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Senator Negron moved the following:

Senate Substitute for Amendment (965938) (with title amendment) Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Effective July 1, 2014, subsection (9) of section 202.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 202.11 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term: (9) "Prepaid calling arrangement" means: the separately stated retail sale by advance payment of (a) A right to use communications services, other than

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12	mobile communications services, for which a separately stated
13	price must be paid in advance, which is sold at retail in
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15	predetermined basis, and which that consist exclusively of
16	telephone calls originated by using an access number,
17	authorization code, or other means that may be manually,
18	electronically, or otherwise entered; or and that are sold in
19	predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with
20	use in a known amount.
21	(b) A right to use mobile communications services that must
22	be paid for in advance and is sold at retail in predetermined
23	units that expire or decline in number on a predetermined basis
24	<u>if:</u>
25	1. The purchaser's right to use mobile communications
26	services terminates upon all purchased units' expiring or being
27	exhausted unless the purchaser pays for additional units;
28	2. The purchaser is not required to purchase additional
29	units; and
30	3. Any right of the purchaser to use units to obtain
31	communications services other than mobile communications
32	services is limited to services that are provided to or through
33	the same handset or other electronic device that is used by the
34	purchaser to access mobile communications services.
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36	Predetermined units described in this subsection may be
37	quantified as amounts of usage, time, money, or a combination of
38	these or other means of measurement.
39	Section 2. Effective July 1, 2014, paragraph (e) of
40	subsection (1) of section 212.05, Florida Statutes, is amended



41 to read:

42 212.05 Sales, storage, use tax.-It is hereby declared to be 43 the legislative intent that every person is exercising a taxable privilege who engages in the business of selling tangible 44 personal property at retail in this state, including the 45 business of making mail order sales, or who rents or furnishes 46 47 any of the things or services taxable under this chapter, or who stores for use or consumption in this state any item or article 48 49 of tangible personal property as defined herein and who leases 50 or rents such property within the state.

(1) For the exercise of such privilege, a tax is levied on each taxable transaction or incident, which tax is due and payable as follows:

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a. Prepaid calling arrangements. The tax on charges for prepaid calling arrangements shall be collected at the time of sale and remitted by the selling dealer.

(I) "Prepaid calling arrangement" <u>has the same meaning as</u> <u>provided in s. 202.11</u> means the separately stated retail sale by advance payment of communications services that consist exclusively of telephone calls originated by using an access number, authorization code, or other means that may be manually, electronically, or otherwise entered and that are sold in predetermined units or dollars whose number declines with use in a known amount.

(II) If the sale or recharge of the prepaid calling arrangement does not take place at the dealer's place of business, it shall be deemed to <u>have taken</u> take place at the customer's shipping address or, if no item is shipped, at the

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70 customer's address or the location associated with the 71 customer's mobile telephone number.

(III) The sale or recharge of a prepaid calling arrangement shall be treated as a sale of tangible personal property for purposes of this chapter, <u>regardless of</u> whether or not a tangible item evidencing such arrangement is furnished to the purchaser, and such sale within this state subjects the selling dealer to the jurisdiction of this state for purposes of this subsection.

(IV) No additional tax under this chapter or chapter 202 is due or payable if a purchaser of a prepaid calling arrangement who has paid tax under this chapter on the sale or recharge of such arrangement applies one or more units of the prepaid calling arrangement to obtain communications services as described in s. 202.11(9)(b)3., other services that are not communications services, or products.

b. The installation of telecommunication and telegraphicequipment.

c. Electrical power or energy, except that the tax rate for charges for electrical power or energy is <u>4.35</u> 7 percent. <u>Charges for electrical power and energy do not include taxes</u> imposed under ss. 166.231 and 203.01(1)(a)3.

92 2. <u>Section</u> The provisions of s. 212.17(3), regarding credit 93 for tax paid on charges subsequently found to be worthless, <u>is</u> 94 shall be equally applicable to any tax paid under the provisions 95 of this section on charges for prepaid calling arrangements, 96 telecommunication or telegraph services, or electric power 97 subsequently found to be uncollectible. <u>As used in this</u> 98 paragraph, the <u>term word</u> "charges" in this paragraph does not

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99	include any excise or similar tax levied by the Federal
100	Government, <u>a</u> any political subdivision of <u>this</u> the state, or <u>a</u>
101	any municipality upon the purchase, sale, or recharge of prepaid
102	calling arrangements or upon the purchase or sale of
103	telecommunication, television system program, or telegraph
104	service or electric power, which tax is collected by the seller
105	from the purchaser.
106	Section 3. The amendments made to ss. 202.11 and
107	212.05(1)(e)1.a., Florida Statutes, by this act are intended to
108	be remedial in nature and apply retroactively, but do not
109	provide a basis for an assessment of any tax not paid or create
110	a right to a refund or credit of any tax paid before the
111	effective date of this act.
112	Section 4. Effective July 1, 2014, subsections (1), (3),
113	(4), and (7) of section 203.01, Florida Statutes, are amended to
114	read:
115	203.01 Tax on gross receipts for utility and communications
116	services
117	(1)(a)1. A tax is imposed on gross receipts from utility
118	services that are delivered to a retail consumer in this state.
119	The tax shall be levied as provided in paragraphs (b)-(j).
120	2. A tax is levied on communications services as defined in
121	s. 202.11(1). The tax shall be applied to the same services and
122	transactions as are subject to taxation under chapter 202, and
123	to communications services that are subject to the exemption
124	provided in s. 202.125(1). The tax shall be applied to the sales
125	price of communications services when sold at retail, as the
126	terms are defined in s. 202.11, shall be due and payable at the
127	same time as the taxes imposed pursuant to chapter 202, and

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128 shall be administered and collected pursuant to the provisions 129 of chapter 202.

130 3. An additional tax is levied on charges for, or the use 131 of, electrical power or energy that is subject to the tax levied 132 pursuant to s. 212.05(1)(e)1.c. or s. 212.06(1). The tax shall 133 be applied to the same transactions or uses as are subject to 134 taxation under s. 212.05(1)(e)1.c. or s. 212.06(1). If a 135 transaction or use is exempt from the tax imposed under 136 212.05(1) (e)1.c. or s. 212.06(1), the transaction or use is also 137 exempt from the tax imposed under this subparagraph. The tax 138 shall be applied to charges for electrical power or energy and 139 is due and payable at the same time as taxes imposed pursuant to 140 chapter 212. Chapter 212 governs the administration and 141 enforcement of the tax imposed by this subparagraph. The charges 142 upon which the tax imposed by this subparagraph is applied do 143 not include the taxes imposed by subparagraph 1. or s. 166.231. 144 The tax imposed by this subparagraph becomes state funds at the 145 moment of collection and is not considered as revenue of a 146 utility for purposes of a franchise agreement between the 147 utility and a local government.

148 (b)1. The rate applied to utility services shall be 2.5 149 percent.

150 2. The rate applied to communications services shall be151 2.37 percent.

3. There shall be An additional rate of 0.15 percent shall be applied to communication services subject to the tax levied pursuant to s. 202.12(1)(a), (c), and (d). The exemption provided in s. 202.125(1) applies to the tax levied pursuant to this subparagraph.

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157 <u>4. The rate applied to electrical power or energy taxed</u>
158 under subparagraph (a)3. shall be 2.6 percent.

(c)1. The tax imposed under subparagraph (a)1. shall be 159 160 levied against the total amount of gross receipts received by a 161 distribution company for its sale of utility services if the 162 utility service is delivered to the retail consumer by a 163 distribution company and the retail consumer pays the 164 distribution company a charge for utility service which includes a charge for both the electricity and the transportation of 165 166 electricity to the retail consumer. The distribution company shall report and remit to the Department of Revenue by the 20th 167 168 day of each month the taxes levied pursuant to this paragraph 169 during the preceding month.

2. To the extent practicable, the Department of Revenue must distribute all receipts of taxes remitted under this chapter to the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund in the same month as the department collects such taxes.

175 (d)1. Each distribution company that receives payment for 176 the delivery of electricity to a retail consumer in this state 177 is subject to tax on the exercise of this privilege as provided 178 by this paragraph unless the payment is subject to tax under 179 paragraph (c). For the exercise of this privilege, the tax 180 levied on the such distribution company's receipts for the 181 delivery of electricity shall be determined by multiplying the 182 number of kilowatt hours delivered by the index price and 183 applying the rate in subparagraph (b)1. paragraph (b) to the 184 result.

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2. The index price is the Florida price per kilowatt hour

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186 for retail consumers in the previous calendar year, as published 187 in the United States Energy Information Administration Electric 188 Power Monthly and announced by the Department of Revenue on June 1 of each year to be effective for the 12-month period beginning 189 July 1 of that year. For each residential, commercial, and 190 191 industrial customer class, the applicable index posted for 192 residential, commercial, and industrial shall will be applied in 193 calculating the gross receipts to which the tax applies. If 194 publication of the indices is delayed or discontinued, the last 195 posted index shall be used until a current index is posted or the department adopts a comparable index by rule. 196

197 3. Tax due under this paragraph shall be administered, paid, and reported in the same manner as the tax due under 199 paragraph (c).

