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1	Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Tourism, Infrastructure &
2	Energy Subcommittee
3	Representative Salzman offered the following:
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5	Amendment (with title amendment)
6	Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
7	Section 1. Section 220.197, Florida Statutes, is created
8	to read:
9	220.197 Main Street Historic Tourism and Revitalization
10	Act; tax credits; reports
11	(1) SHORT TITLE.—This act may be cited as the "Main Street
12	Historic Tourism and Revitalization Act."
13	(2) DEFINITIONSAs used in this section, the term:
14	(a) "Accredited Main Street Program" means an active
15	Florida Main Street Program or the Orlando Main Streets program,
16	provided that such program meets the Main Street America
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17	accreditation standards. An Accredited Main Street Program must:
18	1. Have broad-based community support for the commercial
19	district revitalization process with strong support from the
20	public and private sectors.
21	2. Have a developed vision and mission statement relevant
22	to community conditions and to Main Street America's
23	organizational stage.
24	3. Have a comprehensive Main Street America work plan.
25	4. Possess a historic preservation ethic.
26	5. Have an active board of directors and committees.
27	6. Have an adequate operating budget.
28	7. Have a paid professional program manager.
29	8. Conduct a program of ongoing training for staff and
30	volunteers.
31	9. Report key statistics.
32	10. Be a current member of Main Street America.
33	(b) "Certified historic structure" means a building and
34	its structural components as defined in 36 C.F.R. s. 67.2 which
35	is of a character subject to the allowance for depreciation
36	provided in s. 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
37	amended, and which is:
38	1. Individually listed in the National Register of
39	Historic Places; or
40	2. Located within a registered historic district and
41	certified by the United States Secretary of the Interior as
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42	being of historic significance to the registered historic
43	district as set forth in 36 C.F.R. s. 67.2.
44	(c) "Certified rehabilitation" means the rehabilitation of
45	a certified historic structure that the United States Secretary
46	of the Interior has certified to the United States Secretary of
47	the Treasury as being consistent with the historic character of
48	the certified historic structure and, if applicable, consistent
49	with the registered historic district in which the certified
50	historic structure is located as set forth in 36 C.F.R. s. 67.2.
51	(d) "Division" means the Division of Historical Resources
52	of the Department of State.
53	(e) "Florida Main Street Program" means a statewide
54	historic preservation-based downtown revitalization assistance
55	program created, maintained, and administered by the division
56	under s. 267.031(5).
57	(f) "Local program area" means the specific geographic
58	area in which an Accredited Main Street Program is conducted as
59	approved and maintained by the division or in which the Orlando
60	Main Streets program is conducted.
61	(g) "Long-term leasehold" means a leasehold in a
62	nonresidential real property for a term of 39 years or more or a
63	leasehold in a residential real property for a term of 27.5
64	years or more.
65	(h) "Main Street America" means a national network of
66	grassroots organizations revitalizing historic downtown areas
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67	under the loadership of the National Main Street Conter. Inc.
	under the leadership of the National Main Street Center, Inc., a
68	subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
69	(i) "National Register of Historic Places" means the list
70	<u>of historic properties significant in American history,</u>
71	architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture maintained by
72	the United States Secretary of the Interior as authorized in 54
73	<u>U.S.C. s. 3021.</u>
74	(j) "Orlando Main Streets" means a historic preservation-
75	based district revitalization program administered by the City
76	<u>of Orlando.</u>
77	(k) "Qualified expenses" means rehabilitation expenditures
78	qualifying for the credit under 26 U.S.C. s. 47 incurred in this
79	state.
80	(1) "Registered historic district" means a district listed
81	in the National Register of Historic Places or a district:
82	1. Designated under general law or local ordinance and
83	certified by the United States Secretary of the Interior as
84	meeting criteria that will substantially achieve the purposes of
85	preserving and rehabilitating buildings of historic significance
86	to the district; and
87	2. Certified by the United States Secretary of the
88	Interior as meeting substantially all of the requirements for
89	listing a district in the National Register of Historic Places.
90	(3) ELIGIBILITY FOR TAX CREDITFor taxable years
91	beginning on or after January 1, 2023, there is allowed a credit
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92	against any tax due for a taxable year under this chapter after
93	the application of any other allowable credits by the taxpayer.
94	(a) To claim and receive a tax credit under this section,
95	<u>a taxpayer must apply to the division for a tax credit for</u>
96	qualified expenses in the amount and under the conditions and
97	limitations provided in this section against the tax due for a
98	taxable year under this chapter and must provide the division
99	with all of the following:
100	1. Documentation showing that:
101	a. The rehabilitation is a certified rehabilitation;
102	b. The structure is a certified historic structure, is
103	income-producing, is located within this state, and is
104	rehabilitated and placed in service on or after January 1, 2023;
105	c. The taxpayer had an ownership or a long-term leasehold
106	interest in the certified historic structure in the year during
107	which the certified historic structure was placed into service
108	after the certified rehabilitation was completed;
109	d. The total amount of qualified expenses incurred in
110	rehabilitating the certified historic structure exceeded \$5,000;
111	e. The qualified expenses were incurred in this state; and
112	f. The taxpayer received a tax credit for the qualified
113	expenses under 26 U.S.C. s. 47.
114	2. An official certificate of eligibility from the
115	division, signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer or
116	the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, attesting that
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117 the project has been approved by the National Park Service and 118 confirming that the project is located within a local program 119 area.

