

HB 555

2009

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 regulate
4 tour guide operators; providing an effective date.

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

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

10 559.939 State preemption.--No municipality or county or
11 other political subdivision of this state shall have authority
12 to levy or collect any registration fee or tax, as a regulatory
13 measure, or to require the registration or bonding in any manner
14 of any seller of travel who is registered or complies with all
15 applicable provisions of this part, unless that authority is
16 provided for by special or general act of the Legislature. Any
17 ordinance, resolution, or regulation of any municipality or
18 county or other political subdivision of this state which is in
19 conflict with any provision of this part is preempted by this
20 part. The provisions of this section do not apply to any local
21 business tax levied pursuant to chapter 205. Notwithstanding any
22 provision of this part to the contrary, any county or
23 municipality in this state is authorized to regulate tour guide
24 operators.

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