

By Senator Steube

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public lodging; creating s.
3 509.093, F.S.; providing legislative findings and
4 intent; prohibiting transient lodging establishments
5 from requiring minimum stays of greater than one
6 night; authorizing the Division of Hotels and
7 Restaurants of the Department of Business and
8 Professional Regulation to adopt rules; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 509.093, Florida Statutes, is created to
14 read:

15 509.093 Minimum stay requirements for transient public
16 lodging establishments.—

17 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—Hotel and other public
18 lodging multiple-night, minimum-stay requirements can
19 significantly reduce the available lodging in an area for
20 travelers only requiring overnight accommodations while in
21 transit to other destinations or those travelers only planning
22 to visit or stay in a particular area for one evening. The
23 Legislature finds that such minimum-stay requirements harm
24 tourism in the state overall and make it unnecessarily difficult
25 for travelers to find safe and reasonable accommodations as
26 needed. Given the importance of tourism to this state, it is the
27 intent of the Legislature that travelers to and within this
28 state be able to reasonably locate public lodging to meet their
29 needs, and that such minimum stay requirements should be

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30 prohibited.

31 (2) PROHIBITION.—Transient public lodging establishments
32 may not require a minimum stay of greater than one night.

33 (3) RULEMAKING.—The division may adopt rules to implement
34 this section.

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