CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>

Representative Attkisson offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 434 and 435, insert:

Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 125.0108, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

125.0108 Areas of critical state concern; tourist impact tax.--

(1)

(b) 1. It is declared to be the intent of the Legislature that every person who rents, leases, or lets for consideration any living quarters or accommodations in any hotel, apartment hotel, motel, resort motel, apartment, apartment motel, roominghouse, mobile home park, recreational vehicle park, $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$ condominium, or timeshare resort for a term of 6 months or less, 817271

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unless such establishment is exempt from the tax imposed by s. 212.03, is exercising a taxable privilege on the proceeds therefrom under this section.

- 2. As used in this section, the terms "consideration," "rental," and "rent" mean the amount received by a person operating transient accommodations for the use or securing the use of any living quarters or sleeping or housekeeping accommodations that are part of, in, from, or in connection with any hotel, apartment house, roominghouse, timeshare resort, tourist or trailer camp, mobile home park, recreational vehicle park, or condominium. The term "person operating transient accommodations" means the person conducting the daily affairs of the physical facilities furnishing transient accommodations who is responsible for providing the services commonly associated with operating the facilities furnishing transient accommodations regardless of whether such commonly associated services are provided by third parties. The terms "consideration," "rental" and "rent" do not include payments received by an unrelated person for facilitating the booking of reservations for or on behalf of a lessee or licensee at a hotel, apartment house, rooming house, timeshare resort, tourist or trailer camp, mobile home park, recreational vehicle park, or condominium in this state. The term "unrelated person" means a person who is not in the same affiliated group of corporations pursuant to s. 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- 3. Tax shall be due on the consideration paid for occupancy in the county pursuant to a regulated short-term 817271 4/24/2008 12:08 PM

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product as defined in s. 721.05 or occupancy in the county pursuant to a product that would be deemed a regulated shortterm product if the agreement to purchase the short-term product were executed in this state. Such tax shall be collected on the last day of occupancy within the county unless the consideration is applied to the purchase of a timeshare estate. Notwithstanding subparagraphs 1. and 2., the occupancy of an accommodation of a timeshare resort pursuant to a timeshare plan, a multisite timeshare plan, or an exchange transaction in an exchange program as defined in s. 721.05 by the owner of a timeshare interest or such owner's guest, which guest is not paying monetary consideration to the owner or to a third party for the benefit of the owner, is not a privilege subject to taxation under this section. A membership or transaction fee paid by a timeshare owner that does not provide the timeshare owner with a right to occupy any specific timeshare unit but merely provides the timeshare owner with an opportunity to exchange a timeshare interest through an exchange program is a service charge and is not subject to taxation.

4. Consideration paid for the purchase of a timeshare license in a timeshare plan as defined in s. 721.05 is rent subject to taxation under this section.

(2)

(e) The Department of Revenue <u>shall adopt</u> is empowered to promulgate such rules and prescribe and publish such forms as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section. The department <u>may</u> is authorized to establish audit procedures and to assess for delinquent taxes. <u>A person operating transient</u> 817271

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accommodations shall state the tax separately from the rental charged on the receipt, invoice, or other documentation issued with respect to charges for transient accommodations. A person facilitating the booking of reservations who is unrelated to the person operating the transient accommodations in which the reservation is booked is not required to separately state amounts charged on the receipt, invoice, or other documentation issued by the person facilitating the booking of the reservation. Any amounts specifically collected as a tax are county funds and shall be remitted as tax.

Section 11. The amendments made by this act to section 125.0108, Florida Statutes, are intended to be clarifying and remedial in nature and are not a basis for assessments of tax for periods before July 1, 2008, or for refunds of tax for periods before July 1, 2008.

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Remove line 62 and insert:

in Florida; amending s. 125.0108, F.S.; revising the list of living quarters or accommodations the rental or lease of which is subject to taxation; providing definitions; providing for taxation of regulated short-term products; providing that the occupancy of a timeshare resort and membership or transaction fee paid by a timeshare owner

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are not a privilege subject to taxation; providing that consideration paid for the purchase of a timeshare license in a timeshare plan is rent subject to taxation; authorizing the department to establish audit procedures and assess for delinquent taxes; requiring the person operating transient accommodations to separately state the tax charged on a receipt or other documentation; providing that persons facilitating the booking of reservations are not required to separately state tax amounts charged; requiring that such amounts be remitted as tax and classified as county funds; specifying that certain provisions of the act are clarifying and remedial in nature and are not a basis for assessments of tax or for refunds of tax for periods before the effective date of the act; providing an effective date.