CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 ORIGINAL STAMP BELOW 6 7 8 9 10 Representative(s) Albright offered the following: 11 12 13 Amendment (with title amendment) Remove from the bill: Everything after the enacting clause 14 15 16 and insert in lieu thereof: 17 Section 1. (1) This section may be cited as the "Florida Residents Tax Relief Act of 1999."(2) No tax levied 18 19 under the provisions of chapter 212, Florida Statutes, shall 20 be collected on sales of clothing having a taxable value of \$50 or less during the period from 12:01 a.m., July 31, 1999, 21 through midnight, August 6, 1999. 22 (3) As used in this section, "clothing" means any 23 24 article of wearing apparel, including footwear, intended to be worn on or about the human body. For purposes of this section, 25 'clothing" does not include watches, watchbands, jewelry, handbags, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, or headbands. 27 28 (4) This section does not apply to sales within a theme park or entertainment complex, as defined in s. 29 509.013(9), Florida Statutes, or within a public lodging 30

- (5) The provisions of chapter 120, Florida Statutes, to the contrary notwithstanding, the Department of Revenue is authorized to adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

 (6) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming a law.
- Section 2. (1) The sum of \$200,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of administering section 1 of this act.
- (2) This section shall ake effect upon this act becoming a law.
- Section 3. (1) Each residential electric utility customer account of an electric utility, as defined in s. 366.02(2), Florida Statutes, receiving active residential electric utility service on August 1, 1999, shall be provided a one-time, nonrecurring rebate. The rebate shall be given in the form of a \$25 credit, payable from the General Revenue Fund, on each account's electric utility service billing in August of 1999. The credit shall be awarded as follows:
- each utility to provide the credit on the electric service account of each residential electric service customer that is active on August 1, 1999, as provided by this section. The language to appear on the utility bill shall identify the credit as a "Florida Tax Rebate." The credit shall be reflected on the bills for applicable customer accounts starting on August 1, 1999, and continuing through the utility's standard billing cycles, said credit being applied to the bill up to the total amount owed each month for electric service. When a bill for electric service is less than the credit, the balance of the credit shall be applied

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toward the account in subsequent billing months until the total credit has been depleted. All undistributed credits which cannot be distributed, for whatever reason, shall be accounted for by the utility and returned to the Comptroller no later than January 1, 2000.
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- (2) Each electric utility providing residential electric utility service in the state shall, by July 10, 1999, certify to the Florida Public Service Commission the total number of residential electric utility accounts active on July 1, 1999.
- (3) Upon receipt of the certification required by subsection (2), the commission shall promptly calculate the amount of funds necessary to reimburse the utilities for the credits by multiplying 75 percent of the total number of residential accounts active on July 1, 1999, by \$25. The commission shall also calculate the reasonable utility computer reprogramming costs necessary to administer the credit by multiplying 75 percent of the total number of residential accounts active on July 1, 1999, by the following rates:
- (a) Two dollars for electric utilities providing residential electric service to fewer than 5,000 residential accounts on July 1, 1999.
- (b) One dollar for electric utilities providing residential electric service to 5,000 to 10,000 residential accounts on July 1, 1999.
- (c) Forty cents for electric utilities providing residential electric service to 10,001 to 50,000 residential accounts on July 1, 1999.
- 30 (d) Twenty cents for electric utilities providing
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- (e) Fifteen cents for electric utilities providing residential electric service to 100,001 to 300,000 residential accounts on July 1, 1999.
- (f) Five cents for electric utilities providing residential electric service to 300,001 to 1,500,000 residential accounts on July 1, 1999.
- (g) Three cents for electric utilities providing residential electric service to more than 1,500,000 residential accounts on July 1, 1999.
- (4) The commission shall produce a list of the utilities detailing the necessary funds to provide 75 percent of the \$25 credit and reprogramming costs. The commission shall certify this list to the Comptroller, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor by July 20, 1999.
- (5) On or before August 1, 1999, the Comptroller shall distribute funds to each individual electric utility based on the list submitted by the commission under subsection (4). The Comptroller shall make appropriate adjustments as funds are available to ensure an equal credit to each specified electric utility customer as provided by this section.
- (6) Each electric utility providing residential electric utility service in the state shall, by August 10, 1999, recertify to the commission the total number of residential electric utility accounts active on August 1, 1999.
- (7) Upon receipt of the certification required by subsection (6), the commission shall promptly calculate the amount of funds necessary to reimburse the utilities for the credits by multiplying the number of residential accounts

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- (b) One dollar for electric utilities providing residential electric service to 5,000 to 10,000 residential accounts on August 1, 1999.
- (c) Forty cents for electric utilities providing residential electric service to 10,001 to 50,000 residential accounts on August 1, 1999.
- (d) Twenty cents for electric utilities providing residential electric service to 50,001 to 100,000 residential accounts on August 1, 1999.
- (e) Fifteen cents for electric utilities providing residential electric service to 100,001 to 300,000 residential accounts on August 1, 1999.
- (f) Five cents for electric utilities providing residential electric service to 300,001 to 1,500,000 residential accounts on August 1, 1999.
- (g) Three cents for electric utilities providing residential electric service to more than 1,500,000 residential accounts on August 1, 1999.
- (8) The commission shall produce a list of the utilities detailing the necessary funds to provide the \$25 credit and reprogramming costs less payments already distributed under subsection (5). The commission shall certify this list to the Comptroller, the President of the Senate, the

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1	shall not be affected by the existence of this credit.
2	(2) This section shall take effect upon this act
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4	Section 4. (1) The Florida Public Service Commission
5	is directed to make arrangements for the efficient
6	administration of section 3, including, but not limited to,
7	providing a toll-free number for customer inquiries, and
8	making supplemental information available through the
9	Internet.
10	(2) This section shall take effect upon this act
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12	Section 5. (1) The Florida Public Service Commission
13	has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and
14	120.54, Florida Statutes, to implement the provisions of this
15	act.
16	(2) This section shall take effect upon this act
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18	Section 6. (1) There is hereby appropriated $$177$
19	million from the General Revenue Fund to be disbursed to
20	Florida utility companies for a one-time rebate of state taxes
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22	by this act.
23	(2) This section shall take effect upon this act
24	becoming a law.
25	Section 7. (1) Any county which was not levying a
26	school impact fee on January 1, 1999, may not levy any school
27	impact fee during the period beginning July 1, 1999, through
28	June 30, 2000.
29	(2) During the period beginning July 1, 1999, through
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    by rule quarterly as follows: not later than November 15,
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1999; not later than May 15, 2000, for the quarter ending March 31, 2000; not later than August 15, 2000, for the

quarter ending June 30, 2000.

- (3)(a) Once all claims are received for the quarter, the Comptroller shall distribute the funds appropriated by the Legislature by paying each county which makes a proper and timely application the difference between the school impact fees permitted to be collected for the quarter pursuant to section 7 and this section, and the fees which would have been collected if the school impact fees in place on January 1, 1999, were fully enforceable during that quarter. However, if the county adopted an ordinance increasing their school impact fee on or before February 1, 1999, then the Comptroller shall distribute the funds appropriated by the Legislature to that county based on the difference between the school impact fees permitted to be collected for the quarter pursuant to section 7 and this section, and the fees which would have been in place under that ordinance.
- (b) If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay all valid and timely claims made for any quarter under this section, the Comptroller shall prorate the claims for such quarter and carry forward to the next quarter any unpaid claim amounts for payment after such next quarter's claims are paid.
- (c) If additional funds remain after the distributions under this section, the Comptroller shall return the excess funds to the General Revenue Fund by September 30, 2000.
- (4) Funds distributed pursuant to this section shall not be used to defray operating expenses, but shall be used only for the following purposes:
 - (a) To eliminate or reduce use of portable classrooms;
 - (b) To create new student stations; or
 - (c) To repair or renovate existing schools to increase

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- (5) The Comptroller has the authority to adopt rules to implement this section.
- (2) This section shall not take effect upon this act becoming a law.

