

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

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

66 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.