

By Representative Wallace

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to tax on sales, use, and other  
3           transactions; providing that the tax on the  
4           sale of an automobile or truck for personal use  
5           shall be reduced for a 3-year period; providing  
6           for review; providing an effective date.

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8           WHEREAS, Florida's families are in need of tax relief,  
9   and

10           WHEREAS, the state's revenue outlook for the  
11   foreseeable future is bountiful, and

12           WHEREAS, one of the single greatest taxing events for  
13   Florida families occurs at the purchase of an automobile, and

14           WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature recognizes the  
15   economic value of giving Florida families the opportunity of  
16   making further buying decisions to stimulate commerce, trade,  
17   and job creation, and

18           WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature understands that the  
19   people's money should stay in the hands that toil for its  
20   accumulation wherever possible when the just ends of  
21   government are substantially financed, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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25           Section 1. Beginning July 1, 1998, through June 30,  
26   2001, the state tax on sales, use, and other transactions  
27   imposed by chapter 212, Florida Statutes, on the sale of an  
28   automobile or truck for personal use at the rate of 6 percent  
29   shall be reduced to a rate of 4 percent. This section does not  
30   apply to the purchase of an automobile or truck for commercial  
31   use in a business or trade. This section does not affect the

1 rate of any discretionary sales surtax levied under the  
2 authority of chapter 212, Florida Statutes. Prior to July 1,  
3 2001, the Legislature shall review this rate reduction,  
4 considering the economic outlook for the state, and determine  
5 whether this rate reduction should be extended.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
7 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

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Provides that the state sales tax on the sale of an  
automobile or truck for personal use shall be reduced  
from 6 percent to 4 percent for 3 years, beginning July  
1, 1998. Provides for review of this reduction by the  
Legislature before it expires.

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