Section 9. (1) The Florida School Impact Fee Policy Commission is hereby created, to serve through June 30, 2000.

- (2)(a) The commission shall be composed of the following 15 members, who shall be appointed within 30 days after the effective date of this section:
- 1. Six members selected by the Governor, none of whom shall be a member of the Legislature at the time of appointment, as follows: one representative from a local school board, and five representatives at large.
- 2. Four members selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as follows: one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party in the House of Representatives, one representative from a local school board, and one representative at large.
- 3. Four members selected by the President of the Senate, as follows: one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party in the Senate, one representative from a local school board, and one representative at large.
- 4. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee.
- (b) Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.
- (c) All state agencies are directed to cooperate with and assist the commission to the fullest extent possible. All local governments are encouraged to assist and cooperate with

the commission as necessary.

- (d) The Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations is authorized to employ technical support and to incur expenses related to the official duties of the commission, and to expend funds appropriated to the committee for carrying out the official duties of the commission.
- (e) Commission members shall not receive remuneration for their services but shall be reimbursed by the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations for travel and per diem expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.
- (3)(a) The commission shall act as an advisory and recommendatory body to the Governor and the Legislature.
- (b) The commission shall convene its initial meeting within 60 days after the effective date of this section. At its initial meeting, the commission shall select a chair and shall adopt rules of procedure. Thereafter, the commission shall convene at the call of the chair.
- (c) The commission shall study the use of impact fees to finance school construction, the alternative methods of funding school construction, and the pros and cons of each method of funding.
- (d) The commission shall formulate tax policies which take into account school construction revenue needs, the availability of alternative funding mechanisms, and other accepted tax policy goals, including fairness and ease of administration.
- (e) The commission shall issue a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate no later than February 1, 2000, summarizing its findings, stating its conclusions, and proposing any recommended statutory changes related to the tax

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(4) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming a law.

Section 10. (1) There is appropriated to the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations from the General Revenue Fund the sum of \$150,000 to be used for the Florida School Impact Fee Policy Commission.

(2) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming a law.

Section 11. Effective January 1, 2000, subsection (8) of section 199.023, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

199.023 Definitions. -- As used in this chapter:

- "Affiliated group of corporations" means one or more chains of corporations or limited liability companies connected through stock ownership or membership interest in a limited liability company with a common parent corporation or limited liability company, providing that:
- (a) Stock or membership interest in a limited liability company possessing at least 80 percent of the voting power of all classes of stock or membership interest in a limited liability company and at least 80 percent of each class of the nonvoting stock or membership interest in a limited liability company of each corporation or limited liability company, except for the common parent corporation or limited liability company, is owned directly by one or more of the other corporations or limited liability companies; and
- (b) The common parent corporation or limited liability company directly owns stock or membership interest in a limited liability company possessing at least 80 percent of 31 the voting power of all classes of stock or membership

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As used in this subsection, the term "nonvoting stock or membership interest in a limited liability company" does not include nonvoting stock or membership interest in a limited liability company which is limited and preferred as to dividends. For the purposes of this chapter, a common parent may be a corporation or a limited liability company.

Section 12. Effective January 1, 2000, section 199.032, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

199.032 Levy of annual tax.--An annual tax of 1.75 $\frac{2}{3}$ mills is hereby imposed on each dollar of the just valuation of all intangible personal property which has a taxable situs in this state, except for notes and other obligations for the payment of money, other than bonds, which are secured by mortgage, deed of trust, or other lien upon real property situated in the state. This tax shall be assessed and collected as provided in this chapter.

Section 13. Effective January 1, 2000, subsection (1) of section 199.033, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

199.033 Securities in a Florida's Future Investment Fund; tax rate.--

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the tax imposed under s. 199.032 on securities in a Florida's Future Investment Fund shall apply at the rate of 1.60 1.85 mills when the average daily balance in such funds exceeds \$2 billion and at the rate of $1.45 \, \frac{1.70}{1.70}$ mills when the average 31 | daily balance in such funds exceeds \$5 billion.

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Section 14. Effective January 1, 2000, subsection (10) of section 199.052, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

199.052 Annual tax returns; payment of annual tax.--

(10) An affiliated group of corporations may elect to make a consolidated return for any year. The election shall be made by timely filing a consolidated return. Once made, an election may not be revoked, and it is binding for the tax year. The mere making of a consolidated return shall not in itself provide a business situs in this state for intangible personal property held by a corporation or limited liability The fact that members of an affiliated group own stock in corporations or membership interest in limited liability companies which do not qualify under the stock ownership or membership interest in a limited liability company requirements as members of an affiliated group shall not preclude the filing of a consolidated return on behalf of the qualified members. Where a consolidated return is made, intercompany accounts, including the capital stock or membership interest in a limited liability company of an includable corporation or limited liability company, other than the parent, owned by another includable corporation or limited liability company, shall not be subject to annual taxation. However, capital stock or membership interest in a limited liability company and other intercompany accounts of a nonqualified member of the affiliated group shall be subject to annual tax. Each consolidated return shall be accompanied by documentation identifying all intercompany accounts and containing such other information as the department shall require. Failure to timely file a consolidated return shall not prejudice the taxpayer's right to file a consolidated

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return, provided that the failure to file a consolidated return is limited to 1 year and the taxpayer's intent to file a consolidated return is evidenced by the taxpayer having filed a consolidated return for the 3 years prior to the year the return was not timely filed.

Section 15. Effective January 1, 2000, paragraph (1) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 199.185, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended to read:

199.185 Property exempted from annual and nonrecurring taxes.--

- The following intangible personal property shall be exempt from the annual and nonrecurring taxes imposed by this chapter:
- (1) Two-thirds One-third of the accounts receivable arising or acquired in the ordinary course of a trade or business which are owned, controlled, or managed by a taxpayer on January 1, 2000 1999, and thereafter. It is the intent of the Legislature that, pursuant to future legislative action, the portion of such accounts receivable exempt from taxation be increased to two-thirds for taxes levied on January 1, 2000, and further increased to all such accounts receivable on January 1, 2001, and thereafter. This exemption does not apply to accounts receivable which arise outside the taxpayer's ordinary course of trade or business. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "accounts receivable" means a business debt that is owed by another to the taxpayer or the taxpayer's assignee in the ordinary course of trade or business and is not supported by negotiable instruments. Accounts receivable include, but are not limited to, credit card receivables, charge card receivables, credit receivables, margin 31 | receivables, inventory or other floor plan financing, lease

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23 24 payments past due, conditional sales contracts, retail installment sales agreements, financing lease contracts, and a claim against a debtor usually arising from sales or services rendered and which is not necessarily due or past due. The examples specified in this paragraph shall be deemed not to be supported by negotiable instruments. The term "negotiable instrument" means a written document that is legally capable of being transferred by indorsement or delivery. The term "indorsement" means the act of a payee or holder in writing his or her name on the back of an instrument without further qualifying words other than "pay to the order of" or "pay to" whereby the property is assigned and transferred to another.