3. National Park Service Form 10-168c (Rev. 2019), titled 120 121 "Historic Preservation Certification Application-Part 3-Request for Certification of Completed Work," or a similar form, signed 122 by an officer of the National Park Service, attesting that the 123 124 completed rehabilitation meets the United States Secretary of 125 the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and is consistent with the historic character of the property and, if applicable, 126 127 the district in which the completed rehabilitation is located. 128 The form may be obtained through the National Park Service. 129 4. An identification of the dates during which the 130 certified historic structure was rehabilitated, the date the 131 certified historic structure was placed in service after the 132 certified rehabilitation was completed, and evidence that the 133 certified historic structure was placed in service after the 134 certified rehabilitation was completed.

135 <u>5. A list of total qualified expenses incurred by the</u>
 136 <u>taxpayer in rehabilitating the certified historic structure. For</u>
 137 <u>certified rehabilitations with qualified expenses that exceed</u>
 138 <u>\$750,000, the taxpayer must submit an audited cost report issued</u>
 139 <u>by a certified public accountant which itemizes the qualified</u>
 140 <u>expenses incurred in rehabilitating the certified historic</u>
 141 <u>structure. A taxpayer may submit an audited cost report issued</u>
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142	by a certified public accountant which was created for purposes
143	of applying for a federal historic rehabilitation tax credit and
144	which includes all of the qualified expenses incurred in
145	rehabilitating the certified historic structure.
146	6. An attestation of the total qualified expenses incurred
147	by the taxpayer in rehabilitating the certified historic
148	structure.
149	7. The information required to be reported by the
150	department in subsection (8) to enable the department to compile
151	its annual report.
152	(b) Within 60 days after receipt of the information
153	required under paragraph (a), the division shall evaluate the
154	application and recommend the applicant for certification or
155	denial. The division must approve or deny the application within
156	30 days after receiving the recommendation. If approved, the
157	division must provide a letter of certification to the applicant
158	consistent with any restrictions imposed. If the division denies
159	any part of the requested credit, the division must inform the
160	applicant of the grounds for the denial. The division must
161	submit a copy of the certification and the information provided
162	by the taxpayer to the department within 10 days after the
163	division's approval.
164	(4) AMOUNT OF TAX CREDIT The total tax credit claimed
165	annually may not exceed the amount of tax due after any other
166	applicable tax credits and may not exceed the following:
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167	(a) Twenty percent of the total qualified expenses
168	incurred in this state in rehabilitating a certified historic
169	structure that has been approved by the National Park Service to
170	receive the federal historic rehabilitation tax credit; or
171	(b) Thirty percent of the total qualified expenses
172	incurred in this state in rehabilitating a certified historic
173	structure that has been approved by the National Park Service to
174	receive the federal historic rehabilitation tax credit and that
175	is located within a local program area.
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177	The tax credit may be used to offset the corporate income tax
178	imposed in s. 220.11 and the insurance premium tax imposed in s.
179	624.509. An insurer claiming a credit against insurance premium
180	tax liability under this section may not be required to pay any
181	additional retaliatory tax levied pursuant to s. 624.5091 as a
182	result of claiming such credit. Section 624.5091 does not limit
183	such credit in any manner.
184	(5) CARRYFORWARD OF TAX CREDIT
185	(a) If a taxpayer is eligible for a tax credit that
186	exceeds taxes owed, the taxpayer may carry the unused tax credit
187	forward for a period of up to 5 taxable years.
188	(b) A carryforward is considered the remaining portion of
189	a tax credit that cannot be claimed in the current tax year.
190	(6) SALE OR TRANSFER OF TAX CREDIT
191	(a) A taxpayer that incurs qualified expenses may sell or
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192	transfer all or part of the tax credit that may otherwise be
193	claimed to another taxpayer.
194	(b) A taxpayer to which all or part of the tax credit is
195	sold or transferred may sell or transfer all or part of the tax
196	credit that may otherwise be claimed to another taxpayer.
197	(c) A taxpayer that sells or transfers a tax credit to
198	another taxpayer must provide a copy of the certificate of
199	eligibility together with the audited cost report to the
200	purchaser or transferee.
201	(d) Qualified expenses may be counted only once in
202	determining the amount of an available tax credit, and more than
203	one taxpayer may not claim a tax credit for the same qualified
204	expenses.
205	(e) There is no limit on the total number of transactions
206	for the sale or transfer of all or part of a tax credit.
207	(f)1. A taxpayer that sells or transfers a tax credit
208	under this subsection and the purchaser or transferee shall
209	jointly submit written notice of the sale or transfer to the
210	department on a form adopted by the department no later than the
211	30th day after the date of the sale or transfer. The notice must
212	include all of the following:
213	a. The date of the sale or transfer.
214	b. The amount of the tax credit sold or transferred.
215	c. The name and federal tax identification number of the
216	taxpayer that sold or transferred the tax credit and the
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217	purchaser or transferee.
218	d. The amount of the tax credit owned by the taxpayer
219	before the sale or transfer and the amount the selling or
220	transferring taxpayer retained, if any, after the sale or
221	transfer.
222	2. The sale or transfer of a tax credit under this
223	subsection does not extend the period for which a tax credit may
224	be carried forward and does not increase the total amount of the
225	tax credit that may be claimed.
226	3. If a taxpayer claims a tax credit for qualified
227	expenses, another taxpayer may not use the same expenses as the