200 4. The amount of tax due under this paragraph shall be 201 reduced by the amount of any like tax lawfully imposed on and 202 paid by the person from whom the retail consumer purchased the 203 electricity, whether imposed by and paid to this state, another 204 state, a territory of the United States, or the District of 205 Columbia. This reduction in tax shall be available to the retail 206 consumer as a refund made pursuant to s. 215.26 and does not 207 inure to the benefit of the person who receives payment for the delivery of the electricity. The methods of demonstrating proof 208 209 of payment and the amount of such refund shall be made according 210 to rules of the Department of Revenue.

211 (e)1. A Every distribution company that receives payment 212 for the sale or transportation of natural or manufactured gas to 213 a retail consumer in this state is subject to tax on the 214 exercise of this privilege as provided by this paragraph. For

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215 the exercise of this privilege, the tax levied on <u>the</u> such 216 distribution company's receipts for the sale or transportation 217 of natural or manufactured gas shall be determined by dividing 218 the number of cubic feet delivered by 1,000, multiplying the 219 resulting number by the index price, and applying the rate in 220 subparagraph (b)1. paragraph (b) to the result.

221 2. The index price is the Florida price per 1,000 cubic 222 feet for retail consumers in the previous calendar year as 223 published in the United States Energy Information Administration 224 Natural Gas Monthly and announced by the Department of Revenue on June 1 of each year to be effective for the 12-month period 225 beginning July 1 of that year. For each residential, commercial, 226 227 and industrial customer class, the applicable index posted for 228 residential, commercial, and industrial shall will be applied in 229 calculating the gross receipts to which the tax applies. If 230 publication of the indices is delayed or discontinued, the last 231 posted index shall be used until a current index is posted or 232 the department adopts a comparable index by rule.

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paragraph (c).

236 4. The amount of tax due under this paragraph shall be reduced by the amount of any like tax lawfully imposed on and 237 238 paid by the person from whom the retail consumer purchased the 239 natural gas or manufactured gas, whether imposed by and paid to 240 this state, another state, a territory of the United States, or 241 the District of Columbia. This reduction in tax shall be available to the retail consumer as a refund pursuant to s. 242 215.26 and does not inure to the benefit of the person providing 243

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244 the transportation service. The methods of demonstrating proof 245 of payment and the amount of such refund shall be made according 246 to rules of the Department of Revenue.

247 (f) Any person who imports into this state electricity, natural gas, or manufactured gas, or severs natural gas, for 248 249 that person's own use or consumption as a substitute for 250 purchasing utility, transportation, or delivery services taxable 251 under subparagraph (a)1. this chapter and who cannot demonstrate 252 payment of the tax imposed by this chapter must register with 253 the Department of Revenue and pay into the State Treasury each month an amount equal to the cost price, as defined in s. 254 255 212.02, of such electricity, natural gas, or manufactured gas 256 times the rate set forth in subparagraph (b)1. paragraph (b), 257 reduced by the amount of any like tax lawfully imposed on and 258 paid by the person from whom the electricity, natural gas, or 259 manufactured gas was purchased or any person who provided 260 delivery service or transportation service in connection with 261 the electricity, natural gas, or manufactured gas. For purposes 262 of this paragraph, the term "cost price" has the meaning 263 ascribed in s. 212.02(4). The methods of demonstrating proof of 264 payment and the amount of such reductions in tax shall be made 265 according to rules of the Department of Revenue.

(g) Electricity produced by cogeneration or by small power producers which is transmitted and distributed by a public utility between two locations of a customer of the utility pursuant to s. 366.051 is subject to the tax imposed by subparagraph (a)1 this section. The tax shall be applied to the cost price, as defined in s. 212.02, of such electricity as provided in s. 212.02(4) and shall be paid each month by the

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273 producer of such electricity.

(h) Electricity produced by cogeneration or by small power 274 275 producers during the 12-month period ending June 30 of each year 276 which is in excess of nontaxable electricity produced during the 277 12-month period ending June 30, 1990, is subject to the tax 278 imposed by subparagraph (a)1 this section. The tax shall be applied to the cost price, as defined in s. 212.02, of such 279 electricity as provided in s. 212.02(4) and shall be paid each 280 281 month, beginning with the month in which total production 282 exceeds the production of nontaxable electricity for the 12-283 month period ending June 30, 1990. As used in For purposes of 284 this paragraph, the term "nontaxable electricity" means 285 electricity produced by cogeneration or by small power producers 286 which is not subject to tax under paragraph (g). Taxes paid 287 pursuant to paragraph (g) may be credited against taxes due 288 under this paragraph. Electricity generated as part of an 289 industrial manufacturing process that which manufactures 290 products from phosphate rock, raw wood fiber, paper, citrus, or 291 any agricultural product is shall not be subject to the tax 292 imposed by this paragraph. The term "industrial manufacturing 293 process" means the entire process conducted at the location 294 where the process takes place.

(i) Any person other than a cogenerator or small power
producer described in paragraph (h) who produces for his or her
own use electrical energy <u>that</u> which is a substitute for
electrical energy produced by an electric utility as defined in
s. 366.02 is subject to the tax imposed by <u>subparagraph (a)1</u>
this section. The tax shall be applied to the cost price, <u>as</u>
defined in s. 212.02, of such electrical energy as provided in

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302 s. 212.02(4) and shall be paid each month. The provisions of This paragraph does do not apply to any electrical energy 303 304 produced and used by an electric utility.

(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, 305 306 with the exception of a communications services dealer reporting 307 taxes administered under chapter 202, the department may 308 require:

1. A quarterly return and payment when the tax remitted for the preceding four calendar quarters did not exceed \$1,000;

2. A semiannual return and payment when the tax remitted for the preceding four calendar quarters did not exceed \$500; or

3. An annual return and payment when the tax remitted for the preceding four calendar quarters did not exceed \$100.

(3) The tax imposed by subparagraph (1) (a) 1. subsection (1) does not apply to:

(a)1. The sale or transportation of natural gas or manufactured gas to a public or private utility, including a municipal corporation or rural electric cooperative association, either for resale or for use as fuel in the generation of electricity; or

322 2. The sale or delivery of electricity to a public or 323 private utility, including a municipal corporation or rural electric cooperative association, for resale, or as part of an electrical interchange agreement or contract between such utilities for the purpose of transferring more economically generated power;

329 if provided the person deriving gross receipts from such sale 330 demonstrates that a sale, transportation, or delivery for resale

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331 in fact occurred and complies with the following requirements: A 332 sale, transportation, or delivery for resale must be in strict 333 compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department of 334 Revenue; and any sale subject to the tax imposed by this section 335 which is not in strict compliance with the rules and regulations 336 of the Department of Revenue shall be subject to the tax at the 337 appropriate rate imposed on utilities under subparagraph 338 (1) (b) 1. by paragraph (b) on the person making the sale. Any person making a sale for resale may, through an informal protest 339 340 provided for in s. 213.21 and the rules of the Department of 341 Revenue, provide the department with evidence of the exempt 342 status of a sale. The department shall adopt rules that provide 343 that valid proof and documentation of the resale by a person 344 making the sale for resale will be accepted by the department 345 when submitted during the protest period but will not be 346 accepted when submitted in any proceeding under chapter 120 or 347 any circuit court action instituted under chapter 72;

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(b) Wholesale sales of electric transmission service;

(c) The use of natural gas in the production of oil or gas, or the use of natural or manufactured gas by a person transporting natural or manufactured gas, when used and consumed in providing such services; or

(d) The sale or transportation to, or use of, natural gas 354 or manufactured gas by a person eligible for an exemption under 355 s. 212.08(7)(ff)2. for use as an energy source or a raw 356 material. Possession by a seller of natural or manufactured gas 357 or by any person providing transportation or delivery of natural 358 or manufactured gas of a written certification by the purchaser, 359 certifying the purchaser's entitlement to the exclusion

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360 permitted by this paragraph, relieves the seller or person 361 providing transportation or delivery from the responsibility of 362 remitting tax on the nontaxable amounts, and the department shall look solely to the purchaser for recovery of such tax if 363 364 the department determines that the purchaser was not entitled to 365 the exclusion. The certification must include an acknowledgment 366 by the purchaser that it will be liable for tax pursuant to 367 paragraph (1)(f) if the requirements for exclusion are not met.