(2)(a) With respect to the first mill of the annual tax, every natural person is entitled each year to an exemption of the first\$100,000\$ of the value of property otherwise subject to said tax. A husband and wife filing jointly are entitled to shall have an exemption of \$200,000\$40,000. Every taxpayer that is not a natural person is entitled each year to an exemption of the first \$100,000 of the value of property otherwise subject to tax.

(b) With respect to the last mill of the annual tax, every natural person is entitled each year to an exemption of the first \$100,000 of the value of property otherwise subject to said tax. A husband and wife filing jointly shall have an exemption of \$200,000.

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Agents and fiduciaries, other than guardians and custodians under a gifts-to-minors act, filing as such may not claim this exemption on behalf of their principals or beneficiaries; however, if the principal or beneficiary returns the property 31 | held by the agent or fiduciary and is a natural person, the

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principal or beneficiary may claim the exemption. No taxpayer shall be entitled to more than one exemption under this subsection paragraph (a) and one exemption under paragraph (b). This exemption shall not apply to that intangible personal property described in s. 199.023(1)(d).
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Section 16. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 212.05, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

212.05 Sales, storage, use tax.—It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that every person is exercising a taxable privilege who engages in the business of selling tangible personal property at retail in this state, including the business of making mail order sales, or who rents or furnishes any of the things or services taxable under this chapter, or who stores for use or consumption in this state any item or article of tangible personal property as defined herein and who leases or rents such property within the state.

- (1) For the exercise of such privilege, a tax is levied on each taxable transaction or incident, which tax is due and payable as follows:
- (e)1. Effective January 1, 2000, at the rate of 6.5 + 6 percent on the total charge charges for:
- a. All telegraph messages and long-distance telephone calls beginning and terminating in this state, telecommunication service as defined in s. 203.012, and those services described in s. 203.012(2)(a). The tax shall be applied to the total charge for each message, call, or other segment or component of telecommunication service for which a customer is charged. It is the intent of the Legislature that, pursuant to future legislative action, the rate at which telecommunication service as defined in s. 203.012 and those services described in s. 203.012(2)(a) are taxed be reduced to

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- 2. At the rate of 7 percent on the total charge for electrical power or energy.
 - 3. At the rate of 6 percent on charges for:
 - a.b. Any television system program service.
- b.c. The installation of telecommunication and telegraphic equipment.
- d. Electrical power or energy, except that the tax rate for charges for electrical power or energy is 7 percent.
- 4.2. For purposes of this chapter, "television system program service" means the transmitting, by any means, of any audio or video signal to a subscriber for other than retransmission, or the installing, connecting, reconnecting, disconnecting, moving, or changing of any equipment related to such service. For purposes of this chapter, the term "telecommunication service" does not include local service provided through a pay telephone. The provisions of s. 212.17(3), regarding credit for tax paid on charges subsequently found to be worthless, shall be equally applicable to any tax paid under the provisions of this section on charges for telecommunication or telegraph services or electric power subsequently found to be uncollectible. The word "charges" in this paragraph does not include any excise or similar tax levied by the Federal Government, any political subdivision of the state, or any municipality upon the purchase or sale of telecommunication, television system program, or telegraph service or electric power, which tax is collected by the seller from the purchaser.
- 5.3. Telegraph messages and telecommunication services 31 | which originate or terminate in this state, other than

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interstate private communication services, and are billed to a customer, telephone number, or device located within this state are taxable under this paragraph. Interstate private communication services are taxable under this paragraph as follows:

- One hundred percent of the charge imposed at each channel termination point within this state;
- One hundred percent of the charge imposed for the total channel mileage between each channel termination point within this state; and
- The portion of the interstate interoffice channel mileage charge as determined by multiplying said charge times a fraction, the numerator of which is the air miles between the last channel termination point in this state and the vertical and horizontal coordinates, 7856 and 1756, respectively, and the denominator of which is the air miles between the last channel termination point in this state and the first channel termination point outside this state. denominator of this fraction shall be adjusted, if necessary, by adding the numerator of said fraction to similarly determined air miles in the state in which the other channel termination point is located, so that the summation of the apportionment factor for this state and the apportionment factor for the other state is not greater than one, to ensure that no more than 100 percent of the interstate interoffice channel mileage charge can be taxed by this state and another state.
- 6.4. The tax imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$50,000 per calendar year on charges to any person for interstate telecommunications services defined in s. $31 \mid 203.012(4)$ and (7)(b), if the majority of such services used

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by such person are for communications originating outside of this state and terminating in this state. This exemption shall only be granted to holders of a direct pay permit issued pursuant to this subparagraph. No refunds shall be given for taxes paid prior to receiving a direct pay permit. Upon application, the department may issue a direct pay permit to the purchaser of telecommunications services authorizing such purchaser to pay tax on such services directly to the department. Any vendor furnishing telecommunications services to the holder of a valid direct pay permit shall be relieved of the obligation to collect and remit the tax on such service. Tax payments and returns pursuant to a direct pay permit shall be monthly. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "person" shall be limited to a single legal entity and shall not be construed as meaning a group or combination of affiliated entities or entities controlled by one person or group of persons.

7.5. If the sale of a television system program service, as defined in this paragraph, also involves the sale of an item exempt under s. 212.08(7)(j), the tax shall be applied to the value of the taxable service when it is sold separately. If the company does not offer this service separately, the consideration paid shall be separately identified and stated with respect to the taxable and exempt portions of the transaction as a condition of the exemption, except that the amount identified as taxable shall not be less than the cost of the service.

Section 17. Subsection (11) of section 212.12, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

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(11) The department is authorized to provide by rule the tax amounts and brackets applicable to all taxable transactions that occur in counties that have a surtax at a rate other than 1 percent which transactions would otherwise have been transactions taxable at the rate of 6 percent. Likewise, the department is authorized to promulgate by rule the tax amounts and brackets applicable to transactions taxable at 3 percent pursuant to s. 212.08(3), transactions taxable at 7 percent pursuant to s. 212.05(1)(e)1. and 2., and on transactions which would otherwise have been so taxable in counties which have adopted a discretionary sales surtax.

Section 18. With respect to charges for telecommunication service that are regularly billed on a monthly cycle, the changes in the sales tax rate provided for by the amendment to s. 212.05, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, by this act shall apply to charges appearing on any bill dated on or after February 1, 2000.

