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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to disclosure of estimated ad valorem taxes; amending s. 689.261, F.S.; defining the terms "listing platform" and "property"; requiring that certain property listings include estimated ad valorem taxes; prohibiting the current owner's ad valorem taxes from being displayed or used for certain purposes; providing an exception; providing requirements for listing platforms, the Department of Revenue, and property appraisers; providing protection from liability for specified parties who take certain actions; providing construction; prohibiting certain materials from including specified information; requiring, beginning on a specified date, the department to publish a formula and certain information annually on its website; authorizing the department to adopt rules; 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. Subsection (3) is added to section 689.261, Florida Statutes, to read:

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689.261 Sale of residential property; disclosure of ad valorem taxes to prospective purchaser.—

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(3) (a) As used in this subsection, the term:

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1. "Listing platform" means any public-facing online real property listing platform, including, but not limited to, websites, web applications, and mobile applications.

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2. "Property" means residential real property located within the state.

- (b) Any property visible on a listing platform must include the estimated ad valorem taxes for such property.
- 1. The current owner's ad valorem taxes may not be displayed or used to calculate the estimated ad valorem taxes.

 However, the current owner's ad valorem taxes may be included as part of historical tax information, if similar historical tax information was included on the listing platform as of January 1, 2025, and if such information is displayed less prominently than the tax estimate calculated under this subsection.
- 2. If the ad valorem taxes are estimated using a tax estimator or buyer payment calculator, the listing platform must calculate and display the ad valorem taxes that would be due if the purchaser were taxed on the listing price of the property at current millage rates using the data and formula published under paragraph (d). The use of such data and formula constitutes a reasonable estimate of ad valorem taxes. The listing platform must include a disclaimer next to the estimated ad valorem taxes that the millage rates of applicable taxing authorities may vary within a county and that the estimated ad valorem taxes do not include all applicable non-ad valorem assessments or exemptions, discounts, and other tax benefits, including, but not limited to, transfer of the homestead assessment difference under s. 4, Art. VII of the State Constitution.
- 3. If ad valorem taxes are not estimated using a tax estimator or buyer payment calculator as provided in subparagraph 2., the listing platform must include a link to the property appraiser's tax estimator for the county in which the

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property is located, if available, or to such property
appraiser's home page. The Department of Revenue shall maintain
a table of links to each property appraiser's home page and tax
estimator, if available, on its website.

- 4. There shall be no liability on the part of, and no cause of action of any nature shall arise against, a listing platform nor licensee under chapter 475 for the accuracy of the estimated ad valorem taxes of a property listed on a listing platform when in compliance with this paragraph.
- (c) The current owner's ad valorem taxes may not be included within any:
 - 1. Printed listing materials concerning a property.
- 2. Post on a social media platform pertaining to a property listed for sale.
- (d) The Department of Revenue shall annually develop a formula that may be used by a listing platform to calculate the estimated ad valorem taxes required under this subsection. The department shall require each property appraiser to provide the department with any information needed to develop the formula, including, at a minimum, the county name, tax district code, summary school millage rate, and summary millage rate for all other applicable taxing authorities. Beginning December 15, 2025, and annually thereafter, the department shall publish the formula and the information collected from each property appraiser under this paragraph on its website.
- (e) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules to implement paragraph (d).
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.