

By Senator Gelber

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to tour guide operators; amending s.
3 559.939, F.S.; authorizing local governments to
4 regulate tour guide operators; providing an effective
5 date.

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

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9 Section 1. Section 559.939, Florida Statutes, is amended to
10 read:

11 559.939 State preemption.—No municipality or county or
12 other political subdivision of this state shall have authority
13 to levy or collect any registration fee or tax, as a regulatory
14 measure, or to require the registration or bonding in any manner
15 of any seller of travel who is registered or complies with all
16 applicable provisions of this part, unless that authority is
17 provided for by special or general act of the Legislature. Any
18 ordinance, resolution, or regulation of any municipality or
19 county or other political subdivision of this state which is in
20 conflict with any provision of this part is preempted by this
21 part. The provisions of this section do not apply to any local
22 business tax levied pursuant to chapter 205. Notwithstanding any
23 provision of this part to the contrary, any county or
24 municipality in this state is authorized to regulate tour guide
25 operators.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.