HOUSE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 743

Amendment No. 001 (for drafter's use only) CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 ORIGINAL STAMP BELOW 6 7 8 9 10 The Committee on Finance & Taxation offered the following: 11 12 13 Amendment (with title amendment) 14 On page 2, remove from the bill: everything after the enacting clause 15 16 17 and insert in lieu thereof: Section 1. Effective July 1, 2000, section 288.1258, 18 19 Florida Statutes, is created to read: 20 288.1258 Entertainment industry qualified production 21 companies; application procedure; categories; duties of the 22 Department of Revenue; records and reports .--(1) PRODUCTION COMPANIES AUTHORIZED TO APPLY.--23 24 (a) Any production company engaged in this state in 25 the production of motion pictures, made-for-TV motion 26 pictures, television series, commercial advertising, music videos, or sound recordings may submit an application to the 27 28 Department of Revenue to be approved by the Office of the Film 29 Commissioner as a qualified production company for the purpose 30 of receiving a sales and use tax certificate of exemption from 31 the Department of Revenue. 1

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(b) For the purposes of this section, "qualified 1 production company" means any production company that has 2 submitted a properly completed application to the Department 3 4 of Revenue and that is subsequently qualified by the Office of 5 the Film Commissioner. 6 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURE. --7 The Department of Revenue will review all (a) submitted applications for the required information. Within 8 10 working days after the receipt of a properly completed 9 10 application the Department of Revenue will forward the 11 completed application to the Office of the Film Commissioner 12 for approval. (b)1. The Office of the Film Commissioner shall 13 14 establish a process by which an entertainment industry 15 production company may be approved by the office as a qualified production company and may receive a certificate of 16 17 exemption from the Department of Revenue for the sales and use 18 tax exemptions under ss. 212.031, 212.06, and 212.08. 2. Upon determination by the Office of the Film 19 Commissioner that a production company meets the established 20 approval criteria and qualifies for exemption, the Office of 21 the Film Commissioner shall return the approved application or 22 application renewal or extension to the Department of Revenue, 23 24 which shall issue a certificate of exemption. 25 3. The Office of the Film Commissioner shall deny an application or application for renewal or extension from a 26 27 production company if it determines that the production company does not meet the established approval criteria. 28 29 The Office of the Film Commissioner shall develop, (C) 30 with the cooperation of the Department of Revenue and local government entertainment industry promotion agencies, a 31 2

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standardized application form for use in approving qualified 1 2 production companies. 3 1. The application form shall include, but not be 4 limited to, production-related information on employment, 5 proposed budgets, planned purchases of items exempted from 6 sales and use taxes under ss. 212.031, 212.06, and 212.08, a 7 signed affirmation from the applicant that any items purchased 8 for which the applicant is seeking a tax exemption are intended for use exclusively as an integral part of 9 10 entertainment industry preproduction, production, or 11 postproduction activities engaged in primarily in this state, and a signed affirmation from the Office of the Film 12 13 Commissioner that the information on the application form has been verified and is correct. In lieu of information on 14 15 projected employment, proposed budgets, or planned purchases of exempted items, a production company seeking a 1-year 16 17 certificate of exemption may submit summary historical data on 18 employment, production budgets, and purchases of exempted items related to production activities in this state. Any 19 information gathered from production companies for the 20 purposes of this section shall be considered confidential 21 22 taxpayer information and shall be disclosed only as provided 23 in s. 213.053. 24 2. The application form may be distributed to 25 applicants by the Office of the Film Commissioner or local film commissions. 26 27 (d) All applications, renewals, and extensions for designation as a qualified production company shall be 28 29 processed by the Office of the Film Commissioner. 30 (e) In the event that the Department of Revenue determines that a production company no longer qualifies for a 31 3 File original & 9 copies 04/24/00 hft0006 07:03 pm 00743-ft -030839

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certificate of exemption, or has used a certificate of 1 2 exemption for purposes other than those authorized by this 3 section and chapter 212, the Department of Revenue shall 4 revoke the certificate of exemption of that production 5 company, and any sales or use taxes exempted on items purchased or leased by the production company during the time б 7 such company did not qualify for a certificate of exemption or 8 improperly used a certificate of exemption shall become immediately due to the Department of Revenue, along with 9 10 interest and penalty as provided by s. 212.12. In addition to 11 the other penalties imposed by law, any person who knowingly 12 and willfully falsifies an application, or uses a certificate 13 of exemption for purposes other than those authorized by this section and chapter 212, commits a felony of the third degree, 14 15 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, and s. 16 775.084. 17 (3) CATEGORIES.--(a)1. A production company may be qualified for 18 19 designation as a qualified production company for a period of 20 1 year if the company has operated a business in Florida at a permanent address for a period of 12 consecutive months. Such 21 a qualified production company shall receive a single 1-year 22 certificate of exemption from the Department of Revenue for 23 the sales and use tax exemptions under ss. 212.031, 212.06, 24 25 and 212.08, which certificate shall expire 1 year after issuance or upon the cessation of business operations in the 26 27 state, at which time the certificate shall be surrendered to the Department of Revenue. 28 29 The Office of the Film Commissioner shall develop a 2. method by which a qualified production company may annually 30 renew a 1-year certificate of exemption for a period of up to 31 4 File original & 9 copies 04/24/00