228	basis for claiming a tax credit.
229	4. Notwithstanding the requirements of this subsection, a
230	tax credit earned by, purchased by, or transferred to a
231	partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or other
232	pass-through taxpayer may be allocated to the partners, members,
233	or shareholders of that taxpayer and claimed under this section
234	in accordance with any agreement among the partners, members, or
235	shareholders and without regard to the ownership interest of the
236	partners, members, or shareholders in the rehabilitated
237	certified historic structure.
238	(g) If the tax credit is reduced due to a determination,
239	examination, or audit by the department, the tax deficiency
240	shall be recovered from the taxpayer that sold or transferred
241	the tax credit or the purchaser or transferee that claimed the
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242	tax credit up to the amount of the tax credit taken.
243	(h) Any subsequent deficiencies shall be assessed against
244	the purchaser or transferee that claimed the tax credit or, in
245	the case of multiple succeeding entities, in the order of tax
246	credit succession.
247	(7) AUDIT AUTHORITY; REVOCATION AND FORFEITURE OF TAX
248	CREDITS; FRAUDULENT CLAIMS
249	(a) The department, with assistance from the division, may
250	perform any additional financial and technical audits and
251	examinations, including examining the accounts, books, or
252	records of the tax credit applicant, to verify the legitimacy of
253	the qualified expenses included in a tax credit return and to
254	ensure compliance with this section. If requested by the
255	department, the division must provide technical assistance for
256	any technical audits or examinations performed under this
257	subsection.
258	(b) It is grounds for forfeiture of previously claimed and
259	received tax credits if the department determines, as a result
260	of an audit or information received from the division or the
261	United States Department of the Interior, that a taxpayer
262	received a tax credit pursuant to this section to which the
263	taxpayer was not entitled. In the case of fraud, the taxpayer
264	may not claim any future tax credits under this section.
265	(c) The taxpayer must return forfeited tax credits to the
266	department, and such funds shall be paid into the General
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267	Revenue Fund.
268	(d) The taxpayer shall file with the department an amended
269	tax return or such other report as the department prescribes and
270	shall pay any required tax within 60 days after the taxpayer
271	receives notification from the United States Internal Revenue
272	Service that a previously approved tax credit has been revoked
273	or modified, if uncontested, or within 60 days after a final
274	order is issued following proceedings involving a contested
275	revocation or modification order.
276	(e) A notice of deficiency may be issued by the department
277	at any time within 5 years after the date on which the taxpayer
278	receives notification from the United States Internal Revenue
279	Service that a previously approved tax credit has been revoked
280	or modified.
281	(f) If a taxpayer fails to notify the department of any
282	change in its tax credit claimed, a notice of deficiency may be
283	issued at any time. In either case, the amount of any proposed
284	assessment set forth in such notice of deficiency is limited to
285	the amount of any deficiency resulting under this section from
286	the precomputation of the taxpayer's tax for the taxable year.
287	(g) A taxpayer that fails to report and timely pay any tax
288	due as a result of the forfeiture of its tax credit violates
289	this section and is subject to applicable penalties and
290	interest.
291	(8) ANNUAL REPORTSBased on the applications submitted
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292 and approved, the department must submit a report by December 1
293 of each year to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of
294 the House of Representatives that identifies, in the aggregate,
295 <u>all of the following:</u>
296 (a) The number of employees hired during construction
297 phases.
298 (b) The use of each newly rehabilitated building and the
299 expected number of employees hired.
300 (c) The number of affordable housing units created or
301 preserved.
302 (d) The property values before and after the certified
303 <u>rehabilitations.</u>
304 (9) DEPARTMENT DUTIES.—The department shall:
305 (a) Establish a cooperative agreement with the division.
306 (b) Establish any necessary forms required to claim a tax
307 <u>credit under this section.</u>
308 (c) Provide administrative guidelines and procedures
309 required to administer this section, including rules
310 establishing an entitlement to and sale or transfer of a tax
311 <u>credit under this section.</u>
312 (d) Provide examination and audit procedures required to
313 administer this section.
314 (10) RULES.—The department and the division may adopt
315 rules to administer this section.
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316	Section 2. Subsection (23) is added to section 213.053,
317	Florida Statutes, to read:
318	213.053 Confidentiality and information sharing
319	(23) The department may make available to the Division of
320	Historical Resources of the Department of State and the
321	Secretary of the Department of the Interior of the United States
322	or his or her delegate, exclusively for official purposes,
323	information for the purposes of administering the Main Street
324	Historic Tourism and Revitalization Act pursuant to s. 220.197.
325	Section 3. Subsection (8) of section 220.02, Florida
326	Statutes, is amended to read:
327	220.02 Legislative intent
328	(8) It is the intent of the Legislature that credits
329	against either the corporate income tax or the franchise tax be
330	applied in the following order: those enumerated in s. 631.828,
331	those enumerated in s. 220.191, those enumerated in s. 220.181,
332	those enumerated in s. 220.183, those enumerated in s. 220.182,
333	those enumerated in s. 220.1895, those enumerated in s. 220.195,
334	those enumerated in s. 220.184, those enumerated in s. 220.186,
335	those enumerated in s. 220.1845, those enumerated in s. 220.19,
336	those enumerated in s. 220.185, those enumerated in s. 220.1875,
337	those enumerated in s. 220.1876, those enumerated in s.
338	220.1877, those enumerated in s. 220.193, those enumerated in s.
339	288.9916, those enumerated in s. 220.1899, those enumerated in

