

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 1410

SPONSOR: Senator Latvala

SUBJECT: Fire and Emergency Services Foundation

DATE: April 10, 2000 REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Keating</u>	<u>Wood</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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**I. Summary:**

This bill exempts sales or leases to the Florida Fire & Emergency Services Foundation from sales tax.

This bill substantially amends, creates, or repeals the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 212.08

**II. Present Situation:**

**Sales and Use Tax**

The State of Florida levies a 6% sales tax on most sales of tangible personal property in the state and on some services. The statutes currently provide more than 200 exemptions from the sales tax. Exemptions generally take the form of identifying specifically exempt items, exempting items when used for particular purposes, and exempting certain types of organizations, such as the government, churches, and charitable organizations. Section 212.08(7), F.S., provides for 58 miscellaneous exemptions.

In addition to the state rate of 6 percent, local governments are authorized to levy one or more of six types of Local Discretionary Sales Surtaxes, ranging from up to 0.5 percent to 1.0 percent each, for a maximum rate of 1.5 percent.

Section 212.031(1)(a), F.S., states that every person is exercising a taxable privilege who engages in the renting, leasing, letting, or granting of a licence for the use of any real property. There are several exemptions to the tax imposed on this privilege based on the type or use of the property. Section 212.031(1)(c), F.S., imposes a tax rate of 6 percent of and on the total rent or license fee charged for such real property by the person charging or collecting the rental or license fee.

**Florida Fire & Emergency Services Foundation**

According to information submitted by the Florida Fire & Emergency Services Foundation (Foundation), the Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization founded in 1994 by the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association. The single purpose of the Foundation is to promote and enhance professionalism among individuals in fire and emergency services. The Foundation provides funding for education, research, professional development, publications, and public relations efforts for the profession. The Foundation is supported entirely by voluntary, tax-deductible contributions and grants.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill provides that sales or leases to the Florida Fire & Emergency Services Foundation are exempt from sales and use tax.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2000.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

**B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

**C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

**V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

The Revenue Estimating Conference estimates that providing a sales and use tax exemption on the purchases and leases of the Florida Fire & Emergency Services Foundation, will result in an insignificant reduction in state and local revenues.

Issue/Fund	General Revenue		Trust		Local		Total	
	1st Year	Recurring	1st Year	Recurring	1st Year	Recurring	1st Year	Recurring
FL Fire & Emergency Serv. Found. Exempt.	\$ (*)	\$ (*)	\$ (*)	\$ (*)	\$ (*)	\$ (*)	\$ (*)	\$ (*)

\* Insignificant  
 \*\* Indeterminate

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

The Florida Fire & Emergency Services Foundation is exempted from paying sales tax on their purchases and leases.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.

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