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5 years without requiring the production company to resubmit a 1 2 new application during that 5-year period. 3 3. Any qualified production company may submit a new 4 application for a 1-year certificate of exemption upon the 5 expiration of that company's certificate of exemption. 6 (b)1. A production company may be qualified for 7 designation as a qualified production company for a period of 90 days. Such production company shall receive a single 90-day 8 certificate of exemption from the Department of Revenue for 9 10 the sales and use tax exemptions under ss. 212.031, 212.06, and 212.08, which certificate shall expire 90 days after 11 12 issuance, with extensions contingent upon approval of the 13 Office of the Film Commissioner. The certificate shall be surrendered to the Department of Revenue upon its expiration. 14 15 2. Any production company may submit a new application for a 90-day certificate of exemption upon the expiration of 16 17 that company's certificate of exemption. 18 (4) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. --The Department of Revenue shall review the initial 19 (a) application and notify the applicant of any omissions and 20 21 request additional information if needed. An application 22 shall be complete upon receipt of all requested information. The Department of Revenue shall forward all complete 23 24 applications to the Office of the Film Commissioner within 10 25 working days. The Department of Revenue shall issue a numbered 26 (b) 27 certificate of exemption to a qualified production company 28 within 5 working days of the receipt of an approved 29 application, application renewal, or application extension 30 from the Office of the Film Commissioner. 31 (C) The Department of Revenue may promulgate such 5 File original & 9 copies 04/24/00

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rules and shall prescribe and publish such forms as may be 1 2 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section or any of 3 the sales tax exemptions which are reasonably related to the 4 provisions of this section. 5 The Department of Revenue is authorized to (d) 6 establish audit procedures in accordance with the provisions 7 of ss. 212.12, 212.13, and 213.34 which relate to the sales 8 tax exemption provisions of this section. (5) RELATIONSHIP OF TAX EXEMPTIONS TO INDUSTRY GROWTH; 9 10 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. -- The Office of the Film 11 Commissioner shall keep annual records from the information 12 provided on taxpayer applications for tax exemption 13 certificates beginning January 1, 2001. These records shall reflect a percentage comparison of the annual amount of funds 14 15 exempted to the estimated amount of funds expended in relation to entertainment industry products. In addition, the office 16 17 shall maintain data showing annual growth in Florida-based 18 entertainment industry companies and entertainment industry employment and wages. The Office of the Film Commissioner 19 shall report this information to the Legislature by no later 20 than December 1 of each year. 21 22 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 23 212.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 24 212.031 Lease or rental of or license in real 25 property.--(1)(a) It is declared to be the legislative intent 26 27 that every person is exercising a taxable privilege who engages in the business of renting, leasing, letting, or 28 29 granting a license for the use of any real property unless 30 such property is: 31 1. Assessed as agricultural property under s. 193.461. 6 File original & 9 copies 04/24/00

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2. Used exclusively as dwelling units.

Property subject to tax on parking, docking, or
 storage spaces under s. 212.03(6).

4 Recreational property or the common elements of a 4. 5 condominium when subject to a lease between the developer or 6 owner thereof and the condominium association in its own right 7 or as agent for the owners of individual condominium units or the owners of individual condominium units. However, only the 8 9 lease payments on such property shall be exempt from the tax 10 imposed by this chapter, and any other use made by the owner or the condominium association shall be fully taxable under 11 12 this chapter.

13 5. A public or private street or right-of-way and poles, conduits, fixtures, and similar improvements located on 14 15 such streets or rights-of-way, occupied or used by a utility 16 or franchised cable television company for utility or 17 communications or television purposes. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "utility" means any person providing 18 utility services as defined in s. 203.012. This exception also 19 20 applies to property, excluding buildings, wherever located, on 21 which antennas, cables, adjacent accessory structures, or adjacent accessory equipment used in the provision of 22 cellular, enhanced specialized mobile radio, or personal 23 24 communications services are placed.

