

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; requiring a
 14 charitable institution to make a reasonable effort to
 15 delete certain information from an electronic device
 16 in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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 20 Section 1. Section 705.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 21 read:

22 705.17 Exceptions.—

23 (1) Sections ~~The provisions of ss. 705.101-705.106~~ do not
 24 apply ~~of this chapter shall not be applied~~ to any personal
 25 property lost or abandoned on the campus of any institution in

26 | the State University System or on premises owned or controlled
27 | by the operator of a public-use airport having regularly
28 | scheduled international passenger service.

29 | (2) Sections 705.1015-705.106 do not apply to any personal
30 | property lost or abandoned on premises located within a theme
31 | park or entertainment complex, as defined in s. 509.013(9), or
32 | operated as a zoo, a museum, or an aquarium, or on premises of a
33 | public food service establishment or public lodging
34 | establishment licensed under part I of chapter 509, if the owner
35 | or operator of such premises elects to comply with s. 705.185.

36 | Section 2. Section 705.185, Florida Statutes, is created
37 | to read:

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

51 deemed appropriate by the owner or operator of the premises, the
52 owner or operator of the premises may not sell and shall dispose
53 of the property or donate it to a charitable institution that is
54 exempt from federal income tax under s. 501(c)(3) of the
55 Internal Revenue Code for sale or other disposition as the
56 charitable institution deems appropriate. The rightful owner of
57 the property may reclaim the property from the owner or operator
58 of the premises at any time before the disposition or donation
59 of the property in accordance with this section and the
60 established policies and procedures of the owner or operator of
61 the premises. A charitable institution that accepts an
62 electronic device, as defined in s. 815.03(9), access to which
63 is not secured by a password or other personal identification
64 technology, must make a reasonable effort to delete all personal
65 data from the electronic device before its sale or other
66 disposition, unless the institution chooses to dispose of it or
67 donate it to another charitable institution.

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