

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senators Young and Hutson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to lost or abandoned property;
3 amending s. 705.17, F.S.; providing that certain
4 provisions of ch. 705, F.S., do not apply to lost or
5 abandoned personal property on the premises of
6 specified facilities if certain conditions are met;
7 creating s. 705.185, F.S.; providing for the disposal
8 of lost or abandoned personal property found on the
9 premises of specified facilities; specifying
10 procedures for the disposal of such property;
11 authorizing the rightful owner to claim lost or
12 abandoned property at any time before its disposal;
13 providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 705.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to
18 read:

19 705.17 Exceptions.—Sections ~~The provisions of ss. 705.101-~~
20 705.106 do not apply ~~of this chapter shall not be applied~~ to any
21 personal property lost or abandoned on the campus of any
22 institution in the State University System; ~~or~~ on premises owned
23 or controlled by the operator of a public-use airport having
24 regularly scheduled international passenger service; or, if the
25 owner or operator of the premises elects to comply with s.
26 705.185, on any premises located within a theme park or
27 entertainment complex, as the term is defined in s. 509.013(9),
28 or operated as a zoo, a museum, or an aquarium or on any
29 premises of a public food service establishment or public

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30 lodging establishment licensed under part I of chapter 509.

31 Section 2. Section 705.185, Florida Statutes, is created to
32 read:

33 705.185 Disposal of personal property lost or abandoned on
34 the premises of certain facilities.—Whenever any lost or
35 abandoned personal property is found on any premises located
36 within a theme park or entertainment complex, as the term is
37 defined in s. 509.013(9), or operated as a zoo, a museum, or an
38 aquarium; or on any premises of a public food service
39 establishment or public lodging establishment licensed under
40 part I of chapter 509, if the owner or operator of the premises
41 elects to comply with this section, any lost or abandoned
42 property must be delivered to the owner or operator of the
43 premises, who shall take charge of the property and make a
44 record of the date such property was found. If the property is
45 not claimed by the owner within 30 days after it is found, or a
46 longer period of time as may be deemed appropriate by the owner
47 or operator of the premises, the owner or operator of the
48 premises must dispose of the property or donate it to a
49 charitable institution that is exempt from federal income tax
50 under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for sale or
51 disposal as that charitable institution deems appropriate. The
52 rightful owner of the property may reclaim the property at any
53 time before the disposition, sale, or donation of the property
54 in accordance with this section and the established policies and
55 procedures of the owner or operator of the premises.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.