368 (4) The tax imposed pursuant to subparagraph (1)(a)1. this 369 chapter relating to the provision of any utility services at the 370 option of the person supplying the taxable services may be 371 separately stated as Florida gross receipts tax on the total 372 amount of any bill, invoice, or other tangible evidence of the 373 provision of such taxable services and may be added as a 374 component part of the total charge. If Whenever a provider of 375 taxable services elects to separately state such tax as a 376 component of the charge for the provision of such taxable 377 services, any every person, including all governmental units, 378 shall remit the tax to the person who provides such taxable 379 services as a part of the total bill, and the tax is a component 380 part of the debt of the purchaser to the person who provides 381 such taxable services until paid and, if unpaid, is recoverable 382 at law in the same manner as any other part of the charge for 383 such taxable services. For a utility, the decision to separately 384 state any increase in the rate of tax imposed by this chapter 385 which is effective after December 31, 1989, and the ability to 386 recover the increased charge from the customer is shall not be 387 subject to regulatory approval.

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(7) Gross receipts subject to the tax imposed \underline{under}

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389 <u>subparagraph (1) (a)1.</u> by this section for the provision of 390 electricity <u>must shall</u> include receipts from monthly customer 391 charges or monthly customer facility charges.

392 Section 5. <u>The amendments to s. 212.05(1)(e)1.c. made in</u> 393 <u>section 2 of this act and to s. 203.01 made in section 4 of this</u> 394 <u>act apply to taxable transactions included on bills that are for</u> 395 utility services and that are dated on or after July 1, 2014.

Section 6. <u>In complying with the amendments to ss. 203.01</u> and 212.05, Florida Statutes, relating to the additional tax on electrical power or energy, made by this act, a seller of electrical power or energy may collect a combined rate of 6.95 percent, which consists of the 4.35 percent and 2.6 percent required under ss. 212.05(1)(e)1.c. and 203.01(1)(b)4., Florida Statutes, respectively, if the provider properly reflects the tax collected with respect to the two provisions as required in the return to the Department of Revenue.

Section 7. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 205.0535, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

205.0535 Reclassification and rate structure revisions.-(4) After the conditions specified in subsections (2) and (3) are met, municipalities and counties may, every other year thereafter, increase or decrease by ordinance the rates of business taxes by up to 5 percent. <u>However</u>, an increase <u>must</u>, <u>however</u>, <u>may not</u> be enacted by <u>at least</u> less than a majority plus one vote of the governing body.

414 <u>(5) Nothing in This chapter does not shall be construed to</u> 415 prohibit a municipality or county from decreasing or repealing 416 any business tax authorized under this chapter. <u>By majority</u> 417 vote, the governing body of a county or municipality may adopt

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418 an ordinance repealing a local business tax or establishing new 419 rates that decrease local business taxes and do not result in an 420 increase in local business taxes for a taxpayer. Such ordinances 421 are not subject to subsections (2) and (3).

(6) (5) A receipt may not be issued unless the federal 423 employer identification number or social security number is obtained from the person to be taxed.

Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 210.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

210.20 Employees and assistants; distribution of funds.-

428 (2) As collections are received by the division from such 429 cigarette taxes, it shall pay the same into a trust fund in the State Treasury designated "Cigarette Tax Collection Trust Fund" 431 which shall be paid and distributed as follows:

432 (b) Beginning July 1, 2004, and continuing through June 30, 433 2013, the division shall from month to month certify to the 434 Chief Financial Officer the amount derived from the cigarette tax imposed by s. 210.02, less the service charges provided for 435 436 in s. 215.20 and less 0.9 percent of the amount derived from the 437 cigarette tax imposed by s. 210.02, which shall be deposited 438 into the Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Trust Fund, specifying an amount equal to 1.47 percent of the net collections, and that 439 440 amount shall be paid to the Board of Directors of the H. Lee 441 Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, established under 442 s. 1004.43, by warrant drawn by the Chief Financial Officer. 443 Beginning July 1, 2014 2013, and continuing through June 30, 444 2033, the division shall from month to month certify to the 445 Chief Financial Officer the amount derived from the cigarette tax imposed by s. 210.02, less the service charges provided for 446

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447 in s. 215.20 and less 0.9 percent of the amount derived from the cigarette tax imposed by s. 210.02, which shall be deposited 448 449 into the Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Trust Fund, specifying 450 an amount equal to 4.04 $\frac{2.75}{2.75}$ percent of the net collections, and 451 that amount shall be paid to the Board of Directors of the H. 452 Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, established 453 under s. 1004.43, by warrant drawn by the Chief Financial 454 Officer. These funds are appropriated monthly out of the 455 Cigarette Tax Collection Trust Fund, to be used for lawful 456 purposes, including constructing, furnishing, equipping, 457 financing, operating, and maintaining cancer research and 458 clinical and related facilities; furnishing, equipping, 459 operating, and maintaining other properties owned or leased by 460 the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute; and 461 paying costs incurred in connection with purchasing, financing, 462 operating, and maintaining such equipment, facilities, and 463 properties. In fiscal years 2004-2005 and thereafter, the 464 appropriation to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research 465 Institute authorized by this subparagraph shall not be less than 466 the amount that would have been paid to the H. Lee Moffitt 467 Cancer Center and Research Institute in fiscal year 2001-2002, 468 had this subparagraph been in effect.

Section 9. Effective July 1, 2014, paragraphs (i) through (k) of subsection (2) of section 212.08, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (j) through (l), respectively, and a new paragraph (i) is added to that subsection, paragraph (p) of subsection (5) and paragraph (r) of subsection (7) are amended, paragraph (kkk) of subsection (7), as created by chapter 2013-39, Laws of Florida, is amended, and paragraphs (lll) and (mmm)

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476 are added to subsection (7) of that section, to read: 477 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and storage tax; specified exemptions.-The sale at retail, the 478 479 rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the 480 storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following 481 are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this 482 chapter. 483 (2) EXEMPTIONS; MEDICAL.-484 (i) Sales of therapeutic veterinary diets specifically 485 formulated to aid in the management of illness and disease of a 486 diagnosed health disorder in an animal and which are only 487 available from a licensed veterinarian are exempt from the tax 488 imposed under this chapter. 489 (5) EXEMPTIONS; ACCOUNT OF USE.-490 (p) Community contribution tax credit for donations.-491 1. Authorization.-Persons who are registered with the 492 department under s. 212.18 to collect or remit sales or use tax 493 and who make donations to eligible sponsors are eligible for tax 494 credits against their state sales and use tax liabilities as 495 provided in this paragraph: 496 a. The credit shall be computed as 50 percent of the person's approved annual community contribution. 497 498 b. The credit shall be granted as a refund against state 499 sales and use taxes reported on returns and remitted in the 12 500 months preceding the date of application to the department for 501 the credit as required in sub-subparagraph 3.c. If the annual 502 credit is not fully used through such refund because of 503 insufficient tax payments during the applicable 12-month period, 504 the unused amount may be included in an application for a refund Page 18 of 52

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505 made pursuant to sub-subparagraph 3.c. in subsequent years 506 against the total tax payments made for such year. Carryover 507 credits may be applied for a 3-year period without regard to any 508 time limitation that would otherwise apply under s. 215.26.

509 c. A person may not receive more than \$200,000 in annual 510 tax credits for all approved community contributions made in any 511 one year.

d. All proposals for the granting of the tax credit require the prior approval of the Department of Economic Opportunity.

e. The total amount of tax credits which may be granted for
all programs approved under this paragraph, s. 220.183, and s.
624.5105 is <u>\$18.4</u> \$10.5 million annually for projects that
provide homeownership opportunities for low-income <u>households</u> or
very-low-income households as <u>those terms are</u> defined in s.
420.9071(19) and (28) and \$3.5 million annually for all other
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521 f. A person who is eligible to receive the credit provided 522 for in this paragraph, s. 220.183, or s. 624.5105 may receive 523 the credit only under the one section of the person's choice.

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2. Eligibility requirements.-

(III) Goods or inventory; or

(II) Real property;

(I) Cash or other liquid assets;

525 a. A community contribution by a person must be in the 526 following form:

(IV) Other physical resources as identified by the Department of Economic Opportunity.

