By Senator Sobel

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the aviation fuel tax; providing a short title; providing legislative intent; amending s. 206.9825, F.S.; providing an exemption from the aviation fuel tax for aviation fuel purchased in the state capital by a qualifying airline for use in certain aircraft; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Capital City Aviation Fuel Tax Act."

Section 2. The Legislature intends that the Florida city that is constitutionally designated as the capital of the State of Florida have reasonable commercial airline service to enable members of the public to travel to and participate in the democratic processes occurring in the Capitol.

Section 3. Subsection (7) is added to section 206.9825, Florida Statutes, to read:

206.9825 Aviation fuel tax.-

- (7) (a) Aviation fuel that is delivered and placed into an aircraft while the aircraft is in the state capital is exempt from the tax imposed under paragraph (1) (a) if the aircraft is:
- 1. Operated by an airline that maintains a presence at the ticket counter at the airport.
- 2. Operated by an airline that provides regularly scheduled intrastate jet service between the state capital and counties in this state having a population of 800,000 or more.
 - 3. Refueled in connection with a flight that embarks or

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disembarks passengers in the state capital.

(b) The tax exemption shall inure to the ultimate vendor that sells and delivers the exempt aviation fuel. If that vendor is a terminal supplier or wholesaler that remits tax on taxable sales, that vendor shall claim the exemption on the appropriate tax return. If the ultimate vendor is a fixed base operator that pays tax on its purchases of fuel, that vendor may obtain a refund of the appropriate tax.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.