Section 19. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 212.11, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended to read:

212.11 Tax returns and regulations.--

- (1)(a) Each dealer shall calculate his or her estimated tax liability for any month by one of the following methods:
- Sixty-six percent of the current month's liability pursuant to this chapter as shown on the tax return;
- Sixty-six percent of the tax reported on the tax return pursuant to this chapter by a dealer for the taxable transactions occurring during the corresponding month of the 31 preceding calendar year; or

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- Sixty-six percent of the average tax liability pursuant to this chapter for those months during the preceding calendar year in which the dealer reported taxable transactions.
- (b) For the purpose of ascertaining the amount of tax payable under this chapter, it shall be the duty of all dealers to file a return and remit the tax, on or before the 20th day of the month, or on or before the 28th day of the month if the dealer is complying with paragraph (a), to the department, upon forms prepared and furnished by it or in a format prescribed by it. Such return must show the rentals, admissions, gross sales, or purchases, as the case may be, arising from all leases, rentals, admissions, sales, or purchases taxable under this chapter during the preceding calendar month.
 - (c) However, the department may require:
- 1. A quarterly return and payment when the tax remitted by the dealer for the preceding four calendar quarters did not exceed \$1,000.
- A semiannual return and payment when the tax remitted by the dealer for the preceding four calendar quarters did not exceed \$500.
- 3. An annual return and payment when the tax remitted by the dealer for the preceding four calendar quarters did not exceed \$100.
- 4. A quarterly return and monthly payment when the tax remitted by the dealer for the preceding four calendar quarters exceeded \$1,000 but did not exceed \$12,000.
- The department may authorize dealers who are newly required to file returns and pay tax quarterly to file returns 31 and remit the tax for the 3-month periods ending in February,

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29 30 May, August, and November, and may authorize dealers who are newly required to file returns and pay tax semiannually to file returns and remit the tax for the 6-month periods ending in May and November.

- The department shall accept returns, except those (e) required to be initiated through an electronic data interchange, as timely if postmarked on or before the 20th day of the month, or on or before the 28th day of the month if the dealer is required to file under paragraph (a); if the filing date deadline 20th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal or state legal holiday, returns shall be accepted as timely if postmarked on the next succeeding workday. Any dealer who operates two or more places of business for which returns are required to be filed with the department and maintains records for such places of business in a central office or place shall have the privilege on each reporting date of filing a consolidated return for all such places of business in lieu of separate returns for each such place of business; however, such consolidated returns must clearly indicate the amounts collected within each county of the state. Any dealer who files a consolidated return shall calculate his or her estimated tax liability for each county by the same method the dealer uses to calculate his or her estimated tax liability on the consolidated return as a whole. Each dealer shall file a return for each tax period even though no tax is due for such period.
- (f)1. A taxpayer who is required to remit taxes by electronic funds transfer shall make a return in a manner that is initiated through an electronic data interchange. acceptable method of transfer, the method, form, and content 31 of the electronic data interchange, giving due regard to

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29 30 developing uniform standards for formats as adopted by the American National Standards Institute, the circumstances under which an electronic data interchange shall serve as a substitute for the filing of another form of return, and the means, if any, by which taxpayers will be provided with acknowledgments, shall be as prescribed by the department. The department must accept such returns as timely if initiated and accepted on or before the 20th day of the month, or on or before the 28th day of the month if the dealer is required to file under paragraph (a). If the filing date deadline 20th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal or state legal holiday, returns must be accepted as timely if initiated and accepted on the next succeeding workday.

- The department may waive the requirement to make a return through an electronic data interchange due to problems arising from the taxpayer's computer capabilities, data systems changes, and taxpayer operating procedures. To obtain a waiver, the taxpayer shall demonstrate in writing to the department that such circumstances exist.
- (4)(a) Each dealer who is subject to the tax imposed by this chapter and who paid such tax for the preceding state fiscal year in an amount greater than or equal to\$200,000 \$100,000 shall calculate the amount of estimated tax due pursuant to this section for any month as provided in paragraph (1)(a).
- (b) The amount of any estimated tax shall be due, payable, and remitted by electronic funds transfer by the 28th 20th day of the month for which it is estimated. difference between the amount of estimated tax paid and the actual amount of tax due under this chapter for such month 31 | shall be due and payable by the first day of the following

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29 30 month and remitted by electronic funds transfer by the 28th 20th day thereof.

- (c) Any dealer who is eligible to file a consolidated return and who paid the tax imposed by this chapter for the immediately preceding state fiscal year in an amount greater than or equal to \$200,000 + 100,000 or would have paid the tax in such amount if he or she had filed a consolidated return shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection notwithstanding an election by the dealer in any month to file a separate return.
- (d) A dealer engaged in the business of selling boats, motor vehicles, or aircraft who made at least one sale of a boat, motor vehicle, or aircraft with a sales price of \$200,000\$100,000 or greater in the previous state fiscal year may qualify for payment of estimated sales tax pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph. To qualify, a dealer must apply annually to the department prior to October 1, and, if qualified, the department must grant the application for payment of estimated sales tax pursuant to this paragraph for the following calendar year. In lieu of the method for calculating estimated sales tax liability pursuant to subparagraph (1)(a)3., a qualified dealer must calculate that option as 66 percent of the average tax liability pursuant to this chapter for all sales excluding the sale of each boat, motor vehicle, or aircraft with a sales price of\$200,000 26 \$100,000 or greater during the state fiscal year ending the year in which the application is made. A qualified dealer must also remit the sales tax for each sale of a boat, motor vehicle, or aircraft with a sales price of\$200,000\$100,000 or greater by either electronic funds transfer on the date of 31 I the sale or on a form prescribed by the department and

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postmarked on the date of the sale.

(e) The penalty provisions of this chapter, except s. 212.12(2)(c), apply to the provisions of this subsection.

Section 20. Subsection (4) of section 212.04, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

212.04 Admissions tax; rate, procedure, enforcement.--

(4) Each person who exercises the privilege of charging admission taxes, as herein defined, shall apply for, and at that time shall furnish the information and comply with the provisions of s. 212.18 not inconsistent herewith and receive from the department, a certificate of right to exercise such privilege, which certificate shall apply to each place of business where such privilege is exercised and shall be in the manner and form prescribed by the department. certificate shall be issued upon payment to the department of a registration fee of \$5 by the applicant. Each person exercising the privilege of charging such admission taxes as herein defined shall cause to be kept records and accounts showing the admission which shall be in the form as the department may from time to time prescribe, inclusive of records of all tickets numbered and issued for a period of not less than the time within which the department may, as permitted by s. 95.091(3), make an assessment with respect to any admission evidenced by such records and accounts, and inclusive of all bills or checks of customers who are charged any of the taxes defined herein, showing the charge made to each for that period. The department is empowered to use each and every one of the powers granted herein to the department to discover the amount of tax to be paid by each such person and to enforce the payment thereof as are hereby granted the department for the discovery and enforcement of the payment of

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taxes hereinafter levied on the sales of tangible personal property. The failure of any person to pay such taxes before the 21st day of the succeeding month after the taxes are collected, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, shall render such person liable to the same penalties that are hereafter imposed upon such person for being delinquent in the payment of taxes imposed upon the sales of tangible personal property; the failure of any person to render returns and to pay taxes as prescribed herein shall render such person subject to the same penalties, by way of charges for delinquencies, at the rate of 10 percent per month for a total amount of tax delinquent up to a total of 50 percent of such tax and at the rate of 100-percent penalty for attempted evasion of payment of any such tax or for any attempt to file false or misleading returns that are required to be filed by the department.