532 b. All community contributions must be reserved exclusively 533 for use in a project. As used in this sub-subparagraph, the term

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534 "project" means any activity undertaken by an eligible sponsor 535 which is designed to construct, improve, or substantially 536 rehabilitate housing that is affordable to low-income households 537 or very-low-income households as those terms are defined in s. 538 420.9071(19) and (28); designed to provide commercial, 539 industrial, or public resources and facilities; or designed to 540 improve entrepreneurial and job-development opportunities for low-income persons. A project may be the investment necessary to 541 542 increase access to high-speed broadband capability in rural 543 communities with enterprise zones, including projects that 544 result in improvements to communications assets that are owned 545 by a business. A project may include the provision of museum educational programs and materials that are directly related to 546 547 a any project approved between January 1, 1996, and December 31, 548 1999, and located in an enterprise zone designated pursuant to 549 s. 290.0065. This paragraph does not preclude projects that 550 propose to construct or rehabilitate housing for low-income 551 households or very-low-income households on scattered sites. With respect to housing, contributions may be used to pay the 552 553 following eligible low-income and very-low-income housing-554 related activities:

555 (I) Project development impact and management fees for low-556 income or very-low-income housing projects;

(II) Down payment and closing costs for <u>low-income persons</u> and very-low-income eligible persons, as <u>those terms are</u> defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28);

560 (III) Administrative costs, including housing counseling 561 and marketing fees, not to exceed 10 percent of the community 562 contribution, directly related to low-income or very-low-income

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(IV) Removal of liens recorded against residential property 564 by municipal, county, or special district local governments if 565 566 when satisfaction of the lien is a necessary precedent to the 567 transfer of the property to a low-income person or very-lowincome an eligible person, as those terms are defined in s. 568 420.9071(19) and (28), for the purpose of promoting home 569 570 ownership. Contributions for lien removal must be received from 571 a nonrelated third party.

c. The project must be undertaken by an "eligible sponsor," which includes:

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(I) A community action program;

575 (II) A nonprofit community-based development organization 576 whose mission is the provision of housing for low-income 577 <u>households</u> or very-low-income households or increasing 578 entrepreneurial and job-development opportunities for low-income 579 persons;

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(III) A neighborhood housing services corporation;

(IV) A local housing authority created under chapter 421;

582 (V) A community redevelopment agency created under s. 583 163.356;

584 (VI) A historic preservation district agency or 585 organization;

(VII) A regional workforce board;

587 (VIII) A direct-support organization as provided in s. 588 1009.983;

589 (IX) An enterprise zone development agency created under s. 590 290.0056;

(X) A community-based organization incorporated under



592 chapter 617 which is recognized as educational, charitable, or 593 scientific pursuant to s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 594 and whose bylaws and articles of incorporation include 595 affordable housing, economic development, or community 596 development as the primary mission of the corporation; 597 (XI) Units of local government; 598 (XII) Units of state government; or 599 (XIII) Any other agency that the Department of Economic 600 Opportunity designates by rule. 601 602 In no event may A contributing person may not have a financial 603 interest in the eligible sponsor. 604 d. The project must be located in an area designated an 605 enterprise zone or a Front Porch Florida Community, unless the 606 project increases access to high-speed broadband capability for 607 rural communities that have with enterprise zones but is 608 physically located outside the designated rural zone boundaries. 609 Any project designed to construct or rehabilitate housing for

610 low-income <u>households</u> or very-low-income households as <u>those</u> 611 <u>terms are</u> defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) is exempt from the 612 area requirement of this sub-subparagraph.

e.(I) If, during the first 10 business days of the state 613 fiscal year, eligible tax credit applications for projects that 614 615 provide homeownership opportunities for low-income households or 616 very-low-income households as those terms are defined in s. 617 420.9071(19) and (28) are received for less than the annual tax 618 credits available for those projects, the Department of Economic 619 Opportunity shall grant tax credits for those applications and 620 shall grant remaining tax credits on a first-come, first-served

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621 basis for any subsequent eligible applications received before 622 the end of the state fiscal year. If, during the first 10 business days of the state fiscal year, eligible tax credit 623 624 applications for projects that provide homeownership 625 opportunities for low-income households or very-low-income 626 households as those terms are defined in s. 420.9071(19) and 627 (28) are received for more than the annual tax credits available 628 for those projects, the Department of Economic Opportunity shall 629 grant the tax credits for those applications as follows:

(A) If tax credit applications submitted for approved
projects of an eligible sponsor do not exceed \$200,000 in total,
the credits shall be granted in full if the tax credit
applications are approved.

(B) If tax credit applications submitted for approved
projects of an eligible sponsor exceed \$200,000 in total, the
amount of tax credits granted pursuant to sub-sub-subsubparagraph (A) shall be subtracted from the amount of
available tax credits, and the remaining credits shall be
granted to each approved tax credit application on a pro rata
basis.

641 (II) If, during the first 10 business days of the state 642 fiscal year, eligible tax credit applications for projects other 643 than those that provide homeownership opportunities for low-644 income households or very-low-income households as those terms 645 are defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) are received for less 646 than the annual tax credits available for those projects, the Department of Economic Opportunity shall grant tax credits for 647 those applications and shall grant remaining tax credits on a 648 first-come, first-served basis for any subsequent eligible 649

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650 applications received before the end of the state fiscal year. 651 If, during the first 10 business days of the state fiscal year, 652 eligible tax credit applications for projects other than those 653 that provide homeownership opportunities for low-income 654 households or very-low-income households as those terms are 655 defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) are received for more than 656 the annual tax credits available for those projects, the 657 Department of Economic Opportunity shall grant the tax credits 658 for those applications on a pro rata basis.

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3. Application requirements.-

a. Any eligible sponsor seeking to participate in this program must submit a proposal to the Department of Economic 662 Opportunity which sets forth the name of the sponsor, a 663 description of the project, and the area in which the project is located, together with such supporting information as is 664 665 prescribed by rule. The proposal must also contain a resolution 666 from the local governmental unit in which the project is located 667 certifying that the project is consistent with local plans and 668 regulations.

669 b. Any person seeking to participate in this program must 670 submit an application for tax credit to the Department of Economic Opportunity which sets forth the name of the sponsor, a 671 672 description of the project, and the type, value, and purpose of 673 the contribution. The sponsor shall verify, in writing, the 674 terms of the application and indicate its receipt of the 675 contribution, and such which verification must be in writing and 676 accompany the application for tax credit. The person must submit 677 a separate tax credit application to the Department of Economic Opportunity for each individual contribution that it makes to 678

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679 each individual project.

680 c. Any person who has received notification from the 681 Department of Economic Opportunity that a tax credit has been 682 approved must apply to the department to receive the refund. 683 Application must be made on the form prescribed for claiming 684 refunds of sales and use taxes and be accompanied by a copy of 685 the notification. A person may submit only one application for 686 refund to the department within <u>a any</u> 12-month period.

4. Administration.-

a. The Department of Economic Opportunity may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 necessary to administer this paragraph, including rules for the approval or disapproval of proposals by a person.

b. The decision of the Department of Economic Opportunity must be in writing, and, if approved, the notification shall state the maximum credit allowable to the person. Upon approval, the Department of Economic Opportunity shall transmit a copy of the decision to the department of Revenue.

697 c. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall 698 periodically monitor all projects in a manner consistent with 699 available resources to ensure that resources are used in 700 accordance with this paragraph; however, each project must be 701 reviewed at least once every 2 years.

d. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall, in consultation with the statewide and regional housing and financial intermediaries, market the availability of the community contribution tax credit program to community-based organizations.

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5. Expiration.-This paragraph expires June 30, 2016 2015;



708 however, any accrued credit carryover that is unused on that 709 date may be used until the expiration of the 3-year carryover 710 period for such credit.

711 (7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS.-Exemptions provided to any 712 entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is 713 otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a 714 representative or employee of the entity by any means, 715 including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed 716 717 by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by 718 this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is 719 otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has 720 obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department 721 or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as 722 required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made 723 with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this 724 subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an 725 exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict 726 compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and 727 shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer 728 this subsection.

729 (r) School books and school lunches.-This exemption applies 730 to school books used in regularly prescribed courses of study, 731 and to school lunches served in public, parochial, or nonprofit 732 schools operated for and attended by pupils of grades K through 733 12. Yearbooks, magazines, newspapers, directories, bulletins, 734 and similar publications distributed by such educational 735 institutions to their students are also exempt. School books and 736 food sold or served at community colleges and other institutions

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737 of higher learning are taxable, except that prepaid meal plans 738 purchased from a college or other institution of higher learning 739 by students currently enrolled at that college or other 740 institution of higher learning are exempt. As used in this 741 paragraph, "prepaid meal plans" means payment in advance to a college or institution of higher learning for the provision of a defined quantity of units that must expire at the end of an academic term, cannot be refunded to the student upon expiration, and which may only be exchanged for food.

(kkk) Certain machinery and equipment.-

1. Industrial machinery and equipment purchased by eligible 748 manufacturing businesses which is used at a fixed location 749 within this state, or a mixer drum affixed to a mixer truck 750 which is used at any location within this state to mix, agitate, 751 and transport freshly mixed concrete in a plastic state, for the 752 manufacture, processing, compounding, or production of items of 753 tangible personal property for sale shall be exempt from the tax 754 imposed by this chapter. Parts and labor required to affix a 755 mixer drum exempt under this paragraph to a mixer truck are also 756 exempt. If at the time of purchase the purchaser furnishes the 757 seller with a signed certificate certifying the purchaser's 758 entitlement to exemption pursuant to this paragraph, the seller 759 is relieved of the responsibility for collecting the tax on the 760 sale of such items, and the department shall look solely to the 761 purchaser for recovery of the tax if it determines that the 762 purchaser was not entitled to the exemption.

