for a new or retained professional sports franchise facility is \$166,667 per month for up to 30 years. The facilities funded under this program and the payment distribution for each are listed below:

Facility name	Certified entity	Franchise	First Payment	Final Payment	Total payments as of January 2014
Sun Life	Dolphins Stadium/	Florida (Miami)	06/94	06/2023	\$41,166,749
Stadium	South Florida	Marlins ¹⁰			
	Stadium				
Everbank Field	City of Jacksonville	Jacksonville	06/94	05/2024	\$39,333,412
		Jaguars			
Tropicana	City of St.	Tampa Bay	06/95	06/2025	\$37,166,741
Field	Petersburg	Rays			
Tampa Bay	Tampa Sports	Tampa Bay	09/95	08/2025	\$36,833,407
Times Forum	Authority	Lightning			
BB&T Center	Broward County	Florida	08/96	07/2026	\$35,000,070
		Panthers			
Raymond	Hillsborough	Tampa Bay	01/97	12/2026	\$34,166,729
James Stadium	County	Buccaneers			
American	BPL, LTD	Miami Heat	03/98	03/2028	\$31,666,730
Airlines Arena					
Amway Center	City of Orlando	Orlando Magic	02/08	01/2038	\$12,000,024

(Information from the Department of Economic Opportunity and Department of Revenue)

A local governments may be certified to receive funding for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, or renovating a spring training facility. ¹¹ In order to be certified, a facility must be located in a county that levies a tourist development tax under s. 125.0104, F.S., which authorizes an additional 1-cent excise tax on transient lodgings that is used to pay debt service on bonds issued to finance the facility. (Duval County and Miami-Dade County are authorized under other statutes to levy additional transient lodging taxes for this purpose. ¹²) Even though new spring training facilities had been eligible for certification since 1991 under s.

⁸ Section 212.20(6)(d)6.b. and e., F.S.

⁹ Section 288.1162, F.S. The number of new or retained facilities eligible for funding was increased from 6 to eight by ch. 96-320, L.O.F.

¹⁰ The Marlins franchise relocated from Sun Life Stadium to Marlins Park for the 2012 baseball season.

¹¹ Sections 288.11621 and 288.11631, F.S.

¹² Section 212.0305(4)(a), F.S. (Duval County) and s. 212.0305(4)(b), F.S., (Miami-Dade County.)

288.1162, F.S., no such facilities were certified. In 2000, funding (\$41,667 per month for up to 30 years) for each of five "retained" spring training facilities was provided. In 2006 the number of spring training facilities eligible for funding was doubled. As of January 8, 2013, there were 10 certified local governments. The local governments and the payment distribution for each are listed below:

Certified Local Government	Franchise	Facility	First Payment	Final Payment	Total Payments as of January 2014
City of	Philadelphia	Bright House	February	February	\$6,458,385
Clearwater	Phillies	Field	2001	2031	
City of Dunedin	Toronto	Dunedin Stadium	February 2001	February 2023	\$6,458,385
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Indian River County	Los Angeles	Holman Stadium (Dodgertown)	February 2001	February 2031	\$6,458,385
Osceola County	Dodgers ¹⁵ Houston	Osceola County	February	February	\$6,458,385
	Astros	Stadium	2001	2016	
City of Lakeland	Detroit	Joker Marchant	February	February	\$6,027,795
	Tigers	Stadium	2001	2016	
Charlotte	Tampa Bay	Charlotte County	March	March	\$3,458,361
County	Rays	Stadium	2007	2037	
City of	Pittsburgh	McKechnie Field	March	March	\$3,458,361
Bradenton	Pirates		2007	2037	
City of Fort	NA	NA	March	March	\$0
Lauderdale ¹⁶			2007	2037	
City of	Baltimore	Ed Smith	March	March	\$3,458,361
Sarasota ¹⁷	Orioles	Stadium	2007	2037	
St. Lucie County	New York	Digital Domain	March	March	\$1,824,793
	Mets	Park	2007	2037	
Lee County	Minnesota	Hammond	July	June	\$291,669
	Twins	Stadium	2013	2043	

(Information from the Department of Economic Opportunity and Department of Revenue)

¹³ Chapter 2000-186, L.O.F.

