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By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senator Calatayud

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A bill to be entitled An act relating to tax credits for charitable contributions; creating s. 211.02535, F.S.; providing a credit against oil and gas production taxes under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit beginning on a specified date; prohibiting the combined credit allowed under certain provisions from exceeding a certain amount; requiring that a specified credit be taken first under certain circumstances; prohibiting any remaining liability from exceeding a certain amount; providing applicability; creating s. 212.18345, F.S.; providing a credit against sales taxes payable by direct pay permitholders under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit beginning on a specified date; requiring that the amount of tax due used to calculate the credit include certain amounts; requiring the Department of Revenue to disregard certain tax credits for a specified reason; providing applicability; requiring a dealer to pay his or her taxes electronically under certain circumstances; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising legislative intent; creating s. 220.18775, F.S.; providing a credit against the corporate income tax under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit beginning on a specified date; requiring that an eligible contribution be made on or before a specified date; providing that a credit granted by the act is reduced by a specified calculation; authorizing the credit on a consolidated return basis under certain circumstances; providing

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applicability; specifying requirements if a taxpayer applies and is approved for a specified credit; creating s. 402.63, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the Department of Health to designate organizations meeting specified criteria as eligible charitable organizations for purposes of the tax credit; prohibiting the Department of Health from designating certain organizations; specifying requirements for eligible charitable organizations receiving contributions; specifying duties of the Department of Health; specifying a limitation on, and application procedures for, the tax credit; specifying requirements and procedures for, and restrictions on, the carryforward, conveyance, transfer, assignment, and rescindment of credits; specifying requirements and procedures for the Department of Revenue; providing construction; authorizing the Department of Revenue, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and the Department of Health to develop a cooperative agreement and adopt rules; authorizing certain interagency information sharing; providing construction; creating s. 561.12135, F.S.; providing a credit against excise taxes on certain alcoholic beverages under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit beginning on a specified date; prohibiting the credit from exceeding a certain amount; requiring the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to

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disregard certain tax credits for a specified reason; providing applicability; amending s. 624.509, F.S.; revising the order of credits and deductions taken against a specified tax; creating s. 624.51059, F.S.; providing a credit against the insurance premium tax under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit for certain taxable years; specifying that certain insurers are not required to pay additional retaliatory tax; providing that a certain provision does not limit the credit; providing applicability; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules related to the Home Away From Home Tax Credit; providing that such emergency rules are effective for a specified period of time; authorizing that such emergency rules be renewed under certain circumstances; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Section 211.02535, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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211.02535 Credit for contributions to eligible charitable organizations for the Home Away From Home Tax Credit.—Beginning January 1, 2026, there is allowed a credit of 100 percent of an eligible contribution made to an eligible charitable organization under s. 402.63 against any tax due under s. 211.02 or s. 211.025. However, the combined credit allowed under this section and ss. 211.0251, 211.0252, 211.0253, and 211.0254 may not exceed 50 percent of the tax due on the return on which the

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credit is taken. If the combined credit allowed under the foregoing sections exceeds 50 percent of the tax due on the return, the credit must first be taken under s. 211.0251, then under s. 211.0253, then under s. 211.0252, then under s. 211.0254. Any remaining liability must be taken under this section, but may not exceed 50 percent of the tax due. For purposes of the distributions of tax revenue under s. 211.06, the department shall disregard any tax credits allowed under this section to ensure that any reduction in tax revenue received which is attributable to the tax credits results only in a reduction in distributions to the General Revenue Fund. Section 402.63 applies to the credit authorized by this section. Section 2. Section 212.18345, Florida Statutes, is created

to read:

212.18345 Credit for contributions to eligible charitable organizations for the Home Away From Home Tax Credit.-Beginning January 1, 2026, there is allowed a credit of 100 percent of an eligible contribution made to an eligible charitable organization under s. 402.63 against any tax imposed by the state and due under this chapter from a direct pay permitholder as a result of the direct pay permit held pursuant to s. 212.183. For purposes of the dealer's credit granted for keeping prescribed records, filing timely tax returns, and properly accounting and remitting taxes under s. 212.12, the amount of tax due used to calculate the credit must include any eligible contribution made to an eligible charitable organization from a direct pay permitholder. For purposes of the distributions of tax revenue under s. 212.20, the department shall disregard any tax credits allowed under this section to ensure that any

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120 authorized by this section. A dealer who claims a tax credit

121 under this section must file his or her tax returns and pay his

or her taxes by electronic means under s. 213.755.