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2. For purposes of this paragraph, the term:

764 a. "Eligible manufacturing business" means any business 765 whose primary business activity at the location where the

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industrial machinery and equipment is located is within the industries classified under NAICS codes 31, 32, and 33. As used in this subparagraph, "NAICS" means those classifications contained in the North American Industry Classification System, as published in 2007 by the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

b. "Primary business activity" means an activity representing more than fifty percent of the activities conducted at the location where the industrial machinery and equipment is located.

c. "Industrial machinery and equipment" means tangible 776 777 personal property or other property that has a depreciable life 778 of 3 years or more and that is used as an integral part in the 779 manufacturing, processing, compounding, or production of 780 tangible personal property for sale. A building and its 781 structural components are not industrial machinery and equipment 782 unless the building or structural component is so closely 783 related to the industrial machinery and equipment that it houses 784 or supports that the building or structural component can be 785 expected to be replaced when the machinery and equipment are 786 replaced. Heating and air conditioning systems are not 787 industrial machinery and equipment unless the sole justification 788 for their installation is to meet the requirements of the 789 production process, even though the system may provide 790 incidental comfort to employees or serve, to an insubstantial 791 degree, nonproduction activities. The term includes parts and 792 accessories for industrial machinery and equipment only to the 793 extent that the parts and accessories are purchased prior to the 794 date the machinery and equipment are placed in service.

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795 3. This paragraph is repealed April 30, 2017. 796 (111) Motor vehicle child restraint.-The sale of a child restraint system or booster seat for use in a motor vehicle is 797 798 exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter. 799 (mmm) Youth bicycle helmets.-The sale of a bicycle helmet 800 marketed for use by youth is exempt from the tax imposed by this 801 chapter. 802 Section 10. Subsection (11) of section 212.12, Florida 803 Statutes, is amended to read: 804 212.12 Dealer's credit for collecting tax; penalties for 805 noncompliance; powers of Department of Revenue in dealing with 806 delinquents; brackets applicable to taxable transactions; 807 records required.-808 (11) The department shall make available in an electronic 809 format or otherwise the tax amounts and brackets applicable to 810 all taxable transactions that occur in counties that have a 811 surtax at a rate other than 1 percent which transactions would 812 otherwise have been transactions taxable at the rate of 6 percent. Likewise, the department shall make available in an 813 814 electronic format or otherwise the tax amounts and brackets 815 applicable to transactions taxable at 4.35 7 percent pursuant to 816 s. 212.05(1)(e)1.c. s. 212.05(1)(e) and on transactions which 817 would otherwise have been so taxable in counties which have 818 adopted a discretionary sales surtax.

819 Section 11. Effective September 1, 2014, paragraphs (c) and 820 (d) of subsection (6) of section 212.20, Florida Statutes, are 821 amended to read:

822 212.20 Funds collected, disposition; additional powers of 823 department; operational expense; refund of taxes adjudicated

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824 unconstitutionally collected.-825 (6) Distribution of all proceeds under this chapter, and s. 826 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b), and s. 203.01(1)(a)3. is shall be as 827 follows: 828 (c)1. Proceeds from the fees imposed under ss. 829 212.05(1)(h)3. and 212.18(3) shall remain with the General 830 Revenue Fund. 831 2. The portion of the proceeds which constitutes gross 832 receipts tax imposed pursuant to s. 203.01(1)(a)3. shall be 833 deposited as provided by law and in accordance with s. 9, Art. 834 XII of the State Constitution. 835 (d) The proceeds of all other taxes and fees imposed 836 pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) 837 and (2)(b) shall be distributed as follows: 838 1. In any fiscal year, the greater of \$500 million, minus 839 an amount equal to 4.6 percent of the proceeds of the taxes 840 collected pursuant to chapter 201, or 5.2 percent of all other 841 taxes and fees imposed pursuant to this chapter or remitted 842 pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be deposited in 843 monthly installments into the General Revenue Fund. 844 2. After the distribution under subparagraph 1., 8.8854 845 8.814 percent of the amount remitted by a sales tax dealer located within a participating county pursuant to s. 218.61 846 847 shall be transferred into the Local Government Half-cent Sales 848 Tax Clearing Trust Fund. Beginning July 1, 2003, the amount to 849 be transferred shall be reduced by 0.1 percent, and the 850 department shall distribute this amount to the Public Employees 851 Relations Commission Trust Fund less \$5,000 each month, which 852 shall be added to the amount calculated in subparagraph 3. and



853 distributed accordingly.

3. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1. and 2.,
0.0956 0.095 percent shall be transferred to the Local
Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund and
distributed pursuant to s. 218.65.

4. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3., <u>2.0603</u> 2.0440 percent of the available proceeds shall be transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Counties pursuant to s. 218.215.

862 5. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 863 3., 1.3517 1.3409 percent of the available proceeds shall be 864 transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for 865 Municipalities pursuant to s. 218.215. If the total revenue to 866 be distributed pursuant to this subparagraph is at least as great as the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for 867 868 Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, no municipality shall 869 870 receive less than the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust 871 Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial 872 Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000. If the 873 total proceeds to be distributed are less than the amount 874 received in combination from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for 875 Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance 876 Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, each municipality 877 shall receive an amount proportionate to the amount it was due 878 in state fiscal year 1999-2000.

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6. Of the remaining proceeds:

a. In each fiscal year, the sum of \$29,915,500 shall bedivided into as many equal parts as there are counties in the

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882 state, and one part shall be distributed to each county. The 883 distribution among the several counties must begin each fiscal 884 year on or before January 5th and continue monthly for a total 885 of 4 months. If a local or special law required that any moneys 886 accruing to a county in fiscal year 1999-2000 under the then-887 existing provisions of s. 550.135 be paid directly to the 888 district school board, special district, or a municipal 889 government, such payment must continue until the local or 890 special law is amended or repealed. The state covenants with 891 holders of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness issued by 892 local governments, special districts, or district school boards 893 before July 1, 2000, that it is not the intent of this 894 subparagraph to adversely affect the rights of those holders or 895 relieve local governments, special districts, or district school 896 boards of the duty to meet their obligations as a result of 897 previous pledges or assignments or trusts entered into which 898 obligated funds received from the distribution to county 899 governments under then-existing s. 550.135. This distribution 900 specifically is in lieu of funds distributed under s. 550.135 901 before July 1, 2000.

b. The department shall distribute \$166,667 monthly 902 903 pursuant to s. 288.1162 to each applicant certified as a 904 facility for a new or retained professional sports franchise 905 pursuant to s. 288.1162. Up to \$41,667 shall be distributed 906 monthly by the department to each certified applicant as defined 907 in s. 288.11621 for a facility for a spring training franchise. 908 However, not more than \$416,670 may be distributed monthly in 909 the aggregate to all certified applicants for facilities for 910 spring training franchises. Distributions begin 60 days after

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911 such certification and continue for not more than 30 years, 912 except as otherwise provided in s. 288.11621. A certified 913 applicant identified in this sub-subparagraph may not receive 914 more in distributions than expended by the applicant for the 915 public purposes provided for in s. 288.1162(5) or s. 916 288.11621(3).

917 c. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Department of 918 Economic Opportunity to the Department of Revenue that an 919 applicant has been certified as the professional golf hall of 920 fame pursuant to s. 288.1168 and is open to the public, \$166,667 921 shall be distributed monthly, for up to 300 months, to the 922 applicant.

923 d. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Department of 924 Economic Opportunity to the Department of Revenue that the 925 applicant has been certified as the International Game Fish 926 Association World Center facility pursuant to s. 288.1169, and the facility is open to the public, \$83,333 shall be distributed 927 928 monthly, for up to 168 months, to the applicant. This 929 distribution is subject to reduction pursuant to s. 288.1169. A 930 lump sum payment of \$999,996 shall be made \overline{r} after certification 931 and before July 1, 2000.

