

By Senator Latvala

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to taxi operators; authorizing  
3           governmental units that regulate the operation of  
4           taxis to create a private property right in the  
5           license to operate a taxi; providing for the transfer  
6           of such property right; providing definitions;  
7           providing an effective date.  
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. (1) Any governmental unit that is authorized to  
12 regulate the operation of taxis within its geographic boundaries  
13 may adopt ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, or other acts  
14 that create a private property right or interest in a license to  
15 operate a taxi within the geographic boundaries of the  
16 governmental unit.

17           (2) Upon the creation of such private property right, the  
18 owner of a taxi operation may pledge, sell, assign, sublease, or  
19 otherwise transfer the license to another person. However, the  
20 owner must apply to the governmental unit before making such  
21 transfer and obtain its approval for the proposed action, except  
22 that a license may be transferred by operation of intestate  
23 succession or devise.

24           (3) As used in this section, the term:

25           (a) "License" includes any certificate, permit, medallion,  
26 or other evidence that authorizes a person to operate a taxi  
27 within the geographic boundaries of a governmental unit.

28           (b) "Governmental unit" includes a county, municipality,  
29 special district, commission, or other unit of state or local

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30 government.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.