

By Senator Stewart

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to gratuity or service charges;
3 amending s. 509.214, F.S.; requiring specified notice
4 by a public food service establishment that includes a
5 suggested gratuity or service charge in the price of a
6 meal; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Section 509.214, Florida Statutes, is amended to
11 read:

12 509.214 Notification of ~~automatic~~ gratuity or service
13 charge.—

14 (1) Every public food service establishment ~~that~~ which
15 includes an automatic gratuity or service charge in the price of
16 the meal shall include on the food menu and on the face of the
17 bill provided to the customer notice that an automatic gratuity
18 or service charge is included.

19 (2) Every public food service establishment that includes a
20 suggested gratuity or service charge on the bill provided to the
21 customer shall include on the face of the same bill a notice of
22 the method for calculating the suggested gratuity or service
23 charge. Such notice shall, at a minimum, advise the customer:

24 (a) If the calculation was based on the pre-tax amount or
25 the post-tax amount.

26 (b) The percentage used to calculate the suggested gratuity
27 or service charge, which was applied to the amount in paragraph
28 (a) to calculate the suggested total shown on the bill.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.