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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: RCS 3/27/2008

The Committee on Community Affairs (Wise) recommended the following substitute for amendment (727792):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 193.018, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

193.018 Land owned by a community land trust used to provide affordable housing; assessment; structural improvements, condominium parcels; cooperative parcels. --

(1) As used in this section, the term "community land trust" means a nonprofit entity that is qualified as charitable under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and has as one of its purposes the acquisition of land to be held in perpetuity for the primary purpose of providing affordable homeownership.

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- (2) A community land trust may convey structural improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels, located on specific parcels of land which are identified by a legal description contained in and subject to a ground lease having a term of at least 99 years, for the purpose of providing affordable housing to natural persons or families who meet the extremely-low, very-low, low, or moderate-income limits specified in s. 420.0004, or the income limits for workforce housing as specified in s. 420.5095(3). A community land trust shall retain a preemptive option to purchase any structural improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels on the land at a price determined by a formula specified in the ground lease designed to ensure that such structural improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels remain affordable.
- (3) In arriving at just valuation under s. 193.011, a structural improvement, condominium parcel, or cooperative parcel providing affordable housing on land owned by a community land trust, and the land owned by a community land trust that is subject to a 99-year or longer ground lease, shall be assessed using the following criteria:
- (a) The amount a willing purchaser would pay a willing seller for the land is limited to an amount commensurate with the terms of the ground lease, which restricts the use of the land to the provision of affordable housing in perpetuity.
- (b) The amount a willing purchaser would pay a willing seller for the resale-restricted improvements, condominium parcel, or cooperative parcel is limited to the amount determined by the formula in the ground lease.
- (c) If the ground lease and all amendments and supplements thereto, or a memorandum documenting how such lease and

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amendments or supplements restrict the price at which the improvements, condominium parcel, or cooperative parcel may be sold, is recorded in the official public records of the county in which the leased land is located, the recorded lease and any amendments or supplements, or the recorded memorandum, shall be deemed a land use regulation during the term of the lease as amended or supplemented.

Section 2. Section 196.1978, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

196.1978 Affordable housing property exemption. --

(1) Property used or held for the purpose of providing to provide affordable housing serving eligible persons as defined by s. 159.603(7) and natural persons or families meeting the extremely low, very low, low, or moderate persons meeting income limits specified in s. $420.0004 \, \text{s.} \, 420.0004(8)$, (10), (11), and (15), which property is owned entirely by a nonprofit entity that is a corporation not for profit, qualified as charitable under s. 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and in compliance with Rev. Proc. 96-32, 1996-1 C.B. 717, or a Florida-based limited partnership, the sole general partner of which is a corporation not for profit which is qualified as charitable under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which complies with Rev. Proc. 96-32, 1996-1 C.B. 717, shall be considered property owned by an exempt entity and used for a charitable purpose, and those portions of the affordable housing property which provide housing to natural persons or families classified as extremelylow income, very-low income, low-income, or moderate-income under s. 420.0004 individuals with incomes as defined in s. 420.0004(10) and (15) shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation to the extent authorized in s. 196.196. All property identified in

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this section shall comply with the criteria for determination of exempt status to be applied by property appraisers on an annual basis as defined in s. 196.195. The Legislature intends that any property owned by a limited liability company or limited partnership which is disregarded as an entity for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Treasury Regulation 301.7701-3(b)(1)(ii) shall be treated as owned by its sole member or sole general partner.

- (2) (a) The exemption provided in this section shall extend to land that is owned by an exempt entity and that is subject to a 99-year ground lease for the purpose of providing affordable housing.
- (b) The exemption provided in this section shall also extend to undeveloped property owned by an exempt entity that takes affirmative steps to prepare the property to provide affordable housing to eligible persons as defined by s. 159.603(7) and natural persons or families meeting the extremely low, very low, low, or moderate income limits specified in s. 420.0004. For purposes of this paragraph , the term "affirmative steps" means demonstrating to the property appraiser that activities have been initiated which will ensure future use of the property for affordable housing, including, but not limited to, proposals for property development, preliminary environmental or land use permitting activities, site plans or architectural plans, site preparation, construction or renovation activities, financial plans, or any other activities demonstrating that the property will be used to provide affordable housing. If the property appraiser determines that affirmative steps to ensure the future use of the property for affordable housing have not been taken within 5 years after an exemption is granted under



this paragraph, the property appraiser may reject or rescind the exempt status of the property and reassess it based on other uses.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to affordable housing; creating s. 193.018, F.S.; defining the term "community land trust"; providing for the assessment of structural improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels on land owned by a community land trust and used to provide affordable housing; providing for the conveyance of structural improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels subject to certain conditions; specifying the criteria to be used in arriving at just valuation of a structural improvement, condominium parcel, or cooperative parcel; specifying the criteria to be used in arriving at just valuation of land owned by a community land trust that is subject to limited uses; amending s. 196.1978, F.S.; providing that property owned by certain nonprofit entities or Florida-based limited partnerships and used or held for the purpose of providing affordable housing to certain income-qualified persons is exempt from ad valorem taxation; revising legislative intent; providing that such ad valorem tax exemption extends to land owned by an exempt entity and subject to a 99-year ground lease for

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the purpose of providing affordable housing; providing that such ad valorem tax exemption extends to undeveloped property owned by an exempt entity that has taken affirmative steps to prepare the property for future use as affordable housing; defining the term "affirmative steps"; providing for the rejection or rescission of the ad valorem tax exemption under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.