By Senator Berman

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to a sales tax exemption; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; exempting from the sales and use tax specified items that enable persons to age in place and live independently in their homes or residences; authorizing the Department of Revenue 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. Paragraph (u) is added to subsection (5) of section 212.08, Florida Statutes, to read:

212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and storage tax; specified exemptions. - The sale at retail, the rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter.

- (5) EXEMPTIONS; ACCOUNT OF USE.-
- (u) Items that assist in independent living.-
- 1. The following items enabling a person to age in place and live independently in his or her home or residence are exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter:
 - a. Bed transfer handles.
 - b. Handrails, bed rails, or grab bars.
 - c. Shower seats.
- 2. The department may adopt rules to administer the exemption under this paragraph.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.