25 6. A public street or road which is used for26 transportation purposes.

27 7. Property used at an airport exclusively for the
28 purpose of aircraft landing or aircraft taxiing or property
29 used by an airline for the purpose of loading or unloading
30 passengers or property onto or from aircraft or for fueling
31 aircraft.

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8.a. Property used at a port authority, as defined in 1 2 s. 315.02(2), exclusively for the purpose of oceangoing vessels or tugs docking, or such vessels mooring on property 3 4 used by a port authority for the purpose of loading or 5 unloading passengers or cargo onto or from such a vessel, or 6 property used at a port authority for fueling such vessels, or 7 to the extent that the amount paid for the use of any property at the port is based on the charge for the amount of tonnage 8 9 actually imported or exported through the port by a tenant. 10 b. The amount charged for the use of any property at 11 the port in excess of the amount charged for tonnage actually 12 imported or exported shall remain subject to tax except as 13 provided in sub-subparagraph a. Property used as an integral part of the 14 9. 15 performance of qualified production services. As used in this 16 subparagraph, the term "qualified production services" means 17 any activity or service performed directly in connection with the production of a qualified motion picture, as defined in s. 18 212.06(1)(b), and includes: 19 20 a. Photography, sound and recording, casting, location managing and scouting, shooting, creation of special and 21 optical effects, animation, adaptation (language, media, 22 electronic, or otherwise), technological modifications, 23 24 computer graphics, set and stage support (such as 25 electricians, lighting designers and operators, greensmen, prop managers and assistants, and grips), wardrobe (design, 26 27 preparation, and management), hair and makeup (design, production, and application), performing (such as acting, 28 dancing, and playing), designing and executing stunts, 29 30 coaching, consulting, writing, scoring, composing, 31 choreographing, script supervising, directing, producing, 8

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transmitting dailies, dubbing, mixing, editing, cutting, 1 2 looping, printing, processing, duplicating, storing, and 3 distributing; 4 b. The design, planning, engineering, construction, 5 alteration, repair, and maintenance of real or personal 6 property including stages, sets, props, models, paintings, and 7 facilities principally required for the performance of those 8 services listed in sub-subparagraph a.; and Property management services directly related to 9 с. property used in connection with the services described in 10 11 sub-subparagraphs a. and b. 12 13 This exemption will inure to the taxpayer upon presentation of 14 the certificate of exemption issued to the taxpayer under the 15 provisions of s. 288.1258. Leased, subleased, licensed, or rented to a person 16 10. 17 providing food and drink concessionaire services within the premises of a convention hall, exhibition hall, auditorium, 18 stadium, theater, arena, civic center, performing arts center, 19 20 recreational facility, or any business operated under a permit 21 issued pursuant to chapter 550. A person providing retail concessionaire services involving the sale of food and drink 22 or other tangible personal property within the premises of an 23 24 airport shall be subject to tax on the rental of real property 25 used for that purpose, but shall not be subject to the tax on any license to use the property. For purposes of this 26 27 subparagraph, the term "sale" shall not include the leasing of tangible personal property. 28 29 Property occupied pursuant to an instrument 11. 30 calling for payments which the department has declared, in a Technical Assistance Advisement issued on or before March 15, 31 9

1993, to be nontaxable pursuant to rule 12A-1.070(19)(c),
 Florida Administrative Code; provided that this subparagraph
 shall only apply to property occupied by the same person
 before and after the execution of the subject instrument and
 only to those payments made pursuant to such instrument,
 exclusive of renewals and extensions thereof occurring after
 March 15, 1993.

8 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section9 212.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 212.06 Sales, storage, use tax; collectible from 11 dealers; "dealer" defined; dealers to collect from purchasers; 12 legislative intent as to scope of tax.--

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(b) Except as otherwise provided, any person who 14 15 manufactures, produces, compounds, processes, or fabricates in 16 any manner tangible personal property for his or her own use 17 shall pay a tax upon the cost of the product manufactured, 18 produced, compounded, processed, or fabricated without any deduction therefrom on account of the cost of material used, 19 labor or service costs, or transportation charges, 20 notwithstanding the provisions of s. 212.02 defining "cost 21 22 price." However, the tax levied under this paragraph shall not be imposed upon any person who manufactures or produces 23 24 electrical power or energy, steam energy, or other energy at a 25 single location, when such power or energy is used directly and exclusively at such location, or at other locations if the 26 27 energy is transferred through facilities of the owner in the operation of machinery or equipment that is used to 28 29 manufacture, process, compound, produce, fabricate, or prepare for shipment tangible personal property for sale or to operate 30 31 pollution control equipment, maintenance equipment, or