932 e. The department shall distribute up to \$55,555 monthly to 933 each certified applicant as defined in s. 288.11631 for a 934 facility used by a single spring training franchise, or up to 935 \$111,110 monthly to each certified applicant as defined in s. 936 288.11631 for a facility used by more than one spring training 937 franchise. Monthly distributions begin 60 days after such 938 certification or July 1, 2016, whichever is later, and continue for not more than 30 years, except as otherwise provided in s. 939

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940 288.11631. A certified applicant identified in this subsubparagraph may not receive more in distributions than expended 941 942 by the applicant for the public purposes provided in s. 943 288.11631(3). 944 7. All other proceeds must remain in the General Revenue 945 Fund. 946 Section 12. The Department of Revenue may, and all 947 conditions are deemed met to, adopt emergency rules pursuant to 948 ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of 949 implementing the amendments to ss. 203.01, 212.05, 212.12, and 950 212.20, Florida Statutes, relating to changes to the taxation of 951 electrical power or energy, made by this act. This section 952 expires July 1, 2017. 953 Section 13. Effective July 1, 2014, section 212.17, Florida 954 Statutes, is reordered and amended to read: 955 212.17 Tax credits or refunds for returned goods, rentals, 956 or admissions; goods acquired for dealer's own use and 957 subsequently resold; additional powers of department.-958 (1) (a) If In the event purchases are returned to a dealer 959 by the purchaser or consumer after the tax imposed by this 960 chapter has been collected from or charged to the account of the 961 consumer or user, the dealer is shall be entitled to 962 reimbursement of the amount of tax collected or charged by the 963 dealer, in the manner prescribed by the department. 964 (b) A registered dealer that purchases property for the 965 dealer's own use, pays tax on acquisition, and sells the 966 property subsequent to acquisition without ever having used the 967 property is entitled to reimbursement, in the manner prescribed 968 by the department, of the amount of tax paid on the property's

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970 (c) If the tax has not been remitted by a dealer to the 971 department, the dealer may deduct the same in submitting his or 972 her return upon receipt of a signed statement by of the dealer 973 as to the gross amount of such refunds during the period covered 974 by the said signed statement, which may period shall not be 975 longer than 90 days. The department shall issue to the dealer an 976 official credit memorandum equal to the net amount remitted by 977 the dealer for such tax collected or paid. Such memorandum shall 978 be accepted by the department at full face value from the dealer to whom it is issued upon, in the remittance of for subsequent 979 980 taxes accrued under the provisions of this chapter. If a dealer 981 has retired from business and has filed a final return, a refund 982 of tax may be made if it can be established to the satisfaction 983 of the department that the tax was not due.

984 (2) A dealer who has paid the tax imposed by this chapter 985 on tangible personal property sold under a retained title, 986 conditional sale, or similar contract, or under a contract in 987 which wherein the dealer retains a security interest in the 988 property pursuant to chapter 679, may take credit or obtain a 989 refund for the tax paid by the dealer on the unpaid balance due 990 him or her when he or she repossesses the property, (with or without judicial process,) the property within 12 months after 991 992 following the month in which the property was repossessed. If 993 When such repossessed property is resold, the sale is subject in 994 all respects to the tax imposed by this chapter.

995 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4), a dealer who has 996 paid the tax imposed by this chapter on tangible personal 997 property or services may take a credit or obtain a refund for

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998	any tax paid by the dealer on the unpaid balance due on
999	worthless accounts within 12 months <u>after</u> following the month in
1000	which the bad debt has been charged off for federal income tax
1001	purposes. If any accounts so charged off for which a credit or
1002	refund has been obtained are subsequently, thereafter in whole
1003	or in part, paid to the dealer, the amount so paid shall be
1004	included in the first return filed after such collection and the
1005	tax paid accordingly.
1006	(4) With respect to the payment of taxes on purchases made
1007	through a private-label credit card program:
1008	(a) If consumer accounts or receivables are found to be
1009	worthless or uncollectible, the dealer may claim a credit for,
1010	or obtain a refund of, the tax remitted by the dealer on the
1011	unpaid balance due if:
1012	1. The accounts or receivables have been charged off as bad
1013	debt on the lender's books and records on or after January 1,
1014	2014;
1015	2. A credit was not previously claimed and a refund was not
1016	previously allowed on any portion of the accounts or
1017	receivables; and
1018	3. The credit or refund is claimed within 12 months after
1019	the month in which the bad debt has been charged off by the
1020	lender for federal income tax purposes.
1021	(b) If the dealer or the lender subsequently collects, in
1022	whole or in part, the accounts or receivables for which a credit
1023	or refund has been granted under paragraph (a), the dealer shall
1024	include the taxable percentage of the amount collected in the
1025	first return filed after the collection and pay the tax on the
1026	portion of that amount for which a credit or refund was granted.
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1027 (c) The credit or refund allowed includes all credit sale 1028 transaction amounts that are outstanding in the specific 1029 private-label credit card account or receivable at the time the 1030 account or receivable is charged off, regardless of the date on 1031 which the credit sale transaction actually occurred. 1032 (d) A dealer must use one of the following methods to 1033 determine the amount of the credit or refund: 1034 1. An apportionment method to substantiate the amount of 1035 tax imposed under this chapter which is included in the bad debt 1036 to which the credit or refund applies. The method must use the 1037 dealer's Florida and non-Florida sales, the dealer's taxable and 1038 nontaxable sales, and the amount of tax the dealer remitted to 1039 this state; or 1040 2. A specified percentage of the accounts or receivables 1041 giving rise to the credit or refund, which is derived from a sampling of the dealer's or lender's records in accordance with 1042 1043 a methodology agreed upon by the department and the dealer. 1044 (e) For purposes of computing the credit or refund, 1045 payments on the accounts or receivables shall be allocated based 1046 on the terms and conditions of the contract between the dealer 1047 or lender and the consumer. 1048 (f) The credit or refund for tax on bad debt may be claimed 1049 on any return filed by an entity related by a direct or indirect 1050 common ownership of 50 percent or more. 1051 (g) The amount of the credit or refund that a dealer is 1052 eligible to recover under this subsection is limited to 64.4 1053 percent of the tax paid to the department which is attributable 1054 to bad debt. 1055 (h) As used in this subsection, the term:

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1056	1. "Dealer's affiliates" means an entity affiliated with
1057	the dealer under 26 U.S.C. s. 1504 or an entity that would be an
1058	affiliate under that section if the entity were a corporation.
1059	2. "Lender" means a person who owns or has owned a private-
1060	label credit card account or an interest in a private-label
1061	credit card receivable that:
1062	a. The person purchased directly from a dealer who remitted
1063	the tax imposed under this chapter or from the dealer's
1064	affiliates, or that was transferred from a third party;
1065	b. The person originated pursuant to that person's contract
1066	with a dealer who remitted the tax imposed under this chapter or
1067	with the dealer's affiliates; or
1068	c. Is affiliated in the manner described under 26 U.S.C. s.
1069	1504, regardless of whether the different entities are
1070	corporations, with a person described in sub-subparagraph a. or
1071	sub-subparagraph b. or with an assignee or other transferee of
1072	such person.
1073	3. "Private-label credit card" means a charge card or
1074	credit card that carries, refers to, or is branded with the name
1075	or logo of a dealer and can be used for purchases from the
1076	dealer whose name or logo appears on the card or for purchases
1077	from the dealer's affiliates or franchises.
1078	<u>(6) (4) (a)</u> The department shall <u>:</u>
1079	(a) Design, prepare, print and furnish to all dealers,
1080	except dealers filing through electronic data interchange, or
1081	make available or prescribe to the dealers, all necessary forms
1082	for filing returns and instructions to ensure a full collection
1083	from dealers and an accounting for the taxes due. The, but

1084 failure of <u>a</u> any dealer to secure such forms does not relieve

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1085 the dealer from the payment of the tax at the time and in the 1086 manner provided.

(b) The department shall Prescribe the format and instructions necessary for filing returns in a manner that is initiated through an electronic data interchange to ensure a full collection from dealers and an accounting for the taxes due. The failure of \underline{a} any dealer to use such format does not relieve the dealer from the payment of the tax at the time and in the manner provided.

(7)(5) The department and its assistants are hereby authorized and empowered to administer the oath for the purpose of enforcing and administering the provisions of this chapter.

(8)(6) The department <u>may</u> has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to <u>administer and</u> enforce the provisions of this <u>section</u> chapter.

(5) (7) If The department, where admissions, license fees, or rental payments, or payments for services are made and thereafter returned to the payors after the taxes thereon have been paid, the department shall return or credit the taxpayer for taxes so paid on the moneys returned in the same manner as is provided for returns or credits of taxes if where purchases or tangible personal property are returnable to a dealer.