¹⁴ Chapter 2006-262, L.O.F.

¹⁵ The L.A. Dodgers relocated their spring training operations to Arizona in 2008.

¹⁶ The City of Ft. Lauderdale was unable to find a suitable home for the Baltimore Orioles. In 2011, OTTED requested the city return the unspent funds to the state. The city submitted a check to the state for the full amount, plus interest, as required by statute. The funds were returned to the state's General Revenue Fund. On April 6, 2012, a notice was published in the Florida Administrative Register announcing the application period for the Spring Training Baseball Facilities program, based on an opening that resulted from the decertification of the City of Fort Lauderdale and the return of funds. Lee County was the only applicant, on behalf of the Minnesota Twins for \$15 million over 30 years. On August 9, 2012, Lee County received notice that it had been certified.

¹⁷ Sarasota was awarded funds for a facility for the Cincinnati Reds, but was unable to use these funds because the Reds moved to Arizona in 2009. Sarasota petitioned the then Director of OTTED, and was granted permission to use the state funds to help pay debt service on bonds to be issued and entered into a long-term agreement with the Baltimore Orioles.

In 2013, the Legislature approved a new funding program for spring training facilities. Section 288.11631, F.S., provides funding for a facility used by a single spring training franchise up to \$55,555 per month for up to 30 years; a facility used by more than one franchise can receive \$111,110 monthly for up to 37.5 years. 18

Monthly sales tax distributions (\$166,667 for up to 300 months) also fund the professional golf hall of fame. The International Game Fish Association World Center facility received a lump-sum payment (\$999,996) after it was certified in 2000 and received a monthly distribution (\$83,333 for up to 168 months) which ended in FY 2013-14.

Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Program

The Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Program (program) is the largest source of revenue received by local governments among the state's shared revenue sources. The program primarily serves to provide ad valorem and utility tax relief, in addition to providing eligible local governments revenues for local programs.²⁰ A local government may also pledge funds from the program for payment of principal and interest on any capital project.²¹

Moneys for the program are collected pursuant to the provisions of ch. 212, F.S. The program distributes funds to eligible local governments through three distributions of sales tax revenues remitted by a sales tax dealer within the eligible participating county.²² The *ordinary* distribution operates by a transfer of 8.814 percent of net sales tax proceeds remitted by a sales tax dealer in the eligible local government's jurisdiction to the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund (trust fund).²³ The *emergency* and *supplemental* distributions operate by a transfer of 0.095 percent of net sales tax proceeds to the trust fund, and are available only to those counties that meet certain fiscal eligibility requirements, or have an inmate population of greater than 7 percent of the total county population.^{24, 25} An additional, separate distribution from the trust fund is available to qualifying fiscally constrained counties.²⁶

Funds remitted by sales tax dealers within a local government's jurisdiction and transferred to the trust fund are earmarked and distributed monthly to the governing bodies of participating eligible local governments.²⁷ Program funds are distributed to participating county and municipal governments based on a distribution formula.²⁸

¹⁸ Chapter 2013-42, L.O.F.

¹⁹ Section 212.20(6)(d)6.c., F.S

²⁰ Office of Economic and Demographic Research, 2012 Local Government Financial Information Handbook, (October 2012), available at: http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/local-government/reports/lgfih12.pdf, (last visited on December 17, 2013).

²¹ Section 218.64, F.S.

²² Section 218.63, F.S., defines eligibility requirements. In order to participate in the program, a local government must meet the revenue sharing eligibility requirements specified in s. 218.23, F.S.

²³ Section 212.20(6)(d)2., F.S.

²⁴ Section 212.20(6)(d)3., F.S.

²⁵ Supra note 8 at page 55.

²⁶ Section 218.67, F.S.

²⁷ Section 218.61, F.S.

²⁸ Section 218.62, F.S.

If a majority of the members of the governing body of a county government and a majority of the members of the governing authority of municipalities representing at least 50 percent of the county's municipal population adopt an ordinance, up to \$2 million annually of the program funds allocated to that county may be used for the following purposes:^{29, 30}

- Funding a facility certified as a new or retained professional sports franchise under s. 288.1162, F.S., or a facility certified as a spring training franchise under s. 288.11621, F.S.
- Funding an applicant certified as a "motorsports entertainment complex" under s. 288.1171, F.S.