Section 3. Subsection (8) of section 220.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220.02 Legislative intent.-

(8) It is the intent of the Legislature that credits against either the corporate income tax or the franchise tax be applied in the following order: those enumerated in s. 631.828, those enumerated in s. 220.191, those enumerated in s. 220.181, those enumerated in s. 220.183, those enumerated in s. 220.182, those enumerated in s. 220.1895, those enumerated in s. 220.195, those enumerated in s. 220.184, those enumerated in s. 220.186, those enumerated in s. 220.1845, those enumerated in s. 220.19, those enumerated in s. 220.185, those enumerated in s. 220.1875, those enumerated in s. 220.1876, those enumerated in s. 220.1877, those enumerated in s. 220.18775, those enumerated in s. 220.1878, those enumerated in s. 220.193, those enumerated in former s. 288.9916, those enumerated in former s. 220.1899, those enumerated in former s. 220.194, those enumerated in s.

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220.196, those enumerated in s. 220.198, those enumerated in s.

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220.1991, and those enumerated in s. 220.1992. 142

143 Section 4. Section 220.18775, Florida Statutes, is created 144 to read:

220.18775 Credit for contributions to eligible charitable

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organizations for the Home Away From Home Tax Credit.-

- (1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, there is allowed a credit of 100 percent of an eligible contribution made to an eligible charitable organization under s. 402.63 against any tax due for a taxable year under this chapter after the application of any other allowable credits by the taxpayer. An eligible contribution must be made to an eligible charitable organization on or before the date the taxpayer is required to file a return pursuant to s. 220.222. The credit granted by this section is reduced by the difference between the amount of federal corporate income tax, taking into account the credit granted by this section, and the amount of federal corporate income tax without application of the credit granted by this section.
- (2) A taxpayer who files a Florida consolidated return as a member of an affiliated group pursuant to s. 220.131(1) may be allowed the credit on a consolidated return basis; however, the total credit taken by the affiliated group is subject to the limitation established under subsection (1).
- (3) Section 402.63 applies to the credit authorized by this section.
- (4) If a taxpayer applies and is approved for a credit under s. 402.63 after timely requesting an extension to file under s. 220.222(2):
- (a) The credit does not reduce the amount of tax due for purposes of the department's determination as to whether the taxpayer was in compliance with the requirement to pay tentative taxes under ss. 220.222 and 220.32.
  - (b) The taxpayer's noncompliance with the requirement to

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pay tentative taxes will result in the revocation and rescindment of any such credit.

- (c) The taxpayer will be assessed for any taxes, penalties, or interest due from the taxpayer's noncompliance with the requirement to pay tentative taxes.
- Section 5. Section 402.63, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
  - 402.63 Home Away From Home Tax Credit.-
  - (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Annual tax credit amount" means, for any state fiscal year, the sum of the amount of tax credits approved under paragraph (5)(b), including tax credits to be taken under s. 211.02535, s. 212.18345, s. 220.18775, s. 561.12135, or s. 624.51059, which are approved for taxpayers whose taxable years begin on or after January 1 of the calendar year preceding the start of the applicable state fiscal year.
- (b) "Division" means the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- (c) "Eligible charitable organization" means an organization designated by the Department of Health as eligible to receive funding under this section.
- (d) "Eligible contribution" means a monetary contribution from a taxpayer, subject to the restrictions provided in this section, to an eligible charitable organization. The taxpayer making the contribution may not designate a specific family to be assisted by the eligible charitable organization as the beneficiary of the contribution.
  - (e) "Tax credit cap amount" means the maximum annual tax

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credit amount that the Department of Revenue may approve for a state fiscal year.

- (2) HOME AWAY FROM HOME TAX CREDITS; ELIGIBILITY.-
- (a) The Department of Health shall designate as an eligible charitable organization an organization that meets all of the following requirements:
- 1. Is exempt from federal income taxation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 2. Is a Florida entity formed under chapter 605, chapter 607, or chapter 617 whose principal office is located in this state.
- 3. At de minimis to no cost to the family, houses families of critically ill children receiving treatment.
- 4. Provides to the Department of Health accurate information, including, at a minimum, a description of the services provided by the organization; the total number of individuals served through those services during the last calendar year; basic financial information regarding the organization and services; and contact information for the organization.
- 5. Annually submits a statement, signed under penalty of perjury by a current officer of the organization, that the organization meets all criteria to qualify as an eligible charitable organization, has fulfilled responsibilities under this section for the previous fiscal year if the organization received any funding through this credit during the previous fiscal year, and intends to fulfill its responsibilities during the upcoming fiscal year.
  - 6. Provides any documentation requested by the Department

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of Health to verify eligibility as an eligible charitable organization or compliance with this section.