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monitoring or control equipment used in such operations. The 1 2 manufacture or production of electrical power or energy that 3 is used for space heating, lighting, office equipment, or 4 air-conditioning or any other nonmanufacturing, nonprocessing, 5 noncompounding, nonproducing, nonfabricating, or nonshipping 6 activity is taxable. Electrical power or energy consumed or 7 dissipated in the transmission or distribution of electrical 8 power or energy for resale is also not taxable. Fabrication labor shall not be taxable when a person is using his or her 9 10 own equipment and personnel, for his or her own account, as a 11 producer, subproducer, or coproducer of a qualified motion 12 picture. For purposes of this chapter, the term "qualified 13 motion picture" means all or any part of a series of related images, either on film, tape, or other embodiment, including, 14 15 but not limited to, all items comprising part of the original work and film-related products derived therefrom as well as 16 17 duplicates and prints thereof and all sound recordings created to accompany a motion picture, which is produced, adapted, or 18 altered for exploitation in, on, or through any medium or 19 device and at any location, primarily for entertainment, 20 commercial, industrial, or educational purposes. This 21 22 exemption for fabrication labor associated with production of a qualified motion picture will inure to the taxpayer upon 23 24 presentation of the certificate of exemption issued to the taxpayer under the provisions of s. 288.1258.A person who 25 manufactures factory-built buildings for his or her own use in 26 27 the performance of contracts for the construction or improvement of real property shall pay a tax only upon the 28 person's cost price of items used in the manufacture of such 29 30 buildings. Section 4. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) and 31

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subsection (12) of section 212.08, Florida Statutes, are 1 2 amended to read: 3 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, 4 and storage tax; specified exemptions. -- The sale at retail, 5 the rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and 6 the storage to be used or consumed in this state of the 7 following are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed 8 by this chapter. 9 EXEMPTIONS; ACCOUNT OF USE. --(5) 10 (f) Motion picture or video equipment used in motion 11 picture or television production activities and sound 12 recording equipment used in the production of master tapes and 13 master records.--Motion picture or video equipment and sound 14 1. 15 recording equipment purchased or leased for use in this state 16 in production activities is exempt from the tax imposed by 17 this chapter upon an affirmative showing by the purchaser or 18 lessee to the satisfaction of the department that the equipment will be used for production activities. The 19 20 exemption provided by this paragraph shall inure to the taxpayer upon presentation of the certificate of exemption 21 issued to the taxpayer under the provisions of s. 288.1258. 22 only through a refund of previously paid taxes. 23 24 Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 212.095, such refund 25 shall be made within 30 days of formal application, which application may be made after the completion of production 26 27 activities or on a quarterly basis. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 213, the department shall provide the 28 29 Department of Commerce with a copy of each refund application 30 and the amount of such refund, if any. For the purpose of the exemption provided in 31 2. 12

subparagraph 1.: 1 2 a. "Motion picture or video equipment" and "sound recording equipment" includes only equipment meeting the 3 4 definition of "section 38 property" as defined in s. 48(a)(1)(A) and (B)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code that is 5 6 used by the lessee or purchaser exclusively as an integral 7 part of production activities; however, motion picture or video equipment and sound recording equipment does not include 8 supplies, tape, records, film, or video tape used in 9 productions or other similar items; vehicles or vessels; or 10 general office equipment not specifically suited to production 11 12 activities. In addition, the term does not include equipment 13 purchased or leased by television or radio broadcasting or 14 cable companies licensed by the Federal Communications 15 Commission. 16 b. "Production activities" means activities directed 17 toward the preparation of a: 18 (I) Master tape or master record embodying sound; or (II) Motion picture or television production which is 19 produced for theatrical, commercial, advertising, or 20 educational purposes and utilizes live or animated actions or 21 a combination of live and animated actions. The motion picture 22 or television production shall be commercially produced for 23 24 sale or for showing on screens or broadcasting on television 25 and may be on film or video tape. (12) PARTIAL EXEMPTION; MASTER TAPES, RECORDS, FILMS, 26 27 OR VIDEO TAPES.--(a) There are exempt from the taxes imposed by this 28 29 chapter the gross receipts from the sale or lease of, and the 30 storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, master tapes or master records embodying sound, or master films or 31

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master video tapes; except that amounts paid to recording 1 2 studios or motion picture or television studios for the 3 tangible elements of such master tapes, records, films, or 4 video tapes are taxable as otherwise provided in this chapter. 5 This exemption will inure to the taxpayer upon presentation of 6 the certificate of exemption issued to the taxpayer under the 7 provisions of s. 288.1258.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term: 8 (b) 1. "Amounts paid for the tangible elements" does not 9 10 include any amounts paid for the copyrightable, artistic, or other intangible elements of such master tapes, records, 11 12 films, or video tapes, whether designated as royalties or otherwise, including, but not limited to, services rendered in 13 14 producing, fabricating, processing, or imprinting tangible 15 personal property or any other services or production expenses 16 in connection therewith which may otherwise be construed as 17 constituting a "sale" under s. 212.02.