Motorsports Entertainment Complex Certification

Section 288.1171, F.S., provides the procedure by which a local government may receive certification for a motorsport entertainment complex in order to use \$2 million of Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Program funds to pay for certain costs associated with the complex. As of October 30, 2013, no local government has received certification for a motorsport entertainment complex to use such funds.³¹ A motorsport entertainment complex is defined as a closed-course racing facility.

The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is responsible for screening and certifying applicants to allow them to use program funds for these purposes. An applicant must be a unit of local government that either owns a motorsport entertainment complex or owns the land on which a complex is located.

Before certifying an applicant as a motorsport entertainment complex, the DEO must first verify that:

- The local government holds title to the land on which the complex is located or holds title to the complex; and
- The local government in which the complex is located has certified by resolution after a public hearing that the application for certification serves a public purpose.

If the DEO determines an applicant meets eligibility requirements, it must notify the applicant and the Department of Revenue (DOR) of the applicant's certification through an official letter. If an applicant does not meet the requirements, the DEO must notify the applicant within 10 days of such determination. An applicant may not receive more than one certification. There are no limitations on the number of applicants that may be certified.

An applicant certified as a motorsport entertainment complex may only use funds provided from the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Program for the public purposes of paying for the construction, reconstruction, expansion, or renovation of a motorsport entertainment complex, including related transportation and other infrastructure improvements; paying debt service

²⁹ Section 218.64(3)(b), F.S.

³⁰ If a county and municipal government's governing body support using program funds to support funding of professional sports, spring training, or motorsports entertainment complexes, their distribution for general use is provided *after* funding is provided for these projects.

³¹ Department of Economic Opportunity, *Agency Bill Analysis: SB 208*, (October 30, 2013).

reserve funds, arbitrage rebate obligations, or other amounts payable with respect to bonds issued for such activities; or refinancing the bonds. Additional eligible uses include paying for advertising and promotional activities related to the motorsport entertainment complex or the municipality or county in which the complex is located, if such activities are designed to increase tourism or promote economic development of the municipality or county.³²

The DOR may perform an audit to ensure the distributions are expended as required, and may pursue recovery of any funds not expended as required by law.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill permits the DEO to certify one motorsports entertainment complex to receive a monthly distribution from state sales tax revenues.

Section 1 amends s. 212.20, F.S., to direct the DOR to distribute \$166,667 monthly from state sales tax revenues to a motorsports entertainment complex certified under s. 288.1171, F.S.

Section 2 amends s. 288.1171, F.S., to permit a single motorsports entertainment complex to receive a distribution from state sales tax revenue upon certification by the DEO.

Application

Before certification, the DEO must determine that the project meets the following criteria:

- The local government holds title to the land on which the complex is located or holds title to the complex;
- The local government in which the complex is located has certified by resolution after a public hearing that the application for certification serves a public purpose;
- The applicant has approval from a sanctioning body³³ that motorsport events are sanctioned to occur at the applicant's complex;
- The applicant's facility has at least 50,000 fixed seats;
- The applicant has projections, verified by the DEO, which demonstrate that the complex will attract paid attendance of more than 100,000 annually;
- The applicant has an independent analysis, verified by the DEO, which demonstrates that the amount of revenues generated by the taxes imposed under ch. 212, F.S., with respect to the use and operation of the complex will equal or exceed \$2 million annually;

³² Distributions to professional sports facilities and local governments for funding spring training facilities under s. 212.20(6)(d)6.b and e., F.S., may not be used for advertising and promotional activities related to the motorsport entertainment complex or the municipality or county in which the complex is located, if such activities are designed to increase tourism or promote economic development of the municipality or county.

³³ Defined in current law under s. 288.1171(1)(e), F.S., as the American Motorcycle Association (AMA), Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART), Grand American Road Racing Association (Grand Am), Indy Racing League (IRL), National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), National Hot Rod Association (NHRA), Professional Sportscar Racing (PSR), Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), United States Auto Club (USAC), or any successor organization, or any other nationally recognized governing body of motorsports which establishes and administers rules and regulations governing all participants involved in such events and all persons conducting such events, and requires certain liability assurances, including insurance.