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340 s. 220.194, those enumerated in s. 220.196, and those enumerated in s. 220.198, and those enumerated in s. 220.197. 341 342 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 343 220.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 344 220.13 "Adjusted federal income" defined.-345 The term "adjusted federal income" means an amount (1)346 equal to the taxpayer's taxable income as defined in subsection 347 (2), or such taxable income of more than one taxpayer as 348 provided in s. 220.131, for the taxable year, adjusted as 349 follows: 350 Additions.-There shall be added to such taxable (a) 351 income: 352 The amount of any tax upon or measured by income, 1.a. 353 excluding taxes based on gross receipts or revenues, paid or 354 accrued as a liability to the District of Columbia or any state 355 of the United States which is deductible from gross income in 356 the computation of taxable income for the taxable year. 357 b. Notwithstanding sub-subparagraph a., if a credit taken 358 under s. 220.1875, s. 220.1876, or s. 220.1877 is added to 359 taxable income in a previous taxable year under subparagraph 11. 360 and is taken as a deduction for federal tax purposes in the 361 current taxable year, the amount of the deduction allowed shall 362 not be added to taxable income in the current year. The 363 exception in this sub-subparagraph is intended to ensure that the credit under s. 220.1875, s. 220.1876, or s. 220.1877 is 364 560451 - h0247-strike.docx Published On: 2/14/2022 7:24:27 PM