- (b) The Department of Health may not designate as an eligible charitable organization an organization that provides abortions or pays for or provides coverage for abortions.
- (3) RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.—

  An eligible charitable organization that receives a contribution under this section shall do all of the following:
- (a) Apply for admittance into the Department of Law Enforcement's Volunteer and Employee Criminal History System and, if accepted, conduct background screening on all volunteers and staff working directly with children in any program funded under this section pursuant to s. 943.0542. Background screening must use level 2 screening standards pursuant to s. 435.04 and must include, but need not be limited to, a check of the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website.
- (b) Expend 100 percent of any contributions received under this section for the expansion of current structures or the construction of new facilities for the purpose specified in subparagraph (2)(a)3.
  - (c) Annually submit to the Department of Health:
- 1. An audit of the eligible charitable organization conducted by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, government auditing standards, and rules adopted by the Auditor General. The audit report must include a report on financial statements presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit report must be provided to the Department of Health within 180 days after

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completion of the eligible charitable organization's fiscal
year; and

- 2. A copy of the eligible charitable organization's most recent federal Internal Revenue Service Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax form (Form 990), if filed.
- (d) Notify the Department of Health immediately if it is in jeopardy of losing the eligible charitable organization designation under this section.
- (e) Upon receipt of a contribution, provide the taxpayer that made the contribution with a certificate of contribution. A certificate of contribution must include the taxpayer's name and, if available, its federal employer identification number, the amount contributed, the date of contribution, and the name of the eligible charitable organization.
- (4) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT.—The Department of Health shall do all of the following:
- (a) Annually redesignate eligible charitable organizations that have complied with all requirements of this section.
- (b) Remove the designation of organizations that fail to meet all requirements of this section. An organization that has had its designation removed by the Department of Health may reapply for designation as an eligible charitable organization, and the Department of Health may redesignate such organization if it meets the requirements of this section and demonstrates through its application that all factors leading to its removal as an eligible charitable organization have been sufficiently addressed.
- (c) Work with each eligible charitable organization to assist in the maintenance of eligibility requirements until the

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completion of any construction project involving funds awarded in accordance with this section. The Department of Health shall establish a redesignation window for which an organization may be redesignated without the recoupment of funds.

- (d) Publish information about the tax credit and eligible charitable organizations on a Department of Health website. The website must, at a minimum, provide all of the following:
- 1. The requirements and process for becoming designated or redesignated as an eligible charitable organization.
- 2. A list of the eligible charitable organizations that are currently designated by the Department of Health and the information provided under subparagraph (2)(a)4. regarding each eligible charitable organization.
- 3. The process for a taxpayer to select an eligible charitable organization as the recipient of funding through a tax credit.
- (e) Compel the return of funds that were provided to an eligible charitable organization that fails to comply with the requirements of this section. Eligible charitable organizations subject to return of funds are ineligible to receive funding under this section for a period of 10 years after final agency action to compel the return of funds.
- 1. In order to encourage the completion of all construction projects, the Department of Health shall establish a process to determine whether an eligible charitable organization has failed to fulfill its responsibilities under this section. The process must require an eligible charitable organization to provide documentation of good faith efforts made to complete construction, including, but not limited to, plans and status

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updates on the project.

2. An eligible charitable organization that no longer meets the eligibility requirements under this section and makes no effort in conjunction with the Department of Health to rectify the situation is subject to return of funds.

- (f) Analyze the use of funding provided by the tax credit authorized under this section and submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives annually, beginning October 1, 2026. The report must, at a minimum, include the total funding amount provided under this section and the amounts provided to each eligible charitable organization, describe the eligible charitable organizations that were funded, and assess the outcomes that were achieved, as well as the projects in progress, using the funding.
- (5) HOME AWAY FROM HOME TAX CREDITS; APPLICATIONS, TRANSFERS, AND LIMITATIONS.—
- (a) Beginning in fiscal year 2026-2027, the tax credit cap amount is \$2.5 million in each state fiscal year.
- (b) A taxpayer may submit an application to the Department of Revenue for a tax credit or credits to be taken under one or more of s. 211.02535, s. 212.18345, s. 220.18775, s. 561.12135, or s. 624.51059, beginning at 9 a.m. on the first day of the calendar year which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. The Department of Revenue may not approve applications for a tax credit under this section after state fiscal year 2031-2032.
- 1. The taxpayer must specify in the application each tax for which the taxpayer requests a credit and the applicable taxable year for a credit under s. 220.18775 or s. 624.51059 or