 The applicant has demonstrated that it has or is capable of providing, or has financial or other commitments to provide, one-half the cost incurred or related to the improvement and development of the complex; and

• The total cost of the construction, reconstruction, expansion, or renovation of the complex exceeds \$250 million.

Certification

The bill provides that the approved applicant may not seek a distribution from the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Program under s. 218.64(3), F.S., while receiving a distribution from state sales tax revenue under s. 212.20, F.S.

Audits

The bill authorizes the Auditor General to verify the expenditure of distributions, and notify the DOR of improperly expended funds so that it may pursue recovery of such funds pursuant to the laws and rules governing the assessment of taxes.

Section 3 provides for an effective date of July 1, 2014.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

The distribution of sales tax revenue to a motorsports entertainment complex would decrease General Revenue by \$1.7 million in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and \$2 million on a recurring basis.

B. Private Sector Impact:

The bill will allow the owner of a certified motorsports entertainment complex to receive funding of up to \$2 million per year for up to 30 years, for a total distribution of \$60 million, to support renovations of such a complex.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The DEO indicated that any costs incurred would be covered by current resources.

The DOR indicated that the bill would have insignificant impact on the department.

Funds distributed under s. 212.20, F.S., to a motorsports entertainment complex may be used to pay for advertising or promotion of or related to the motorsports entertainment complex or the municipality or county in which the complex is located, if the advertising or promotion is designed to increase paid attendance at the complex or increase tourism in or promote the economic development of the community in which the complex is located.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 212.20 and 288.1171

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

Recommended CS/CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax on February 6, 2014:

The committee substitute makes it clear that current-law provisions which allow a local government to spend funds on behalf of a motorsports complex are not changed or eliminated. The new requirements established in the bill are applicable only to a motorsports entertainment complex seeking state funds.

CS by Commerce and Tourism on Jan. 8, 2014:

The committee substitute corrects a reference to clarify that the certified applicant may not seek a distribution from the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Program under s. 218.64(3), F.S., while receiving a distribution from state sales tax revenue under s. 212.20, F.S.

B.	Amendments:
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None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.



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Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax (Hukill) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 288.1171, Florida Statutes, is amended, present subsections (4) through (7) of 9

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that section are redesignated as subsections (5) through (8), respectively, and amended, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

288.1171 Motorsports entertainment complex; definitions; certification; duties.-

- (2) The department shall serve as the state agency for screening applicants for funding under s. 212.20, for local option funding under s. 218.64(3), and for certifying an applicant as a motorsports entertainment complex. The department shall develop and adopt rules for the receipt and processing of applications for funding under ss. 212.20 and s. 218.64(3). The department shall make a determination regarding any application filed by an applicant within not later than 120 days after the application is filed.
- (4) The department may certify a single applicant as a motorsports entertainment complex for funding under s. 212.20 if the applicant meets all of the following conditions:
 - (a) The applicant meets the requirements of subsection (3).
- (b) The applicant has a verified copy of the approval of a sanctioning body stating that motorsport events are sanctioned to occur at the applicant's complex.
- (c) The applicant's facility has at least 50,000 fixed seats.
- (d) The applicant has projections, verified by the department, which demonstrate that the motorsports entertainment complex will annually attract paid attendance of more than 100,000 persons.
- (e) The applicant has an independent analysis or study, verified by the department, which demonstrates that the amount

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of revenues generated by the taxes imposed under chapter 212 with respect to the use and operation of the motorsports entertainment complex will annually equal or exceed \$2 million.

- (f) The applicant has demonstrated that it has provided, is capable of providing, or has financial or other commitments to provide more than one-half of the costs incurred or related to the improvement and development of the complex.
- (g) The total cost of construction, reconstruction, expansion, or renovation of the complex exceeds \$250 million.

The approved applicant may not seek funding under s. 218.64(3) while receiving funding under s. 212.20.

