

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to ad valorem tax exemptions; amending
 3 s. 196.199, F.S.; providing that certain leasehold
 4 interests and improvements to land owned by the United
 5 States, a branch of the United States Armed Forces, or
 6 any agency or quasi-governmental agency of the United
 7 States are exempt from ad valorem taxation under
 8 specified circumstances; providing that such leasehold
 9 interests and improvements are entitled to an
 10 exemption from ad valorem taxation without an
 11 application being filed for the exemption or the
 12 property appraiser approving the exemption; providing
 13 for retroactive application; providing an effective
 14 date.

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

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 18 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 19 196.199, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20 196.199 Government property exemption.—

21 (1) Property owned and used by the following governmental
 22 units shall be exempt from taxation under the following
 23 conditions:

24 (a) 1. All property of the United States ~~is shall be~~ exempt
 25 from ad valorem taxation, except such property as is subject to
 26 tax by this state or any political subdivision thereof or any
 27 municipality under any law of the United States.

28 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for

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29 purposes of the exemption from ad valorem taxation provided in
30 subparagraph 1., property of the United States includes any
31 leasehold interest of and improvements affixed to land owned by
32 the United States, any branch of the United States Armed Forces,
33 or any agency or quasi-governmental agency of the United States
34 if the leasehold interest and improvements are acquired or
35 constructed and used pursuant to the federal Military Housing
36 Privatization Initiative of 1996, 10 U.S.C. ss. 2871 et seq. As
37 used in this subparagraph, the term "improvements" includes, but
38 is not limited to, actual housing units and any facilities that
39 are directly related to such housing units, including any
40 housing maintenance facilities, housing rental and management
41 offices, parks and community centers, and recreational
42 facilities. Any leasehold interest and improvements described in
43 this subparagraph shall be construed as being owned by the
44 United States, the applicable branch of the United States Armed
45 Forces, or the applicable agency or quasi-governmental agency of
46 the United States and are exempt from ad valorem taxation
47 without the necessity of an application for exemption being
48 filed or approved by the property appraiser.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law
50 and shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2007.