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365 added in the applicable taxable year and does not result in a 366 duplicate addition in a subsequent year.

367 2. The amount of interest which is excluded from taxable 368 income under s. 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or any other 369 federal law, less the associated expenses disallowed in the 370 computation of taxable income under s. 265 of the Internal 371 Revenue Code or any other law, excluding 60 percent of any 372 amounts included in alternative minimum taxable income, as 373 defined in s. 55(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, if the 374 taxpayer pays tax under s. 220.11(3).

375 3. In the case of a regulated investment company or real 376 estate investment trust, an amount equal to the excess of the 377 net long-term capital gain for the taxable year over the amount 378 of the capital gain dividends attributable to the taxable year.

4. That portion of the wages or salaries paid or incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.181. This subparagraph shall expire on the date specified in s. 290.016 for the expiration of the Florida Enterprise Zone Act.

5. That portion of the ad valorem school taxes paid or incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.182. This subparagraph shall expire on the date specified in s. 290.016 for the expiration of the Florida Enterprise Zone Act.

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389 6. The amount taken as a credit under s. 220.195 which is
390 deductible from gross income in the computation of taxable
391 income for the taxable year.

392 7. That portion of assessments to fund a guaranty 393 association incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the 394 amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year.

395 8. In the case of a nonprofit corporation which holds a 396 pari-mutuel permit and which is exempt from federal income tax 397 as a farmers' cooperative, an amount equal to the excess of the 398 gross income attributable to the pari-mutuel operations over the 399 attributable expenses for the taxable year.

400 9. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year under401 s. 220.1895.

402 10. Up to nine percent of the eligible basis of any
403 designated project which is equal to the credit allowable for
404 the taxable year under s. 220.185.

405 11. Any amount taken as a credit for the taxable year 406 under s. 220.1875, s. 220.1876, or s. 220.1877. The addition in 407 this subparagraph is intended to ensure that the same amount is 408 not allowed for the tax purposes of this state as both a 409 deduction from income and a credit against the tax. This 410 addition is not intended to result in adding the same expense 411 back to income more than once.

412 12. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year 413 under s. 220.193.