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349 the applicable state fiscal year for a credit under s. 211.02535, s. 212.18345, or s. 561.12135. For purposes of s. 220.18775, a taxpayer may apply for a credit to be used for a 352 prior taxable year before the date the taxpayer is required to 353 file a return for that year pursuant to s. 220.222. For purposes of s. 624.51059, a taxpayer may apply for a credit to be used for a prior taxable year before the date the taxpayer is 356 required to file a return for that prior taxable year pursuant 357 to ss. 624.509 and 624.5092. The application must specify the eligible charitable organization to which the proposed 359 contribution will be made. The Department of Revenue shall approve tax credits on a first-come, first-served basis and must obtain the division's approval before approving a tax credit 362 under s. 561.12135.

- 2. Within 10 days after approving or denying an application, the Department of Revenue shall provide a copy of its approval or denial letter to the eligible charitable organization specified by the taxpayer in the application.
- (c) If a tax credit approved under paragraph (b) is not fully used within the specified state fiscal year for credits under s. 211.02535, s. 212.18345, or s. 561.12135 or against taxes due for the specified taxable year for credits under s. 220.18775 or s. 624.51059 because of insufficient tax liability on the part of the taxpayer, the unused amount must be carried forward for a period not to exceed 10 years. For purposes of s. 220.18775, a credit carried forward may be used in a subsequent year after applying the other credits and unused carryovers in the order provided in s. 220.02(8).
  - (d) A taxpayer may not convey, transfer, or assign an

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approved tax credit or a carryforward tax credit to another entity unless all of the assets of the taxpayer are conveyed, assigned, or transferred in the same transaction. However, a tax credit under s. 211.02535, s. 212.18345, s. 220.18775, s. 561.12135, or s. 624.51059 may be conveyed, transferred, or assigned between members of an affiliated group of corporations if the type of tax credit under s. 211.02535, s. 212.18345, s. 220.18775, s. 561.12135, or s. 624.510<u>59 remains the same. A</u> taxpayer shall notify the Department of Revenue of its intent to convey, transfer, or assign a tax credit to another member within an affiliated group of corporations. The amount conveyed, transferred, or assigned is available to another member of the affiliated group of corporations upon approval by the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue shall obtain the division's approval before approving a conveyance, transfer, or assignment of a tax credit under s. 561.12135.

- (e) Within any state fiscal year, a taxpayer may rescind all or part of a tax credit approved under paragraph (b). The amount rescinded becomes available for that state fiscal year to another eligible taxpayer as approved by the Department of Revenue if the taxpayer receives notice from the Department of Revenue that the rescindment has been accepted by the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue must obtain the division's approval before accepting the rescindment of a tax credit under s. 561.12135. Any amount rescinded under this paragraph must become available to an eligible taxpayer on a first-come, first-served basis based on tax credit applications received after the date the rescindment is accepted by the Department of Revenue.
  - (f) Within 10 days after approving or denying the

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conveyance, transfer, or assignment of a tax credit under paragraph (d), or the rescindment of a tax credit under paragraph (e), the Department of Revenue shall provide a copy of its approval or denial letter to the eligible charitable organization specified by the taxpayer. The Department of Revenue shall also include the eligible charitable organization specified by the taxpayer on all letters or correspondence of acknowledgment for tax credits under s. 212.18345.

- (g) For purposes of calculating the underpayment of estimated corporate income taxes under s. 220.34 and tax installment payments for taxes on insurance premiums or assessments under s. 624.5092, the final amount due is the amount after credits earned under s. 220.18775 or s. 624.51059 for contributions to eligible charitable organizations are deducted.
- 1. For purposes of determining whether a penalty or interest under s. 220.34(2)(d)1. will be imposed for underpayment of estimated corporate income tax, a taxpayer may, after earning a credit under s. 220.18775, reduce any estimated payment in that taxable year by the amount of the credit.
- 2. For purposes of determining whether a penalty under s. 624.5092 will be imposed, an insurer may, after earning a credit under s. 624.51059 for a taxable year, reduce any installment payment for such taxable year by 27 percent of the amount of the net tax due as reported on the return for the preceding year under s. 624.5092(2)(b) by the amount of the credit.
- (6) PRESERVATION OF CREDIT.—If any provision or portion of this section, s. 211.02535, s. 212.18345, s. 220.18775, s. 561.12135, or s. 624.51059 or the application thereof to any

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person or circumstance is held unconstitutional by any court or is otherwise declared invalid, the unconstitutionality or invalidity does not affect any credit earned under s. 211.02535, s. 212.18345, s. 220.18775, s. 561.12135, or s. 624.51059 by any taxpayer with respect to any contribution paid to an eligible charitable organization before the date of a determination of unconstitutionality or invalidity. The credit will be allowed at such time and in such a manner as if a determination of unconstitutionality or invalidity had not been made, provided that nothing in this subsection by itself or in combination with any other provision of law may result in the allowance of any credit to any taxpayer in excess of one dollar of credit for each dollar paid to an eligible charitable organization.