Section 14. Subsection (5) of section 213.0535, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

213.0535 Registration Information Sharing and Exchange Program.-

(5) <u>A</u> Any provision of law imposing confidentiality upon
data shared under this section, including, but not limited to, <u>a</u>
any provision imposing penalties for disclosure, applies to

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recipients of this data and their employees. Data exchanged 1114 under this section may not be provided to a any person or entity 1115 1116 other than a person or entity administering the tax or licensing 1117 provisions of those provisions of law enumerated in paragraph 1118 (4) (a), and such data may not be used for any purpose other than 1119 for enforcing those tax or licensing provisions. This subsection 1120 does not prevent a level-two participant from publishing 1121 statistics classified so as to prevent the identification of 1122 particular accounts, reports, declarations, or returns. However, 1123 statistics may not be published if they contain data pertaining 1124 to fewer than three taxpayers or if the statistics are prepared 1125 for geographic areas below the county level and contain data pertaining to fewer than 10 taxpayers. This subsection does not 1126 1127 authorize the publishing of statistics that could be used to 1128 calculate the gross receipts or income of any individual 1129 taxpayer. Statistics may not be published under this section if 1130 a single taxpayer has remitted more than 33 percent of the tax 1131 that is the subject of the statistics. Statistics published 1132 under this subsection must relate only to tourist development 1133 taxes imposed under s. 125.0104, the tourist impact tax imposed 1134 under s. 125.0108, convention development taxes imposed under s. 1135 212.0305, or the municipal resort tax authorized under chapter 1136 67-930, Laws of Florida. This subsection does not prevent the 1137 Department of Revenue from meeting the requirements of s. 1138 125.0104(3)(h). 1139 Section 15. Effective July 1, 2014, paragraph (c) of

1140 subsection (1) and subsection (5) of section 220.183, Florida 1141 Statutes, are amended to read:

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220.183 Community contribution tax credit.-



1143 (1) AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION TAX CREDITS; LIMITATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL CREDITS AND PROGRAM 1144 1145 SPENDING.-(c) The total amount of tax credit which may be granted for 1146 all programs approved under this section, s. 212.08(5)(p), and 1147 s. 624.5105 is \$18.4 \$10.5 million annually for projects that 1148 1149 provide homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-low-1150 income households as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) and 1151 \$3.5 million annually for all other projects. 1152 (5) EXPIRATION.-The provisions of this section, except 1153 paragraph (1)(e), shall expire and are be void on June 30, 2016 1154 $\frac{2015}{2}$. 1155 Section 16. Effective July 1, 2014, paragraph (c) of 1156 subsection (3) of section 288.9914, Florida Statutes, is amended 1157 to read: 1158 288.9914 Certification of qualified investments; investment 1159 issuance reporting.-1160 (3) REVIEW.-1161 (c) The department may not approve a cumulative amount of 1162 qualified investments that may result in the claim of more than 1163 \$216.34 \$178.8 million in tax credits during the existence of 1164 the program or more than \$36.6 million in tax credits in a 1165 single state fiscal year. However, the potential for a taxpayer 1166 to carry forward an unused tax credit may not be considered in 1167 calculating the annual limit. 1168 Section 17. Effective January 1, 2015, subsection (5) of 1169 section 624.4094, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

624.4094 Bail bond premiums.-

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(5) This section does not affect the reporting or payment



1172 of insurance premium taxes under ss. 624.509, 624.5091, and 1173 624.5092, and the insurance premium tax and related excise taxes 1174 shall continue to be calculated using gross bail bond premiums.

Section 18. Effective January 1, 2015, subsections (1) and (8) of section 624.509, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 624.509 Premium tax; rate and computation.-

1178 (1) In addition to the license taxes provided for in this 1179 chapter, each insurer shall also annually, and on or before 1180 March 1 in each year, except as to wet marine and transportation 1181 insurance taxed under s. 624.510, pay to the Department of 1182 Revenue a tax on insurance premiums, premiums for title 1183 insurance, or assessments, including membership fees and policy 1184 fees and gross deposits received from subscribers to reciprocal 1185 or interinsurance agreements, and on annuity premiums or 1186 considerations, received during the preceding calendar year, the 1187 amounts thereof to be determined as set forth in this section, 1188 to wit:

1189 (a) An amount equal to 1.75 percent of the gross amount of 1190 such receipts on account of life and health insurance policies 1191 covering persons resident in this state and on account of all 1192 other types of policies and contracts, (except annuity policies 1193 or contracts taxable under paragraph (b) and bail bond policies 1194 or contracts taxable under paragraph (c), + covering property, 1195 subjects, or risks located, resident, or to be performed in this 1196 state, omitting premiums on reinsurance accepted, and less 1197 return premiums or assessments, but without deductions:

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1. For reinsurance ceded to other insurers;

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1201 3. For discounts or refunds for direct or prompt payment of 1202 premiums or assessments; and 1203 4. On account of dividends of any nature or amount paid and 1204 credited or allowed to holders of insurance policies; 1205 certificates; or surety, indemnity, reciprocal, or 1206 interinsurance contracts or agreements; and 1207 (b) An amount equal to 1 percent of the gross receipts on 1208 annuity policies or contracts paid by holders thereof in this 1209 state; and. 1210 (c) An amount equal to 1.75 percent of the direct written 1211 premiums for bail bonds, excluding any amounts retained by 1212 licensed bail bond agents or licensed managing general agents. (8) From and after July 1, 1980, The premium tax authorized 1213 1214 by this section may shall not be imposed on: upon 1215 (a) Any portion of the title insurance premium retained by 1216 a title insurance agent or agency; or 1217 (b) Receipts of annuity premiums or considerations paid by 1218 holders in this state if the tax savings derived are credited to 1219 the annuity holders. Upon request by the Department of Revenue, 1220 an any insurer availing itself of this provision shall submit to 1221 the department evidence that which establishes that the tax 1222 savings derived have been credited to annuity holders. As used 1223 in this paragraph subsection, the term "holders" includes shall 1224 be deemed to include employers contributing to an employee's 1225 pension, annuity, or profit-sharing plan.

Section 19. Effective July 1, 2014, paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and subsection (6) of section 624.5105, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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624.5105 Community contribution tax credit; authorization;

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1230 limitations; eligibility and application requirements; 1231 administration; definitions; expiration.-

(1) AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT TAX CREDITS; LIMITATIONS.-

1233 (c) The total amount of tax credit which may be granted for 1234 all programs approved under this section and ss. 212.08(5)(p) 1235 and 220.183 is \$18.4 \$10.5 million annually for projects that provide homeownership opportunities for low-income or very-low-1237 income households as defined in s. 420.9071(19) and (28) and 1238 \$3.5 million annually for all other projects.

(6) EXPIRATION.-The provisions of this section, except paragraph (1)(e), shall expire and are be void on June 30, 2016 $\frac{2015}{2}$.

Section 20. Effective January 1, 2015, subsection (2) of section 627.7711, Florida Statutes, is amended to read

627.7711 Definitions.-As used in this part, the term:

(2) "Premium" means the charge, as specified by rule of the commission, which that is made by a title insurer for a title insurance policy, including the charge for performance of primary title services by a title insurer or title insurance agent or agency, and incurring the risks incident to such policy, under the several classifications of title insurance contracts and forms, and upon which charge a premium tax is paid under s. 624.509. As used in this part or in any other law, with respect to title insurance, the word "premium" does not include a commission.

1255 Section 21. Sales tax holiday for Energy Star and 1256 WaterSense products.-

1257 (1) The tax levied under chapter 212, Florida Statutes, may not be collected during the period from 12:01 a.m. on September

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1259 19, 2014, through 11:59 p.m. on September 21, 2014, on the first 1260 \$1,500 of the sales price of a new Energy Star product or 1261 WaterSense product. However, a person is limited to one purchase 1262 of each specific type of Energy Star or WaterSense product 1263 listed in paragraph (2)(a) or paragraph (2)(b) with a sales 1264 price of \$500 or more. A second or subsequent purchase of a 1265 specific type of Energy Star product or WaterSense product with 1266 a sales price of \$500 or more is subject to tax.

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(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Energy Star product" means a room air conditioner, air purifier, ceiling fan, clothes washer, clothes dryer, dehumidifier, dishwasher, freezer, refrigerator, water heater, swimming pool pump, or package of light bulbs that is designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy as meeting or exceeding each agency's requirements under the Energy Star program and that is affixed with an Energy Star label.

(b) "WaterSense product" means a bathroom sink faucet, faucet accessory, high-efficiency toilet or urinal, showerhead, or weather or sensor-based irrigation controller that is recognized as water efficient by the WaterSense program sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and that is affixed with a WaterSense label.

(3) The Department of Revenue may, and all conditions are deemed met to, adopt emergency rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, Florida Statutes, to administer this section.

