

By Representative Brooks

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to intangible personal property  
3           taxes; amending s. 199.185, F.S.; exempting  
4           accounts receivable from said taxes and  
5           providing a schedule for implementing the  
6           exemption; increasing the value of property  
7           that is exempt from the annual tax for  
8           taxpayers who are natural persons; providing an  
9           exemption from the annual tax for taxpayers  
10          that are not natural persons and providing a  
11          schedule for implementing the exemption;  
12          providing an effective date.

13  
14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

15  
16           Section 1. Paragraph (k) is added to subsection (1) of  
17           section 199.185, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, and  
18           subsection (2) of said section is amended, to read:

19           199.185 Property exempted from annual and nonrecurring  
20           taxes.--

21           (1) The following intangible personal property shall  
22           be exempt from the annual and nonrecurring taxes imposed by  
23           this chapter:

24           (k) One-third of the accounts receivable owned by a  
25           taxpayer on January 1, 1998; two-thirds of the accounts  
26           receivable owned by a taxpayer on January 1, 1999; and all of  
27           the accounts receivable owned by a taxpayer on January 1,  
28           2000, and thereafter.

29           (2)(a) With respect to the ~~first mill of the~~ annual  
30           tax, every natural person is entitled each year to an  
31           exemption of the first ~~\$500,000~~ ~~\$20,000~~ of the value of

1 property otherwise subject to the ~~said~~ tax. A husband and  
2 wife filing jointly shall have an exemption of \$1 million  
3 ~~\$40,000~~.

4 (b) With respect to the annual tax, every taxpayer  
5 that is not a natural person is entitled to the following  
6 exemption:

7 1. One-third of the first \$500,000 of the value of  
8 property otherwise subject to the tax on January 1, 1998;

9 2. Two-thirds of the first \$500,000 of the value of  
10 property otherwise subject to the tax on January 1, 1999; and

11 3. The first \$500,000 of the value of property  
12 otherwise subject to the tax on January 1, 2000, and  
13 thereafter ~~With respect to the last mill of the annual tax,~~  
14 ~~every natural person is entitled each year to an exemption of~~  
15 ~~the first \$100,000 of the value of property otherwise subject~~  
16 ~~to said tax. A husband and wife filing jointly shall have an~~  
17 ~~exemption of \$200,000.~~

18  
19 Agents and fiduciaries, other than guardians and custodians  
20 under a gifts-to-minors act, filing as such may not claim this  
21 exemption on behalf of their principals or beneficiaries;  
22 however, if the principal or beneficiary returns the property  
23 held by the agent or fiduciary and is a natural person, the  
24 principal or beneficiary may claim the exemption. No taxpayer  
25 shall be entitled to more than one exemption under this  
26 subsection paragraph (a) and one exemption under paragraph  
27 ~~(b)~~. This exemption shall not apply to that intangible  
28 personal property described in s. 199.023(1)(d).

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1998.  
30  
31

562-115A-97

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31

\*\*\*\*\*

HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides an exemption from intangible personal property taxes for accounts receivable, to be phased in over 3 years. Increases the value of intangible personal property owned by a natural person which is exempt from the annual tax thereon from \$20,000, with respect to the first mill of tax, and \$100,000, with respect to the second mill of tax, to \$500,000. Provides a similar exemption for taxpayers that are not natural persons, to be phased in over 3 years.