Section 21. Subsection (1) of section 212.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 212.15 Taxes declared state funds; penalties for failure to remit taxes; due and delinquent dates; judicial review.--
- The taxes imposed by this chapter shall, except as provided in s. 212.06(5)(a)2.e., become state funds at the moment of collection and shall for each month be due to the department on the first day of the succeeding month and be delinquent on the 21st day of such month, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. All returns postmarked after the 20th day of such month are delinquent, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

Section 22. Section 213.235, Florida Statutes, is 31 | created to read:

1	213.235 Determination of interest on deficiencies
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3	payment deficiencies shall be the adjusted rate established by
4	the executive director of the department under subsection (2).
5	This annual rate of interest is applicable to all taxes
6	enumerated in s. 213.05 unless otherwise provided.
7	(2) If the adjusted prime rate charged by banks,
8	rounded to the nearest full percent, during either:
9	(a) The 6-month period ending on September 30 of any
10	calendar year; or
11	(b) The 6-month period ending on March 31 of any
12	calendar year,
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14	differs from the interest rate in effect on such date, the
15	executive director of the department shall, within 20 days,
16	establish an adjusted rate of interest equal to such adjusted
17	prime rate.
18	(3) An adjusted rate of interest established under
19	this section shall become effective:
20	(a) On January 1 of the succeeding year, if based upon
21	the adjusted prime rate for the 6-month period ending on
22	September 30; or
23	(b) On July 1 of the same calendar year, if based upon
24	the adjusted prime rate for the 6-month period ending on March
25	31.
26	(4) For the purposes of this section, "adjusted prime
27	rate charged by banks" means the average predominant prime
28	rate quoted by commercial banks to large businesses, as
29	determined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve
30	System.
31	(5) Once established an adjusted rate of interest

1	shall remain in effect until an adjustment is made under
2	subsection (2).
3	Section 23. Section 213.255, Florida Statutes, is
4	created to read:
5	213.255 InterestInterest shall be paid on
6	overpayments of taxes, payment of taxes not due, or taxes paid
7	in error, subject to the following conditions:
8	(1) A refund application must be filed with the
9	department within the time specified by s. 215.26.
10	(2) A refund application shall not be processed until
11	it is determined complete. A refund application is complete
12	if it is filed on a permitted form and contains:
13	(a) The taxpayer's name, address, identifying number,
14	and signature.
15	(b) Sufficient information, whether on the application
16	or attachments, to permit mathematical verification of the
17	amount of the refund.
18	(c) The amount claimed.
19	(d) The specific grounds upon which the refund is
20	claimed.
21	(e) The taxable years or periods involved.
22	(3) Within 30 days after receipt of the refund
23	application, the department shall examine the application and
24	notify the applicant of any apparent errors or omissions and
25	request any additional information the department is permitted
26	by law to require. An application shall be considered
27	complete upon receipt of all requested information and
28	correction of any error or omission for which the applicant
29	was timely notified, or when the time for such notification
30	has expired, whichever is later.
31	(4) Interest shall not commence until 90 days after a

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complete refund application has been filed and the amount of overpayment has not been refunded to the taxpayer or applied as a credit to the taxpayer's account. If the department and the taxpayer mutually agree that an audit or verification is necessary in order to determine the taxpayer's entitlement to the refund, interest shall not commence until the audit or verification of the claim is final.

- (5) If a tax is adjudicated unconstitutional and refunds are ordered by the court, interest shall not commence on complete applications until 90 days after the adjudication becomes final and unappealable or 90 days after a complete application has been filed, whichever is later.
- (6) Interest shall be paid until a date determined by the department which shall be no more than 7 days prior to the date of the issuance of the refund warrant by the Comptroller.
- (7) If the department intends to pay a refund claim prior to completion of an audit, the department may condition its payment of the refund claim upon the person filing a cash bond or surety bond in the amount of the refund claimed or making such other security arrangements satisfactory to protect the state's interests. The department may impose this condition only when it has reasonable cause to believe that it could not recover the amount of any refund paid in error from the person claiming the refund. The cash or surety bond shall be endorsed by a surety company authorized to do business in this state and shall be conditioned upon payment in full of the amount of any refund paid in error for any reason. department shall provide a written notice of its determination that a cash or surety bond is required as a condition of payment prior to audit, in which event interest shall not commence until the person filing the claim satisfies this

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requirement. Such bond shall remain in place while the department retains a right pursuant to s. 95.091(3) to audit the refund claim. Upon completion of an audit of the claim, the department shall agree to a reduction in the bond amount equal to the portion of the refund claim approved by the department.
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- (8) Nothing in this section is intended to alter the department's right to audit or verify refund claims either before or after they are paid.
- (9) In the event that the department pays a refund claim that is later determined to have been paid in error, the person to whom the refund was paid shall be assessed interest on the amount of the erroneous refund payment, commencing with the date of the erroneous payment and continuing until the erroneous payment amount is repaid to the department. If the department determines that the erroneous refund claim was not due to reasonable cause, there shall be added a penalty in the amount of 10 percent of the erroneously refunded tax. If the department determines that the erroneous refund claim was due to fraud, there shall be added a penalty in the amount of 100 percent of the erroneously refunded tax.
- (10) The provisions of this section shall apply with regard to refund claims filed on or after July 1, 1999, and beginning July 1, 2000, shall apply with regard to any then pending refund claims that were filed with the department prior to July 1, 1999.
- (11) The department is authorized to adopt such rules, not inconsistent with the provisions of this section, as are necessary for the implemention of this section including, but not limited to, rules establishing the information necessary for a complete refund application, the procedures for denying

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an incomplete application, and the standards and guidelines to be applied in determining when to require a bond under the provisions of subsection (7).

(12) The rate of interest shall be the adjusted rate established pursuant to s. 213.235, except that the annual rate of interest shall never be greater than 11 percent. annual rate of interest shall be applied to all refunds of taxes administered by the department except for corporate income taxes and emergency excise taxes governed by ss. 220.721 and 220.723.

Section 24. Subsection (1) of section 198.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

198.15 When tax due; extension; interest; penalty.--

(1) The tax imposed by this chapter is due and payable on or before the last day prescribed by law for paying the federal estate tax pursuant to the initial estate tax return and shall be paid by the personal representative to the department. The department shall extend the time for payment of the tax or any part of the tax if the time for paying the federal estate tax is extended, provided the personal representative files with the department a copy of the approved federal extension notice within 30 days after receiving such notice. No extension shall be for more than 1 year, and the aggregate of extensions with respect to any estate shall not exceed 10 years from the due date. In such case, the amount in respect of which the extension is granted shall be paid on or before the date of the expiration of the period of the extension, unless a further extension is If the time for the payment is thus extended, there shall be collected, as part of such amount, interest thereon 31 at the adjusted rate established pursuant to s. 213.235 of 1

percent per month of the amount due from the due date of the tax to the date the same is paid.

Section 25. Subsection (5) of section 198.155, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

198.155 Payment of tax on generation-skipping transfers.--

(5) If the tax, or any portion thereof, is not paid before it becomes delinquent, it shall bear interest <u>from the due date until paid</u> at the <u>adjusted</u> rate <u>established pursuant to s. 213.235</u> of 1 percent per month for each month or <u>fraction thereof that it is delinquent</u>.

Section 26. Subsection (3) of section 198.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

198.16 Notice of determination of deficiency in federal tax to be filed with department.--

(3) If, based upon any deficiency and the ground therefor, it shall appear that the amount of tax previously paid is less than the amount of tax owing, the difference, together with interest at the <u>adjusted</u> rate <u>established</u> <u>pursuant to s. 213.235</u> of 1 percent per month from the due date of the tax, shall be paid upon notice and demand by the department. In the event the personal representative or person required to return and pay such tax shall fail to give the notice required by this section, any additional tax which shall be owing may be assessed, or a proceeding in court for the collection of such tax may be begun without assessment at any time prior to the filing of such notice or within 30 days after the delinquent filing of such notice, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 198.28.

Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 198.18, Florida
31 Statutes, is amended to read:

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198.18 Failure to pay tax; penalties; delinquent or deficient taxes, interest.--
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(2) Any deficiency in tax or any tax payment not received by the department on or before the due date as provided in s. 198.15, in addition to any other penalties, shall bear interest at the <u>adjusted</u> rate <u>established pursuant</u> to s. 213.235 of 1 percent per month of the amount due from the due date until paid. The department may settle or compromise such interest pursuant to s. 213.21.

Section 28. Subsection (2) of section 199.282, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

199.282 Penalties for violation of this chapter.--

(2) If any annual or nonrecurring tax is not paid by the statutory due date, then despite any extension granted under s. 199.232(6), interest shall run on the unpaid balance from such due date until paid at the <u>adjusted</u> rate <u>established</u> pursuant to s. 213.235 of 12 percent per year.

Section 29. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 201.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

201.17 Penalties for failure to pay tax required.--

- (2) If any document, instrument, or paper upon which the tax under this chapter is imposed, upon audit or at time of recordation, does not show the proper amount of tax paid, or if the tax imposed by this chapter on any document, instrument, or paper is not timely reported and paid as required by s. 201.133, the person or persons liable for the tax upon the document, instrument, or paper shall be subject to:
- (c) Payment of interest to the Department of Revenue, accruing from the date the tax is due until paid, at the adjusted rate established pursuant to \underline{s} . $\underline{213.235}$ of 1 percent

per month, based on the amount of tax not paid.

Section 30. Section 203.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

203.06 Interest on delinquent payments.--Any payments as imposed in this chapter, if not received by the Department of Revenue on or before the due date as provided by law, shall include, as an additional part of such amount due, interest at the <u>adjusted</u> rate <u>established pursuant to s. 213.235</u> of 1 percent per month, accruing from the date due until paid.

Section 31. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 203.06, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 203.62, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

203.62 Applicability of specified sections of part I.--The provisions of ss. 203.01, 203.012, 203.013, 203.02, 203.03, 203.04, 203.06, and 203.07 shall be applicable to the levy and collection of taxes imposed pursuant to this part as if fully set out in this part.

Section 32. Subsection (2) of section 206.44, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.44 Penalty and interest for failure to report on time; penalty and interest on tax deficiencies.--

(2) Any payment that is not received by the department on or before the due date as provided in s. 206.43 shall bear interest at the <u>adjusted</u> rate <u>established pursuant to s.</u>

213.235 of 1 percent per month, from the date due until paid. Interest on any delinquent tax shall be calculated beginning on the 21st day of the month for which the tax is due, except as otherwise provided in this part.

Section 33. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 206.44, Florida Statutes, in a reference

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thereto, subsection (1) of section 206.06, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

206.06 Estimate of amount of fuel taxes due and unpaid. --

Whenever any terminal supplier, importer, exporter, or wholesaler neglects or refuses to make and file any report for any calendar month, as required by the fuel tax laws of this state, or files an incorrect or fraudulent report, or is in default in the payment of any fuel taxes and penalties thereon payable under the laws of this state, the department shall, from any information it may be able to obtain from its office or elsewhere, estimate the number of gallons of motor fuel with respect to which the terminal supplier, importer, exporter, or wholesaler has become liable for taxes under the fuel tax laws of this state and the amount of taxes due and payable thereon, to which sum shall be added a penalty and interest as provided in s. 206.44.

Section 34. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 206.44, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 206.94, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

206.94 Department may estimate diesel fuels sold or used. --When any person neglects or refuses to file any report as required by s. 206.91 or files an incorrect or fraudulent report, the department shall determine, after investigation, the number of gallons of diesel fuels with respect to which the person has incurred liability under this part for any particular period and fix the amount of taxes due and payable thereon, to which taxes due shall be added the penalties and interest imposed by s. 206.44 as a penalty for the default of 31 | such person. The department may settle or compromise such

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    is reenacted to read:
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           206.9915 Legislative intent and general provisions.--
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206.872, 206.873, 206.8735, 206.874, 206.8741, 206.8745, 206.94, 206.945, and 206.9815 shall, as far as lawful or practicable, be applicable to the levy and collection of taxes imposed pursuant to this part as if fully set out in this part and made expressly applicable to the taxes imposed herein.

Section 37. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 206.44, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 336.021, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 16 of chapter 97-54, Laws of Florida, is reenacted to read:

336.021 County transportation system; levy of ninth-cent fuel tax on motor fuel and diesel fuel.--

(2)(a) The tax collected by the department pursuant to subsection (1) shall be transferred to the Ninth-cent Fuel Tax Trust Fund, which fund is created for distribution to the counties pursuant to paragraph (1)(d). The department shall deduct the administrative costs incurred by it in collecting, administering, enforcing, and distributing back to the counties the tax, which administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections authorized by this section. The total administrative cost shall be prorated among those counties levying the tax according to the following formula, which shall be revised on July 1 of each year: Two-thirds of the amount deducted shall be based on the county's proportional share of the number of dealers who are registered for purposes of chapter 212 on June 30th of the preceding state fiscal year, and one-third of the amount deducted shall be based on the county's share of the total amount of the tax collected during the preceding state fiscal year. The department has the authority to prescribe and publish all forms upon which reports shall be made to it and other forms and records deemed

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    206.945 shall, as far as practicable, be applicable to the
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    levy and collection of the tax imposed pursuant to this
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           Section 38. For the purpose of incorporating the
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    thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 336.025,
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    Florida Statutes, as amended by section 18 of chapter 97-54,
    Laws of Florida, is reenacted to read:
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           336.025 County transportation system; levy of local
    option fuel tax on motor fuel and diesel fuel .--
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           (2)(a) The tax levied pursuant to paragraph (1)(a)
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    ss. 206.41(1)(e) and 206.87(1)(c). The tax levied pursuant to
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    pursuant to this section shall be transferred to the Local
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31 | fund is subject to the service charge imposed in chapter 215.

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The tax shall be distributed monthly by the department in the 1 2 same manner provided by s. 336.021(1)(c) and (d). The 3 department shall deduct the administrative costs incurred by 4 it in collecting, administering, enforcing, and distributing 5 back to the counties the tax, which administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections authorized by this 6 7 section. The total administrative costs shall be prorated 8 among those counties levying the tax according to the following formula, which shall be revised on July 1 of each 9 10 year: Two-thirds of the amount deducted shall be based on the 11 county's proportional share of the number of dealers who are 12 registered for purposes of chapter 212 on June 30 of the preceding state fiscal year, and one-third of the amount 13 deducted shall be based on the county's share of the total 14 15 amount of the tax collected during the preceding state fiscal year. The department has the authority to prescribe and 16 17 publish all forms upon which reports shall be made to it and other forms and records deemed to be necessary for proper 18 administration and collection of the taxes levied by any 19 20 county and shall promulgate such rules as may be necessary for the enforcement of this section, which rules shall have the 21 full force and effect of law. The provisions of ss. 206.026, 22 206.027, 206.028, 206.051, 206.052, 206.054, 206.055, 206.06, 23 24 206.07, 206.075, 206.08, 206.09, 206.095, 206.10, 206.11, 25 206.12, 206.13, 206.14, 206.15, 206.16, 206.17, 206.175, 206.18, 206.199, 206.20, 206.204, 206.205, 206.21, 206.215, 26 27 206.22, 206.24, 206.27, 206.28, 206.41, 206.416, 206.44, 206.45, 206.48, 206.49, 206.56, 206.59, 206.626, 206.87, 28 206.872, 206.873, 206.8735, 206.874, 206.8741, 206.94, and 29 30 206.945 shall, as far as practicable, be applicable to the levy and collection of taxes imposed pursuant to this section

