

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to taximeters; amending s. 531.37,  
 3           F.S.; revising a definition; amending s. 531.61, F.S.;  
 4           removing an exemption from commercial use permit  
 5           requirements for taximeters; amending s. 531.63, F.S.;  
 6           removing a limitation on annual commercial use permit  
 7           fees for taximeters; providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 531.37, Florida  
 12   Statutes, is amended to read:

13           531.37 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

14           (1) "Weights and measures" means all weights and measures  
 15   of every kind, instruments, and devices for weighing and  
 16   measuring, and any appliance and accessories associated with any  
 17   or all such instruments and devices, excluding any device that  
 18   measures time and distance for the purpose of charging a fare  
 19   for the transportation of persons in a motor vehicle and those  
 20   weights and measures used for the purpose of inspecting the  
 21   accuracy of devices used in conjunction with aviation fuel.

22           Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 531.61, Florida  
 23   Statutes, is amended to read:

24           531.61 Exemptions from permit requirement.—Commercial  
 25   weights or measures instruments or devices are exempt from the

26 requirements of ss. 531.60-531.66 if:

27 ~~(1) The device is a taximeter that is licensed, permitted,~~  
28 ~~or registered by a municipality, county, or other local~~  
29 ~~government and is tested for accuracy and compliance with state~~  
30 ~~standards by the local government in cooperation with the state~~  
31 ~~as authorized in s. 531.421.~~

32 Section 3. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section  
33 531.63, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

34 531.63 Maximum permit fees.—The commercial use permit fees  
35 established for weights or measures instruments or devices shall  
36 be in an amount necessary to administer this chapter but may not  
37 exceed the amounts provided in this section.

38 (2) For other measuring devices, the annual permit fees  
39 per device may not exceed the following:

40 ~~(g) Taximeters.....\$50.~~

41 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.