- (5) (4) Upon determining that an applicant meets the requirements of subsection (3) or subsection (4), the department shall notify the applicant and the executive director of the Department of Revenue of such certification by means of an official letter granting certification. If the applicant fails to meet the certification requirements of subsection (3) or subsection (4), the department shall notify the applicant within not later than 10 days following such determination.
- (6) (5) A motorsports entertainment complex that has been previously certified under this section and has received funding under such certification is ineligible for any additional certification.
- (7)(6) An applicant certified as a motorsports entertainment complex may use funds provided pursuant to s. 212.20 or s. 218.64(3) only for the following public purposes:
- (a) Paying for the construction, reconstruction, expansion, or renovation of a motorsports entertainment complex.

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- (b) Paying debt service reserve funds, arbitrage rebate obligations, or other amounts relating payable with respect to bonds issued for the construction, reconstruction, expansion, or renovation of the motorsports entertainment complex or for the reimbursement of such costs or the refinancing of bonds issued for such purposes.
- (c) Paying for construction, reconstruction, expansion, or renovation of transportation or other infrastructure improvements related to, necessary for, or appurtenant to the motorsports entertainment complex, including, without limitation, paying debt service reserve funds, arbitrage rebate obligations, or other amounts relating payable with respect to bonds issued for the construction, reconstruction, expansion, or renovation of such transportation or other infrastructure improvements, and for the reimbursement of such costs or the refinancing of bonds issued for such purposes.
- (d) Paying for programs of advertising and promotion of or related to the motorsports entertainment complex or the municipality in which the motorsports entertainment complex is located, or the county if the motorsports entertainment complex is located in an unincorporated area, if such programs of advertising and promotion are designed to increase paid attendance at the motorsports entertainment complex or increase tourism in or promote the economic development of the community in which the motorsports entertainment complex is located.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 7 - 12



96	and insert:
97	Opportunity; amending s. 288.1171, F.S.; authorizing
98	the department to certify a single motorsports complex
99	if it meets certain specified criteria; authorizing
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Florida Senate - 2014 CS for SB 208

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senators Hukill, Thrasher, Hays, Latvala, Simpson, Simmons, and Negron

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A bill to be entitled An act relating to motorsports entertainment complexes; amending s. 212.20, F.S.; providing for a monthly distribution of a specified amount of sales tax revenue to a complex certified as a motorsports entertainment complex by the Department of Economic Opportunity; amending s. 288.1171, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "motorsports entertainment complex"; revising requirements for the certification of a facility as a motorsports entertainment complex; specifying that the department may certify only one motorsports entertainment complex; authorizing the Auditor General to verify the expenditure of specified distributions and to notify the Department of Revenue of improperly expended funds so that it may pursue recovery; providing an effective date.

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

20 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section 212.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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212.20 Funds collected, disposition; additional powers of department; operational expense; refund of taxes adjudicated unconstitutionally collected .-

- (6) Distribution of all proceeds under this chapter and s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be as follows:
- (d) The proceeds of all other taxes and fees imposed pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2) (b) shall be distributed as follows:

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1. In any fiscal year, the greater of \$500 million, minus an amount equal to 4.6 percent of the proceeds of the taxes collected pursuant to chapter 201, or 5.2 percent of all other taxes and fees imposed pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be deposited in monthly installments into the General Revenue Fund.

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- 2. After the distribution under subparagraph 1., 8.814 percent of the amount remitted by a sales tax dealer located within a participating county pursuant to s. 218.61 shall be transferred into the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund. Beginning July 1, 2003, the amount to be transferred shall be reduced by 0.1 percent, and the department shall distribute this amount to the Public Employees Relations Commission Trust Fund less \$5,000 each month, which shall be added to the amount calculated in subparagraph 3. and distributed accordingly.
- 3. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1. and 2., 0.095 percent shall be transferred to the Local Government Halfcent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund and distributed pursuant to s. 218.65.
- 4. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3., 2.0440 percent of the available proceeds shall be transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Counties pursuant to s. 218.215.
- 5. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3., 1.3409 percent of the available proceeds shall be transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities pursuant to s. 218.215. If the total revenue to be distributed pursuant to this subparagraph is at least as

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great as the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, no municipality shall receive less than the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000. If the total proceeds to be distributed are less than the amount received in combination from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, each municipality shall receive an amount proportionate to the amount it was due in state fiscal year 1999-2000.

