

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to lost or abandoned personal  
 3           property; amending s. 705.17, F.S.; providing that  
 4           certain provisions relating to lost or abandoned  
 5           property do not apply to personal property lost or  
 6           abandoned on the premises of certain complexes or  
 7           facilities if certain conditions are met; creating s.  
 8           705.185, F.S.; providing for the disposal or donation  
 9           of personal property lost or abandoned on the premises  
 10          of certain complexes or facilities in certain  
 11          circumstances; authorizing the rightful owner of such  
 12          lost or abandoned personal property to reclaim such  
 13          property before disposal or donation; providing an  
 14          effective date.

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

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

20           705.17 Exceptions.—Sections ~~The provisions of ss. 705.101-~~  
 21           705.106 do not apply ~~of this chapter shall not be applied~~ to any  
 22           personal property lost or abandoned on the campus of any  
 23           institution in the State University System; ~~or~~ or on premises owned  
 24           or controlled by the operator of a public-use airport having  
 25           regularly scheduled international passenger service; or, if the

26 | owner or operator of the premises elects to comply with s.  
27 | 705.185, on any premises located within a theme park or  
28 | entertainment complex, as the term is defined in s. 509.013(9),  
29 | or operated as a zoo, a museum, or an aquarium or on any  
30 | premises of a public food service establishment or public  
31 | lodging establishment licensed under part I of chapter 509.

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

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

51 under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for sale or  
52 disposal as that charitable institution deems appropriate. The  
53 rightful owner of the property may reclaim the property at any  
54 time before the disposition, sale, or donation of the property  
55 in accordance with this section and the established policies and  
56 procedures of the owner or operator of the premises.

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