

By Senator Altman

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to communications services taxes;
3 amending s. 202.29, F.S.; authorizing dealers to
4 report a credit for bad debt by netting the credit
5 against the tax due; authorizing dealers to use a
6 proportionate allocation method or other reasonable
7 method in determining amount of bad debt attributable
8 to the state or local jurisdiction; providing for
9 retroactive operation; specifying that the act is
10 remedial in nature and not a basis for certain refunds
11 of tax; providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 202.29, Florida
16 Statutes, to read:

17 202.29 Bad debts.—

18 (4) (a) A dealer may report the credit for bad debt allowed
19 under this section by netting such credit against the tax due to
20 the state pursuant to s. 202.12 or to a local jurisdiction
21 pursuant to s. 202.19, but such netting may not reduce the
22 amount due to the state or to any local jurisdiction below zero.

23 (b) For purposes of determining the amount of bad debt that
24 is attributable to the state or to a local jurisdiction, a
25 dealer may employ a proportionate allocation method based on
26 current gross taxes due or another reasonable allocation method
27 approved by the department.

28 Section 2. This act shall operate retroactively to July 1,
29 2000; however, the retroactive operation of this act is remedial

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30 in nature, does not create a right to a refund, and does not
31 require a refund by any governmental entity of any tax, penalty,
32 or interest remitted to the Department of Revenue before July 1,
33 2009.

34 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.