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By Senator Posey

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and
3	other transactions; creating the "Common Sense
4	Tax Reform Act of 2006"; amending s. 212.08,
5	F.S.; providing an exemption from the tax for
б	alcoholic beverages and malt beverages sold by
7	the drink for consumption on the vendor's
8	licensed premises; deleting ostriches from the
9	list of animals for which feed is specifically
10	exempted; repealing s. 212.031(9), F.S.,
11	relating to the exemption from the tax on
12	rental or license fees for the use of real
13	property which applies to charges for the
14	rental, lease, sublease, or license for the use
15	of a skybox, luxury box, or other box seats
16	during a high school or college football game;
17	providing that the repeal is inapplicable to
18	contracts entered into before a specified date;
19	providing that the exempt status of charges
20	imposed under any such contract ends after a
21	specified date; providing an effective date.
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23	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25	Section 1. <u>This act may be cited as the "Common Sense</u>
26	Tax Reform Act of 2006."
27	Section 2. Subsection (4) and paragraph (d) of
28	subsection (7) of section 212.08, Florida Statutes, are
29	amended to read:
30	212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution,
31	and storage tax; specified exemptionsThe sale at retail,
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1 the rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and 2 the storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed 3 4 by this chapter. (4) EXEMPTIONS; ITEMS BEARING OTHER EXCISE TAXES, 5 б ETC.--7 (a) Also exempt are: 8 1. Water delivered to the purchaser through pipes or conduits or delivered for irrigation purposes. The sale of 9 drinking water in bottles, cans, or other containers, 10 including water that contains minerals or carbonation in its 11 12 natural state or water to which minerals have been added at a 13 water treatment facility regulated by the Department of Environmental Protection or the Department of Health, is 14 exempt. This exemption does not apply to the sale of drinking 15 water in bottles, cans, or other containers if carbonation or 16 17 flavorings, except those added at a water treatment facility, 18 have been added. Water that has been enhanced by the addition of minerals and that does not contain any added carbonation or 19 flavorings is also exempt. 20 21 2. All fuels used by a public or private utility, 22 including any municipal corporation or rural electric 23 cooperative association, in the generation of electric power or energy for sale. Fuel other than motor fuel and diesel 2.4 fuel is taxable as provided in this chapter with the exception 25 of fuel expressly exempt herein. Motor fuels and diesel fuels 26 27 are taxable as provided in chapter 206, with the exception of 2.8 those motor fuels and diesel fuels used by railroad 29 locomotives or vessels to transport persons or property in interstate or foreign commerce, which are taxable under this 30 chapter only to the extent provided herein. The basis of the 31

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1 tax shall be the ratio of intrastate mileage to interstate or 2 foreign mileage traveled by the carrier's railroad locomotives or vessels that were used in interstate or foreign commerce 3 and that had at least some Florida mileage during the previous 4 fiscal year of the carrier, such ratio to be determined at the 5 б close of the fiscal year of the carrier. However, during the 7 fiscal year in which the carrier begins its initial operations 8 in this state, the carrier's mileage apportionment factor may be determined on the basis of an estimated ratio of 9 anticipated miles in this state to anticipated total miles for 10 that year, and subsequently, additional tax shall be paid on 11 12 the motor fuel and diesel fuels, or a refund may be applied 13 for, on the basis of the actual ratio of the carrier's railroad locomotives' or vessels' miles in this state to its 14 total miles for that year. This ratio shall be applied each 15 month to the total Florida purchases made in this state of 16 17 motor and diesel fuels to establish that portion of the total 18 used and consumed in intrastate movement and subject to tax under this chapter. The basis for imposition of any 19 discretionary surtax shall be set forth in s. 212.054. Fuels 20 21 used exclusively in intrastate commerce do not qualify for the 22 proration of tax. 23 3. The transmission or wheeling of electricity. 4. Alcoholic beverages and malt beverages that are 2.4 sold by the drink for consumption on the vendor's licensed 25 premises. 26 27 (b) Except as provided in subparagraph (a)4., 2.8 alcoholic beverages and malt beverages are not exempt. The 29 terms "alcoholic beverages" and "malt beverages" as used in this paragraph have the same meanings ascribed to them in ss. 30 561.01(4) and 563.01, respectively. It is determined by the 31

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1 Legislature that the classification of alcoholic beverages 2 made in this paragraph for the purpose of extending the tax imposed by this chapter is reasonable and just, and it is 3 intended that such tax be separate from, and in addition to, 4 5 any other tax imposed on alcoholic beverages. 6 (7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS. -- Exemptions provided to 7 any entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction 8 that is otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is 9 made by a representative or employee of the entity by any means, including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit 10 card, even when that representative or employee is 11 12 subsequently reimbursed by the entity. In addition, exemptions 13 provided to any entity by this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter 14 unless the entity has obtained a sales tax exemption 15 certificate from the department or the entity obtains or 16 17 provides other documentation as required by the department. 18 Eligible purchases or leases made with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this subsection and departmental 19 rules, and any person who makes an exempt purchase with a 20 21 certificate that is not in strict compliance with this 22 subsection and the rules is liable for and shall pay the tax. 23 The department may adopt rules to administer this subsection. (d) Feeds.--Feeds for poultry, ostriches, and 2.4 25 livestock, including racehorses and dairy cows, are exempt. Section 3. Subsection (9) of section 212.031, Florida 26 27 Statutes, is repealed. This repeal does not affect contracts 2.8 entered into before January 1, 2006; however, the exempt 29 status of charges imposed under such a contract terminates no later than January 1, 2010. In addition, this repeal does not 30 affect any exemption granted under chapter 212, Florida 31

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1 Statutes, to a nonprofit organization that is qualified under 2 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. 3 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006. 4 ***** 5 б SENATE SUMMARY 7 Creates the "Common Sense Tax Reform Act of 2006." Relates to specified exemptions from the tax on sales, 8 use, and other transactions. Provides an exemption for alcoholic beverages and malt beverages sold by the drink 9 for consumption on the vendor's licensed premises. Deletes ostriches from the list of animals for which feed 10 is specifically exempted. Repeals s. 212.031(9), F.S., relating to the exemption from the tax on rental or license fees for the use of real property which applies 11 to charges for the rental, lease, sublease, or license for the use of a skybox, luxury box, or other box seats during a high school or college football game. Provides 12 13 that the repeal is inapplicable to contracts entered into before a specified date. Provides that the exempt status of charges imposed under any such contract ends after a 14 specified date. 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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