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Section 39. Subsection (2) of section 207.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

207.007 Offenses; penalties and interest.--

(2) In addition to any other penalties, any delinquent tax shall bear interest at the adjusted rate established pursuant to s. 213.235 of 1 percent per month, or fraction thereof, calculated from the date the tax was due. If the department enters into a cooperative reciprocal agreement under the provisions of s. 207.0281, the department shall collect and distribute all interest due to other jurisdictions at the same rate as if such interest were due to the state.

Section 40. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 211.076, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

211.076 Interest and penalties; failure to pay tax or file return; estimated tax underpayments. --

- (1) If any part of the tax imposed by this part is not paid on or before the due date, interest shall be added to the amount due at the adjusted rate established pursuant to s. 213.235 of 12 percent per year from the due date until the date of payment.
- (4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), the taxpayer is liable for interest at the adjusted rate established pursuant to s. 213.235 of 12 percent per year and a penalty at the rate of 12 percent per year on any underpayment of estimated tax determined under this subsection.

Section 41. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) and paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 211.33, Florida 31 | Statutes, are amended to read:

211.33 Administration of the tax; returns; delinquency

penalties and interest; departmental inspections of records. --

taxpayer shall be liable for interest at the adjusted rate

for a penalty in an amount determined at the rate of 20

percent per year upon the amount of any underpayment of

required to be paid if the estimated tax were equal to 80

and penalties shall apply shall commence on the date the

installment was required to be paid and shall terminate on the date on which the amount of underpayment is paid. A payment of

estimated tax on any installment date shall be considered a

payment of any previous underpayment only to the extent such

installment of estimated tax shall be imposed if the total amount of all such payments made on or before the last date

prescribed for the payment of such installment equals or

payment exceeds the amount of the installment determined under

No penalty or interest for underpayment of any

percent of the tax shown on the return for the taxable year

or, if no return were filed, 80 percent of the tax for such

estimated tax determined under this paragraph.

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- An amount equal to 80 percent of the tax finally due for the taxable year; or
- An amount equal to the tax shown on the taxpayer's return for the preceding taxable year, if a return showing a liability for tax was filed by the taxpayer for the preceding year.

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- In addition to the delinquency penalty provided in paragraph (c), the department shall assess interest on the unpaid balance of any such tax which becomes delinquent, without regard to any extensions, at the adjusted rate established pursuant to s. 213.235 of 12 percent per year, from April 1 to the date of payment. Interest prescribed by this paragraph shall be deemed assessed upon the assessment of the tax and shall be collected and paid in the same manner.
- Section 42. Subsection (3) of section 212.12, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:
- 212.12 Dealer's credit for collecting tax; penalties for noncompliance; powers of Department of Revenue in dealing with delinquents; brackets applicable to taxable transactions; records required. --
- (3) When any dealer, or other person charged herein, fails to remit the tax, or any portion thereof, on or before the day when such tax is required by law to be paid, there shall be added to the amount due interest on at the rate of 1 percent per month of the amount due from the date due until paid at the adjusted rate established pursuant to s. 213.235. Interest on the delinquent tax shall be calculated beginning 31 on the 21st day of the month following the month for which the

tax is due, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

Section 43. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 212.12, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, in a reference thereto, paragraph (e) of subsection (6) of section 193.501, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

193.501 Assessment of lands subject to a conservation easement, environmentally endangered lands, or lands used for outdoor recreational or park purposes when land development rights have been conveyed or conservation restrictions have been covenanted.--

- (6) The following terms whenever used as referred to in this section have the following meanings unless a different meaning is clearly indicated by the context:
- (e) "Deferred tax liability" means an amount equal to the difference between the total amount of taxes that would have been due in March in each of the previous years in which the conveyance or covenant was in effect if the property had been assessed under the provisions of s. 193.011 and the total amount of taxes actually paid in those years when the property was assessed under the provisions of this section, plus interest on that difference computed as provided in s. 212.12(3).

Section 44. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 212.12, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, in a reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section 193.503, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

193.503 Classification and assessment of historic property used for commercial or certain nonprofit purposes.-(9)

(b) For purposes of this subsection, "deferred tax liability" means an amount equal to the difference between the total amount of taxes that would have been due in March if the property had been assessed under the provisions of s. 193.011 and the total amount of taxes actually paid in those years when the property was assessed under the provisions of this section, plus interest on that difference computed as provided in s. 212.12(3).

Section 45. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 212.12, Florida Statutes, 1998
Supplement, in a reference thereto, subsection (8) of section 193.505, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

193.505 Assessment of historically significant property when development rights have been conveyed or historic preservation restrictions have been covenanted.--

"deferred tax liability" means an amount equal to the difference between the total amount of taxes which would have been due in March in each of the previous years in which a covenant executed and accepted pursuant to this section was in effect if the property had been assessed under the provisions of s. 193.011 irrespective of any negative impact on fair market value that restrictions imposed pursuant to this section may have caused and the total amount of taxes actually paid in those years, plus interest on that difference computed as provided in s. 212.12(3).

Section 46. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 212.12, Florida Statutes, 1998
Supplement, in a reference thereto, subsection (7) of section 196.1997, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

196.1997 Ad valorem tax exemptions for historic

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(7) To qualify for an exemption, the property owner must enter into a covenant or agreement with the governing body for the term for which the exemption is granted. form of the covenant or agreement must be established by the Department of State and must require that the character of the property, and the qualifying improvements to the property, be maintained during the period that the exemption is granted. The covenant or agreement shall be binding on the current property owner, transferees, and their heirs, successors, or assigns. Violation of the covenant or agreement results in the property owner being subject to the payment of the differences between the total amount of taxes which would have been due in March in each of the previous years in which the covenant or agreement was in effect had the property not received the exemption and the total amount of taxes actually paid in those years, plus interest on the difference calculated as provided in s. 212.12(3).

Section 47. Section 220.807, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220.807 Determination of Rate of interest.--

- (1) The annual rate of interest applicable to this chapter shall be the adjusted rate established <u>pursuant to s.</u>

 213.235 by the executive director of the Department of Revenue under subsection (2).
- (2) If the adjusted prime rate charged by banks, rounded to the nearest full percent, during either:
- (a) The 6-month period ending on September 30 of any calendar year; or
- 30 (b) The 6-month period ending on March 31 of any 31 calendar year,

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(a) On January 1 of the succeeding year, if based upon
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the adjusted prime rate for the 6-month period ending on March 31.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "adjusted prime rate charged by banks" means the average predominant prime rate quoted by commercial banks to large business, as

differs from the interest rate in effect on either such date,

the executive director of the Department of Revenue shall,

within 20 days, establish an adjusted rate of interest equal

(3) An adjusted rate of interest established under

determined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve
System.