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414	13. Any portion of a qualified investment, as defined in
415	s. 288.9913, which is claimed as a deduction by the taxpayer and
416	taken as a credit against income tax pursuant to s. 288.9916.
417	14. The costs to acquire a tax credit pursuant to s.
418	288.1254(5) that are deducted from or otherwise reduce federal
419	taxable income for the taxable year.
420	15. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year
421	pursuant to s. 220.194.
422	16. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year
423	under s. 220.196. The addition in this subparagraph is intended
424	to ensure that the same amount is not allowed for the tax
425	purposes of this state as both a deduction from income and a
426	credit against the tax. The addition is not intended to result
427	in adding the same expense back to income more than once.
428	17. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year
429	pursuant to s. 220.198.
430	18. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year
431	pursuant to s. 220.197.
432	Section 5. Subsection (7) of section 624.509, Florida
433	Statutes, is amended to read:
434	624.509 Premium tax; rate and computation
435	(7) Credits and deductions against the tax imposed by this
436	section shall be taken in the following order: deductions for
437	assessments made pursuant to s. 440.51; credits for taxes paid
438	under ss. 175.101 and 185.08; credits for income taxes paid
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439	under chapter 220 and the credit allowed under subsection (5),	
440	as these credits are limited by subsection (6); the credit	
441	allowed under s. 624.51057; the credit allowed under s. 220.197;	
442	and all other available credits and deductions.	
443	Section 6. (1) The Department of Revenue may, and all	
444	conditions are deemed met to, adopt emergency rules under s.	
445	120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing	
446	provisions related to the Main Street Historic Tourism and	
447	Revitalization Act.	
448	(2) Notwithstanding any other law, emergency rules adopted	
449	under this section are effective for 6 months after adoption and	
450	may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to adopt	
451	permanent rules addressing the subject of the emergency rules.	
452	(3) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming	
453	a law and expires July 1, 2023.	
454	Section 7. This act applies to taxable years beginning and	
455	for qualified expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2023.	
456	Section 8. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.	
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459	TITLE AMENDMENT	
460	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:	
461	An act relating to the Florida Main Street Program and	
462	historic preservation tax credits; creating s. 220.197,	
463	F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; specifying	
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464 eligibility requirements for receiving specified tax 465 credits for taxpayers that rehabilitate certified historic 466 structures; specifying requirements for taxpayers claiming 467 or transferring specified tax credits; specifying 468 requirements for the Division of Historical Resources of 469 the Department of State for evaluating and certifying 470 applications for specified tax credits; specifying the 471 amount of tax credits; providing construction; authorizing 472 the carryforward, sale, and transfer of tax credits; 473 providing the Department of Revenue and the division audit 474 and examination powers for specified purposes related to 475 certified rehabilitation expenses; requiring the return of 476 forfeited tax credits under certain circumstances; 477 providing penalties; requiring the Department of Revenue to 478 provide specified annual reports to the Legislature; 479 providing duties of the Department of Revenue; authorizing 480 the Department of Revenue and the division to adopt rules; 481 amending s. 213.053, F.S.; authorizing the Department of 482 Revenue and the Secretary of the Department of the Interior 483 of the United States to make certain information available 484 for specified purposes; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising 485 the order in which tax credits against the corporate income 486 tax credit or the franchise tax are applied; amending s. 487 220.13, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "adjusted 488 federal income"; amending s. 624.509, F.S.; revising the 560451 - h0247-strike.docx

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order in which credits and deductions against the insurance 489 490 premium tax are applied; authorizing the Department of 491 Revenue to adopt emergency rules to implement certain 492 provisions; providing for expiration of that authority; 493 providing applicability; providing an effective date. 494 495 WHEREAS, historic revitalization creates highly paid local 496 construction jobs, and 497 WHEREAS, historic rehabilitation increases the value of 498 buildings and results in a growing state and local tax base, and 499 WHEREAS, historic revitalization boosts heritage tourism 500 and creates thriving downtowns that are attractive to main 501 street businesses, and 502 WHEREAS, reusing historic buildings creates affordable 503 spaces for small business incubation, and 504 WHEREAS, repurposing historic buildings saves resources and 505 activates vacant spaces, and WHEREAS, historic rehabilitation projects leverage 506 507 significant private investment, and 508 WHEREAS, leveraging state tax incentives increases the 509 effectiveness of federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives 510 and the Opportunity Zones Program to encourage the historic 511 preservation of existing buildings, and

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512 WHEREAS, an increase in rehabilitation activity occurs when 513 a state incentive is combined with federal Historic Preservation 514 Tax Incentives, and

515 WHEREAS, many historic buildings in this state need safety 516 upgrades and other improvements that require both public and 517 private investment to return these buildings as assets of their 518 local communities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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