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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Finance and Tax (Flores) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 27 - 111

and insert:

not be collected during the period from 12:01 a.m. on May 31, 2016, through 11:59 p.m. on June 14, 2016, on the sale of:

(a) A portable self-powered light source selling for \$20 or less.

(b) A portable self-powered radio, two-way radio, or weather band radio selling for \$75 or less.



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- 11 (c) A tarpaulin or other flexible waterproof sheeting
12 selling for \$50 or less.
- 13 (d) An item typically sold or advertised as a ground anchor
14 system or tie-down kit selling for \$50 or less.
- 15 (e) A gas or diesel fuel tank selling for \$25 or less.
- 16 (f) A package of AAA-cell, AA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt,
17 or 9-volt batteries, excluding automobile and boat batteries,
18 selling for \$30 or less.
- 19 (g) A cellular telephone battery selling for \$60 or less.
- 20 (h) A cellular telephone charger selling for \$40 or less.
- 21 (i) A nonelectric food storage cooler selling for \$30 or
22 less.
- 23 (j) A portable generator that is used to provide light,
24 support communications, or preserve food during a power outage
25 and selling for \$1,000 or less.
- 26 (k) A storm shutter device selling for \$200 or less. As
27 used in this paragraph, the term "storm shutter device" means a
28 material or product manufactured, rated, and marketed
29 specifically for the purpose of preventing window damage from
30 storms.
- 31 (l) A carbon monoxide detector selling for \$75 or less.
- 32 (m) Reusable ice selling for \$10 or less.
- 33 (n) A single product consisting of two or more of the items
34 listed in paragraphs (a)-(m) and selling for \$75 or less.
- 35 (o) A personal locator beacon selling for \$600 or less.
- 36 (p) An emergency position-indicating radio beacon selling
37 for \$1,500 or less.
- 38 (2) The tax exemptions provided in this section do not
39 apply to sales within a public lodging establishment as defined



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40 in s. 509.013(4), Florida Statutes, within a theme park or
41 entertainment complex as defined in s. 509.013(9), Florida
42 Statutes, or within an airport as defined in s. 330.27(2),
43 Florida Statutes.

44 (3) The Department of Revenue is authorized, and all
45 conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant to
46 ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, Florida Statutes, to implement this
47 section.

48 (4) This section expires September 30, 2016.

49 Section 2. For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the sum of
50 \$212,754 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
51 Revenue Fund to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of
52 administering the tax exemptions for the purchase of tangible
53 personal property relating to disaster preparedness specified
54 under this act.

55 Section 3. Section 252.359, Florida Statutes, is created to
56 read:

57 252.359 Ensuring availability of emergency supplies.-

58 (1) In order to meet the needs of residents affected by a
59 declared emergency and to ensure the continuing economic
60 resilience of communities impacted by disaster, the Division of
61 Emergency Management shall establish a statewide system to
62 facilitate transport and distribution of essentials throughout
63 the state.

64 (2) As used in this section, the term "essentials" means
65 any goods that are consumed or used as a direct result of an
66 emergency or that are consumed or used to preserve, protect, or
67 sustain life, health, safety, or economic well-being.

68 (3) The division shall develop a system to certify a person



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69 who transports essentials in commerce or assists in ensuring the
70 availability of essentials, subject to the following:

71 (a) The system must allow for both preemergency declaration
72 and postemergency declaration certification and may include an
73 annually renewable precertification.

74 (b) The division may certify only a person who routinely
75 transports or distributes essentials.

76 (c) If requested by the employer, a certification of the
77 employer constitutes a certification of the employer's
78 employees.

79 (d) The division shall create an easily recognizable
80 indicium of certification to assist local officials' efforts to
81 determine which persons have been certified under this
82 subsection.

83 (e) A person certified by the division is not required to
84 obtain any additional certification or fulfill any additional
85 requirement in order to transport or distribute essentials.

86 (4) Notwithstanding any curfew, a person certified under
87 subsection (3) may enter or remain in the curfew area for the
88 limited purpose of distributing or assisting in the distribution
89 of essentials and may provide service that exceeds

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91 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

92 And the title is amended as follows:

93 Delete lines 7 - 16

94 and insert:

95 adopt emergency rules to implement the exemption;
96 providing an expiration date; providing an
97 appropriation; creating s. 252.359, F.S.; requiring



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98 the Division of Emergency Management to create a
99 statewide system to facilitate transport and
100 distribution of essentials in an emergency throughout
101 the state; defining the term "essentials"; requiring
102 the division to develop a certification system for
103 certain persons who transport or assist in the
104 distribution of essentials; providing requirements and
105 conditions for