- (7) ADMINISTRATION; RULES.—
- (a) The Department of Revenue, the division, and the Department of Health may develop a cooperative agreement to assist in the administration of this section, as needed.
- (b) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules necessary to administer this section and ss. 211.02535, 212.18345, 220.18775, 561.12135, and 624.51059, including rules establishing application forms, procedures governing the approval of tax credits and carryforward tax credits under subsection (5), and procedures to be followed by taxpayers when claiming approved tax credits on their returns.
- (c) The division may adopt rules necessary to administer its responsibilities under this section and s. 561.12135.
- (d) The Department of Health may adopt rules necessary to administer this section, including, but not limited to, rules establishing application forms for organizations seeking

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designation as eligible charitable organizations under this act.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of s. 213.053 to the contrary, sharing information with the division related to a tax credit under this section is considered the conduct of the Department of Revenue's official duties as contemplated in s. 213.053(8)(c), and the Department of Revenue and the division are specifically authorized to share information as needed to administer this section.

Section 6. Section 561.12135, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

561.12135 Credit for contributions to eligible charitable organizations for the Home Away From Home Tax Credit.-Beginning January 1, 2026, there is allowed a credit of 100 percent of an eligible contribution made to an eligible charitable organization under s. 402.63 against any tax due under s. 563.05, s. 564.06, or s. 565.12, except excise taxes imposed on wine produced by manufacturers in this state from products grown in this state. However, a credit allowed under this section may not exceed 90 percent of the tax due on the return on which the credit is taken. For purposes of the distributions of tax revenue under ss. 561.121 and 564.06(10), the division shall disregard any tax credits allowed under this section to ensure that any reduction in tax revenue received which is attributable to the tax credits results only in a reduction in distributions to the General Revenue Fund. Section 402.63 applies to the credit authorized by this section.

Section 7. Subsection (7) of section 624.509, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

624.509 Premium tax; rate and computation.

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(7) Credits and deductions against the tax imposed by this section shall be taken in the following order: deductions for assessments made pursuant to s. 440.51; credits for taxes paid under ss. 175.101 and 185.08; credits for income taxes paid under chapter 220 and the credit allowed under subsection (5), as these credits are limited by subsection (6); the credit allowed under s. 624.51057; the credit allowed under s. 624.51058; the credit allowed under s. 624.5107; the credit allowed under s. 624.51059; all other available credits and deductions.

Section 8. Section 624.51059, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

624.51059 Credit for contributions to eligible charitable organizations for the Home Away From Home Tax Credit.—

(1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, there is allowed a credit of 100 percent of an eligible contribution made to an eligible charitable organization under s. 402.63 against any tax due for a taxable year under s. 624.509(1) after deducting from such tax deductions for assessments made pursuant to s. 440.51; credits for taxes paid under ss. 175.101 and 185.08; credits for income taxes paid under chapter 220; and the credit allowed under s. 624.509(5), as such credit is limited by s. 624.509(6). An eligible contribution must be made to an eligible charitable organization on or before the date the taxpayer is required to file a return pursuant to ss. 624.509 and 624.5092. An insurer claiming a credit against premium tax liability under this section is not required to pay any additional retaliatory tax levied under s. 624.5091 as a result of claiming such credit. Section 624.5091

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523 does not limit such credit in any manner. 524 (2) Section 402.63 applies to the credit authorized by this 525 section. 526 Section 9. The Department of Revenue is authorized, and all 527 conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules under s. 528 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing 529 provisions related to the Home Away From Home Tax Credit. Notwithstanding any other law, emergency rules adopted under 530 531 this section are effective for 6 months after adoption and may 532 be renewed during the pendency of procedures to adopt permanent 533 rules addressing the subject of the emergency rules. 534 Section 10. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the sum of 535 \$208,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General 536 Revenue Fund to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of 537 implementing the Home Away From Home Tax Credit as created by 538 this act. 539 Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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