(5) Once established, an adjusted rate of interest shall remain in effect until an adjustment is made under subsection (2).

Section 48. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 624.5092, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

624.5092 Administration of taxes; payments.--

(c) When any taxpayer fails to pay any amount due

under this section, or any portion thereof, on or before the day when such tax or installment of tax is required by law to be paid, there shall be added to the amount due interest at

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Section 49. The Department of Revenue shall examine the impact of sections 19-48 and, by January 1, 2000, the executive director of the Department of Revenue shall submit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the chairs of the finance and taxation committees of the Legislature a report containing recommendations for the effective and efficient implementation of said sections and methods to minimize their fiscal impact. These may include ways to increase voluntary compliance with the state's tax laws.

Section 50. Effective September 1, 1999, subsection (1) of section 561.501, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 561.501 Surcharge on sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises; penalty. --

(1) Notwithstanding s. 561.50 or any other provision of the Beverage Law, a surcharge of 6.67 10 cents is imposed upon each ounce of liquor and each 4 ounces of wine, a surcharge of 4 6 cents is imposed on each 12 ounces of cider, and a surcharge of 2.67 4 cents is imposed on each 12 ounces of beer sold at retail for consumption on premises licensed by the division as an alcoholic beverage vendor.

Section 51. Effective September 1, 1999, paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 561.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

561.121 Deposit of revenue.--

- (4) State funds collected pursuant to s. 561.501 shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the following accounts:
- Thirteen and six-tenths percent Nine and (a) eight-tenths of the surcharge on the sale of alcoholic 31 | beverages for consumption on premises shall be transferred to

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the Children and Adolescents Substance Abuse Trust Fund, which shall remain with the Department of <u>Children and Family Health</u> and Rehabilitative Services for the purpose of funding programs directed at reducing and eliminating substance abuse problems among children and adolescents.

Section 52. Except as otherwise provided herein, this act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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An act relating to taxation; providing a short title; specifying a period during which the sale of clothing below a specified value shall be exempt from the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; defining "clothing"; providing exceptions; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing for a rebate of state taxes in the form of a residential electric utility credit; providing conditions with respect to the credit; providing for submission of certain information to the Public Service Commission by utilities providing residential electric utility service; providing for calculation of reimbursement amounts by the commission; providing for distribution of funds

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to such utilities; providing for audits; providing legislative intent with respect to the credit; directing the commission to provide certain services; providing rulemaking authority; providing an appropriation; prohibiting any county which was not levying a school impact fee on January 1, 1999, from levying such fee during a specified period; limiting the amount of such fees that may be collected by a county during that period; providing procedures for reimbursing a county for revenues lost during that period based on fees which exceed the limitation which were in effect prior thereto; providing duties of the Comptroller; specifying the purposes for which such reimbursed funds may be used; providing for rules; creating a Florida School Impact Fee Policy Commission; providing for appointment and qualifications of members; providing administrative duties of the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations; providing duties of the commission; providing for a report; providing an appropriation; amending ss. 199.023 and 199.052, F.S.; revising the definition of "affiliated group" to include limited liability companies connected through membership interest with a common parent for purposes of intangible personal property taxes; revising provisions which allow affiliated groups to file a consolidated return, to include such limited

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liability companies; amending s. 199.032, F.S.; reducing the rate of the annual intangible personal property tax; amending s. 199.033, F.S.; reducing the rates of the tax on securities in a Florida's Future Investment Fund to conform; amending s. 199.185, F.S.; increasing the percentage of accounts receivable that is exempt from intangible personal property taxes; retaining legislative intent to exempt all accounts receivable on a future date; increasing the exemption from the annual tax granted to natural persons; providing an exemption from the annual tax for taxpayers who are not natural persons; amending s. 212.05, F.S.; reducing the rate of the sales tax on charges for telecommunication service from 7 percent to 6.5 percent; providing for application of such tax; providing legislative intent to further reduce the rate in a subsequent year; amending s. 212.12, F.S., to conform; specifying the application date of such reduced rate for charges billed on a monthly cycle; amending s. 212.11, F.S.; revising the filing deadline applicable to sales tax dealers who are required to calculate and pay estimated tax liability; increasing the threshold for determining whether a dealer is subject to said requirement; amending ss. 212.04 and 212.15, F.S., to conform; creating s. 213.235, F.S.; providing for determination of the annual rate of interest applicable to

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tax payment deficiencies; creating s. 213.255, F.S.; providing for payment of interest on overpayments of taxes, payment of taxes not due, or taxes paid in error with respect to taxes administered by the Department of Revenue if refund is not made within a specified period; providing requirements for refund applications and determination of completeness thereof; requiring a bond or other security under certain conditions; providing for interest and penalties with respect to refunds paid in error; providing application; providing for rules; amending ss. 198.15 and 198.18, F.S., relating to the rate of interest on delinquent estate taxes and taxes for which an extension is granted, s. 198.155, F.S., relating to the rate of interest on delinquent tax on generation-skipping transfers, s. 198.16, F.S., relating to the rate of interest on deficiencies in such taxes, s. 199.282, F.S., relating to the rate of interest on delinquent intangible personal property taxes, s. 201.17, F.S., relating to the rate of interest on delinquent excise taxes on documents, and s. 203.06, F.S., relating to the rate of interest on delinquent gross receipts taxes, to conform; reenacting s. 203.62, F.S., relating to the gross receipts tax on interstate and international telecommunications services, to incorporate the amendment to s. 203.06, F.S., in a reference thereto; amending

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s. 206.44, F.S., relating to the rate of interest on delinquent motor fuel taxes, to conform; reenacting ss. 206.06(1), 206.94, 206.97, 206.9915(3), 336.021(2)(a), and 336.025(2)(a), F.S., relating to estimated fuel taxes, tax on diesel fuel, tax on fuel and other pollutants, the ninth-cent fuel tax on motor and diesel fuel, and the local option tax on motor and diesel fuel for county transportation systems, to incorporate the amendment to s. 206.44, F.S., in references thereto; amending s. 207.007, F.S., relating to the rate of interest on delinquent tax on the operation of commercial motor vehicles, ss. 211.076 and 211.33, F.S., relating to the rate of interest on delinquent taxes and underpayment of estimated taxes on oil and gas production and severance of minerals, and s. 212.12, F.S., relating to the rate of interest on delinquent taxes on sales, use, and other transactions, to conform; reenacting ss. 193.501(6)(e), 193.503(9)(b), and 193.505(8), F.S., relating to the interest on a deferred tax liability due upon a change in assessment status of certain conservation or recreation land or historic properties, and s. 196.1997(7), F.S., relating to the interest on taxes which become due when property is no longer eligible for a historic property tax exemption, to incorporate the amendment to s. 212.12, F.S., in references thereto; amending

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s. 220.807, F.S., relating to the interest rate applicable to the corporate income tax code, and s. 624.5092, F.S., relating to the rate of interest on delinquent insurance premium taxes, to conform; requiring a report by the Department of Revenue; amending s. 561.501, F.S.; reducing the alcoholic beverage surcharges on liquor, wine, cider, and beer sold for consumption on the premises; amending s. 561.121, F.S.; increasing the portion of the surcharge which is transferred to the Children and Adolescents Substance Abuse Trust Fund; providing effective dates.