1285 Section 22. (1) The tax levied under chapter 212, Florida 1286 Statutes, may not be collected during the period from 12:01 a.m. 1287 on August 1, 2014, through 11:59 p.m. on August 3, 2014, on the

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1288	sale of:
1289	(a) Clothing, wallets, or bags, including handbags,
1290	backpacks, fanny packs, and diaper bags, but excluding
1291	briefcases, suitcases, and other garment bags, having a sales
1292	price of \$100 or less per item. As used in this paragraph, the
1293	term "clothing" means:
1294	1. Any article of wearing apparel intended to be worn on or
1295	about the human body, excluding watches, watchbands, jewelry,
1296	umbrellas, and handkerchiefs; and
1297	2. All footwear, excluding skis, swim fins, roller blades,
1298	and skates.
1299	(b) School supplies having a sales price of \$15 or less per
1300	item. As used in this paragraph, the term "school supplies"
1301	means pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, notebook
1302	filler paper, legal pads, binders, lunch boxes, construction
1303	paper, markers, folders, poster board, composition books, poster
1304	paper, scissors, cellophane tape, glue or paste, rulers,
1305	computer disks, protractors, compasses, and calculators.
1306	(2) The tax levied under chapter 212, Florida Statutes, may
1307	not be collected during the period from 12:01 a.m. on August 1,
1308	2014, through 11:59 p.m. on August 3, 2014, on the first \$750 of
1309	the sales price of personal computers or personal computer-
1310	related accessories purchased for noncommercial home or personal
1311	use. As used in this subsection, the term:
1312	(a) "Personal computers" includes electronic book readers,
1313	laptops, desktops, handhelds, tablets, and tower computers. The
1314	term does not include cellular telephones, video game consoles,
1315	digital media receivers, or devices that are not primarily
1316	designed to process data.

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1317	(b) "Personal computer-related accessories" includes
1318	keyboards, mice, personal digital assistants, monitors, other
1319	peripheral devices, modems, routers, and nonrecreational
1320	software, regardless of whether the accessories are used in
1321	association with a personal computer base unit. The term does
1322	not include furniture or systems, devices, software, or
1323	peripherals designed or intended primarily for recreational use.
1324	(c) "Monitors" does not include devices that have a
1325	television tuner.
1326	(3) The tax exemptions provided in this section do not
1327	apply to sales within a theme park or entertainment complex as
1328	defined in s. 509.013(9), Florida Statutes, within a public
1329	lodging establishment as defined in s. 509.013(4), Florida
1330	Statutes, or within an airport as defined in s. 330.27(2),
1331	Florida Statutes.
1332	(4) The Department of Revenue may, and all conditions are
1333	deemed met to, adopt emergency rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1)
1334	and 120.54, Florida Statutes, to administer this section.
1335	Section 23. (1) The tax levied under chapter 212, Florida
1336	Statutes, may not be collected during the period from 12:01 a.m.
1337	on May 31, 2014, through 11:59 p.m. on June 8, 2014, on the sale
1338	<u>of:</u>
1339	(a) A portable self-powered light source selling for \$20 or
1340	less.
1341	(b) A portable self-powered radio, two-way radio, or
1342	weatherband radio selling for \$50 or less.
1343	(c) A tarpaulin or other flexible waterproof sheeting
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1345	(d) A self-contained first-aid kit selling for \$30 or less.

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1346	(e) A ground anchor system or tie-down kit selling for \$50
1347	or less.
1348	(f) A gas or diesel fuel tank selling for \$25 or less.
1349	(g) A package of AA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt, or 9-volt
1350	batteries, excluding automobile and boat batteries, selling for
1351	\$30 or less.
1352	(h) A nonelectric food storage cooler selling for \$30 or
1353	less.
1354	(i) A portable generator used to provide light or
1355	communications or preserve food in the event of a power outage
1356	selling for \$750 or less.
1357	(j) Reusable ice selling for \$10 or less.
1358	(2) The Department of Revenue may, and all conditions are
1359	deemed met to, adopt emergency rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1)
1360	and 120.54, Florida Statutes, to administer this section.
1361	(3) The tax exemptions provided in this section do not
1362	apply to sales within a theme park or entertainment complex as
1363	defined in s. 509.013(9), Florida Statutes, within a public
1364	lodging establishment as defined in s. 509.013(4), Florida
1365	Statutes, or within an airport as defined in s. 330.27(2),
1366	Florida Statutes.
1367	Section 24. For fiscal year 2014-2015, the sum of \$43,941
1368	of nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue
1369	Fund to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of
1370	administering the sales tax holiday for Energy Star and
1371	WaterSense products.
1372	Section 25. For the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the sum of
1373	\$223,048 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
1374	Revenue Fund to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of

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1375	administering the provisions of this act relating to the tax
1376	exemption for specified school supplies. Funds from the
1377	appropriation that remain unexpended or unencumbered as of June
1378	30, 2014, shall revert and be reappropriated for the same
1379	purpose in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.
1380	Section 26. For the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the sum of
1381	\$280,912 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
1382	Revenue Fund to the Department of Revenue for purposes of
1383	administering the tax exemptions for the purchase of tangible
1384	personal property relating to hurricane preparedness specified
1385	under this act.
1386	Section 27. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
1387	act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
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1390	And the title is amended as follows:
1391	Delete everything before the enacting clause
1392	and insert:
1393	A bill to be entitled
1394	An act relating to taxation; amending s. 202.11, F.S.;
1395	revising the term "prepaid calling arrangement";
1396	amending s. 212.05, F.S.; clarifying and updating
1397	which services are included under the definition
1398	"prepaid calling arrangement" and subject to a sales
1399	tax; conforming provisions to changes made by the act
1400	to taxes on electrical power and energy made;
1401	providing retroactive application; amending s. 203.01,
1402	F.S.; providing for an additional tax on charges for,
1403	or the use of, certain electrical power or energy and



1404 the rate for such tax; providing an exemption; 1405 providing for the redistribution of certain taxes on 1406 electrical power and energy; providing applicability; 1407 providing that a seller of electrical power or energy 1408 may combine the collection of certain taxes if 1409 properly reflected in its return to the Department of 1410 Revenue; amending s. 205.0535, F.S.; providing that a 1411 county or municipality may repeal or reduce a local 1412 business tax by majority vote; amending s. 210.20, 1413 F.S.; revising the payment and distribution of the 1414 Cigarette Tax Collection Trust Fund; amending s. 1415 212.08, F.S.; exempting therapeutic veterinary diets 1416 obtainable only from a licensed veterinarian from the 1417 state tax on sales, use, and other transactions; 1418 increasing the amount of tax credits that may be 1419 granted for certain approved projects that provide 1420 homeownership opportunities; extending the expiration 1421 date applicable to the granting of community 1422 contribution tax credits against the sales and use tax 1423 for contributions to eligible sponsors of community 1424 projects approved by the Department of Economic 1425 Opportunity; revising provisions exempting certain 1426 prepaid meal plans and certain machinery and equipment 1427 from the sales and use tax exempting sales of child 1428 restraint systems and booster seats for use in motor 1429 vehicles and youth bicycle helmets from the sales and 1430 use tax; amending s. 212.12, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1431 212.20, F.S.; revising the distribution of taxes, 1432

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1433 including the taxes collected on charges for 1434 electrical power and energy; authorizing the 1435 Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; 1436 amending s. 212.17, F.S.; providing procedures, 1437 requirements, and calculation methodologies that allow dealers to obtain tax credits or refunds for taxes 1438 1439 paid on worthless or uncollectible private-label 1440 credit card accounts or receivables; providing a cap 1441 on the amount that may be recovered; providing 1442 definitions; amending s. 213.0535, F.S.; providing 1443 provisions related to the publication of statistics 1444 regarding the Registration Information Sharing and 1445 Exchange Program; amending s. 220.183, F.S.; 1446 increasing the amount of tax credits that may be 1447 granted for certain approved programs; extending the 1448 expiration date applicable to the granting of 1449 community contribution tax credits against the 1450 corporate income tax for contributions to eligible 1451 sponsors of community projects approved by the Department of Economic Opportunity; amending s. 1452 1453 288.9914, F.S.; revising limits on tax credits that 1454 may be approved by the Department of Economic 1455 Opportunity under the New Markets Development Program; 1456 amending s. 624.4094, F.S.; deleting a provision 1457 relating to the reporting or payment of specified 1458 insurance premium taxes; amending s. 624.509, F.S.; 1459 requiring an insurer to pay to the Department of 1460 Revenue a specified amount of the direct written 1461 premiums for bail bonds; amending s. 624.5105, F.S.;

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1462 increasing the amount of tax credits that may be 1463 granted for certain approved programs; extending the 1464 expiration date applicable to the granting of 1465 community contribution tax credits against the 1466 insurance premium tax for contributions to eligible 1467 sponsors of community projects approved by the 1468 Department of Economic Opportunity; amending s. 1469 627.7711, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made 1470 by the act; providing for a sales tax holiday for 1471 certain Energy Star and WaterSense products; providing 1472 restrictions; specifying a period during which the 1473 sale of clothing, wallets, bags, school supplies, 1474 personal computers, and personal computer-related 1475 accessories are exempt from the sales tax; providing 1476 definitions; providing exceptions; authorizing the 1477 Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; 1478 providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for 1479 sales during a specified period of certain tangible 1480 personal property related to hurricane preparedness; 1481 authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt 1482 emergency rules; providing an exemption from the sales 1483 and use tax for sales during a specified period of 1484 certain tangible personal property related to 1485 hurricane preparedness; authorizing the Department of 1486 Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing 1487 appropriations; providing effective dates.