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a. In each fiscal year, the sum of \$29,915,500 shall be divided into as many equal parts as there are counties in the state, and one part shall be distributed to each county. The distribution among the several counties must begin each fiscal year on or before January 5th and continue monthly for a total of 4 months. If a local or special law required that any moneys accruing to a county in fiscal year 1999-2000 under the thenexisting provisions of s. 550.135 be paid directly to the district school board, special district, or a municipal government, such payment must continue until the local or special law is amended or repealed. The state covenants with holders of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness issued by local governments, special districts, or district school boards before July 1, 2000, that it is not the intent of this subparagraph to adversely affect the rights of those holders or relieve local governments, special districts, or district school

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- b. The department shall distribute \$166,667 monthly pursuant to s. 288.1162 to each applicant certified as a facility for a new or retained professional sports franchise pursuant to s. 288.1162. Up to \$41,667 shall be distributed monthly by the department to each certified applicant as defined in s. 288.11621 for a facility for a spring training franchise. However, not more than \$416,670 may be distributed monthly in the aggregate to all certified applicants for facilities for spring training franchises. The department shall also distribute \$166,667 monthly to an applicant certified as a motorsports entertainment complex under s. 288.1171. Distributions begin 60 days after such certification and continue for not more than 30 years, except as otherwise provided in s. 288.11621. A certified applicant identified in this sub-subparagraph may not receive more in distributions than expended by the applicant for the public purposes provided for under $\frac{1}{100}$ s. 288.1162(5), $\frac{1}{100}$ s. 288.11621(3), or s. 288.1171(6).
- c. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Department of Economic Opportunity to the Department of Revenue that an applicant has been certified as the professional golf hall of fame pursuant to s. 288.1168 and is open to the public, \$166,667 shall be distributed monthly, for up to 300 months, to the applicant.

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- d. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Department of Economic Opportunity to the Department of Revenue that the applicant has been certified as the International Game Fish Association World Center facility pursuant to s. 288.1169, and the facility is open to the public, \$83,333 shall be distributed monthly, for up to 168 months, to the applicant. This distribution is subject to reduction pursuant to s. 288.1169. A lump sum payment of \$999,996 shall be made, after certification and before July 1, 2000.
- e. The department shall distribute up to \$55,555 monthly to each certified applicant as defined in s. 288.11631 for a facility used by a single spring training franchise, or up to \$111,110 monthly to each certified applicant as defined in s. 288.11631 for a facility used by more than one spring training franchise. Monthly distributions begin 60 days after such certification or July 1, 2016, whichever is later, and continue for not more than 30 years, except as otherwise provided in s. 288.11631. A certified applicant identified in this subsubparagraph may not receive more in distributions than expended by the applicant for the public purposes provided in s. 288.11631(3).
- 7. All other proceeds must remain in the General Revenue Fund.

Section 2. Section 288.1171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.1171 Motorsports entertainment complex; definitions; certification; duties.—

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Applicant" means the owner of a motorsports

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- (b) "Motorsports entertainment complex" means a closedcourse racing facility that has at least 50,000 fixed seats.
- (c) "Motorsports event" means a motorsports race that has been sanctioned by a sanctioning body.
- (d) "Owner" means a unit of local government which owns a motorsports entertainment complex or owns the land on which the motorsports entertainment complex is located.
- (e) "Sanctioning body" means the American Motorcycle
 Association (AMA), Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART), Grand
 American Road Racing Association (Grand Am), Indy Racing League
 (IRL), National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR),
 National Hot Rod Association (NHRA), Professional Sportscar
 Racing (PSR), Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), United States
 Auto Club (USAC), or any successor organization, or any other
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 establishes an annual schedule of motorsports events and grants
 rights to conduct such events, has established and administers
 rules and regulations governing all participants involved in
 such events and all persons conducting such events, and requires
 certain liability assurances, including insurance.
- (f) "Unit of local government" has the meaning ascribed in s. 218.369.
- (2) The department shall serve as the state agency for screening applicants for <u>funding under s. 212.20, for</u> local option funding under s. 218.64(3), and for certifying an applicant as a motorsports entertainment complex. The department shall develop and adopt rules for the receipt and processing of applications for funding under ss. 212.20 and s. 218.64(3). The