2. "Master films or master video tapes" means films or 18 video tapes utilized by the motion picture and television 19 20 production industries in making visual images for 21 reproduction.

"Master tapes or master records embodying sound" 22 3. means tapes, records, and other devices utilized by the 23 24 recording industry in making recordings embodying sound. "Motion picture or television studio" means a 25 4. facility in which film or video tape productions or parts of 26 27 productions are made and which contains the necessary 28 equipment and personnel for this purpose and includes a mobile 29 unit or vehicle that is equipped in much the same manner as a 30 stationary studio and used in the making of film or video tape 31 productions.

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5. "Recording studio" means a place where, by means of 1 2 mechanical or electronic devices, voices, music, or other 3 sounds are transmitted to tapes, records, or other devices 4 capable of reproducing sound. 5 6. "Recording industry" means any person engaged in an 6 occupation or business of making recordings embodying sound 7 for a livelihood or for a profit. "Motion picture or television production industry" 8 7. means any person engaged in an occupation or business for a 9 10 livelihood or for profit of making visual motion picture or 11 television visual images for showing on screen or television 12 for theatrical, commercial, advertising, or educational 13 purposes. Section 5. Effective July 1, 2000, paragraph (r) is 14 15 added to subsection (7) of section 213.053, Florida Statutes, to read: 16 17 213.053 Confidentiality and information sharing .--18 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department may provide: 19 20 (r) Information relative to the tax exemptions under ss. 212.031, 212.06, and 212.08 for those persons qualified 21 22 under s. 288.1258 to the Office of the Film Commissioner. The Department of Revenue shall provide the Office of the Film 23 24 Commissioner with information in the aggregate. 25 26 Disclosure of information under this subsection shall be 27 pursuant to a written agreement between the executive director 28 and the agency. Such agencies, governmental or nongovernmental, shall be bound by the same requirements of 29 confidentiality as the Department of Revenue. Breach of 30 31 confidentiality is a misdemeanor of the first degree, 15

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punishable as provided by s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 1 2 Section 6. Except as otherwise provided herein, this 3 act shall take effect January 1, 2001. 4 5 6 =========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= 7 And the title is amended as follows: 8 On page 1, line 2, through Page 2, line 17 9 10 remove from the title of the bill: all of said lines 11 12 and insert in lieu thereof: 13 An act relating to entertainment industry incentives; creating 14 s. 288.1258, F.S.; authorizing entertainment industry 15 production companies to apply to the Department of Revenue for 16 approval by the Office of the Film Commissioner as a qualified 17 production company for the purpose of receiving sales tax exemptions; directing the office to develop application 18 procedures; providing for denial and revocation of a 19 certificate of exemption; providing a penalty for 20 falsification of an application or unauthorized use of a 21 certificate of exemption; providing categories of 22 qualification for a certificate of exemption; providing duties 23 24 of the Department of Revenue with respect to issuance of a 25 certificate of exemption for qualified production companies; requiring the Office of the Film Commissioner to keep 26 27 specified records; requiring an annual report to the Legislature; amending s. 212.031, F.S., relating to the tax on 28 the lease or rental of or license in real property; providing 29 30 that the exemption for property used as an integral part of 31 the performance of qualified production services inures to the 16

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taxpayer upon presentation of a certificate of exemption 1 2 issued under s. 288.1258, F.S.; amending s. 212.06, F.S.; 3 providing that the exemption for fabrication labor used in the 4 production of a qualified motion picture inures to the 5 taxpayer upon presentation of a certificate of exemption 6 issued under s. 288.1258, F.S.; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; 7 providing that the exemption for certain motion picture or video equipment and sound recording equipment shall be a point 8 9 of sale exemption rather than by refund; providing that the 10 exemption inures to the taxpayer upon presentation of a certificate of exemption issued under s. 288.1258, F.S.; 11 12 providing that the partial exemption for master tapes, 13 records, films, or video tapes inures to the taxpayer upon presentation of a certificate of exemption issued under s. 14 15 288.1258, F.S.; amending s. 213.053, F.S.; authorizing the 16 Department of Revenue to share certain information with the 17 Office of the Film Commissioner; providing effective dates. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 17

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