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(3) Before certifying an applicant as a motorsports entertainment complex, the department must determine that:

- (a) A unit of local government holds title to the land on which the motorsports entertainment complex is located or holds title to the motorsports entertainment complex.
- (b) The municipality in which the motorsports entertainment complex is located, or the county if the motorsports entertainment complex is located in an unincorporated area, has certified by resolution after a public hearing that the application serves a public purpose.
- (c) The applicant has a verified copy of the approval of a sanctioning body stating that motorsport events are sanctioned to occur at the applicant's complex.
- (d) The applicant has projections, verified by the department, which demonstrate that the motorsports entertainment complex will annually attract paid attendance of more than 100,000.
- (e) The applicant has an independent analysis or study, verified by the department, which demonstrates that the amount of revenues generated by the taxes imposed under chapter 212 with respect to the use and operation of the motorsports entertainment complex will annually equal or exceed \$2 million.
- (f) The applicant has demonstrated that it has provided, is capable of providing, or has financial or other commitments to provide more than one-half of the costs incurred or related to the improvement and development of the complex.

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(g) The total cost of construction, reconstruction, expansion, or renovation of the complex exceeds \$250 million.

- (4) Upon determining that an applicant meets the requirements of subsection (3), the department shall notify the applicant and the executive director of the Department of Revenue of such certification by means of an official letter granting certification. If the applicant fails to meet the certification requirements of subsection (3), the department shall notify the applicant within not later than 10 days following such determination.
- (5) A motorsports entertainment complex that has been previously certified under this section and has received funding under such certification is ineligible for any additional certification.
- (6) An applicant certified as a motorsports entertainment complex may use funds provided pursuant to s. 218.64(3) or s. 212.20 only for the following public purposes:
- (a) Paying for the construction, reconstruction, expansion, or renovation of a motorsports entertainment complex.
- (b) Paying debt service reserve funds, arbitrage rebate obligations, or other amounts relating payable with respect to bonds issued for the construction, reconstruction, expansion, or renovation of the motorsports entertainment complex or for the reimbursement of such costs or the refinancing of bonds issued for such purposes.
- (c) Paying for construction, reconstruction, expansion, or renovation of transportation or other infrastructure improvements related to, necessary for, or appurtenant to the motorsports entertainment complex, including, without

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limitation, paying debt service reserve funds, arbitrage rebate obligations, or other amounts relating payable with respect to bonds issued for the construction, reconstruction, expansion, or renovation of such transportation or other infrastructure improvements, and for the reimbursement of such costs or the refinancing of bonds issued for such purposes.

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- (d) Paying for programs of advertising and promotion of or related to the motorsports entertainment complex or the municipality in which the motorsports entertainment complex is located, or the county if the motorsports entertainment complex is located in an unincorporated area, if such programs of advertising and promotion are designed to increase paid attendance at the motorsports entertainment complex or increase tourism in or promote the economic development of the community in which the motorsports entertainment complex is located.
- (7) The department may certify only one applicant as a motorsports entertainment complex. The approved applicant may not seek funding under s. 218.64(3) while receiving funding under s. 212.20.
- (8) (7) The Department of Revenue may audit, As provided in s. 11.45 213.34, the Auditor General may conduct an audit to verify that the distributions pursuant to this section have been expended as required in this section. Such information is subject to the confidentiality requirements of chapter 213. If the Auditor General Department of Revenue determines that the distributions pursuant to certification under this section have not been expended as required by this section, the Auditor General shall notify the Department of Revenue, which it may pursue recovery of such funds pursuant to the laws and rules

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Dear Madam Chair Hukill:

Please accept this letter as my formal request to excuse myself from the Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax meeting on Thursday, February 6th, 2014.

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Sincerely,

Joseph Abruzzo

Florida State Senator

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Cc: Jose Diez-Arguelles, Staff Director

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Chairman Hukill,

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