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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; amending s. 212.05, F.S.; revising conditions on the postponement of the tax upon tangible personal property that has originally been purchased exempt from the tax for use exclusively for lease and that is subsequently converted to the owner's own use; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 212.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212.05 Sales, storage, use tax.—It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that every person is exercising a taxable privilege who engages in the business of selling tangible personal property at retail in this state, including the business of making mail order sales, or who rents or furnishes any of the things or services taxable under this chapter, or who stores for use or consumption in this state any item or article of tangible personal property as defined herein and who leases or rents such property within the state.

(b) At the rate of 6 percent of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property when the same is not sold but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in this state; however, for tangible property originally purchased exempt from tax for use exclusively for lease while in this state and which is converted to the owner's own use while in this state, tax may be paid on the fair market value of the property at the time of conversion.

If the fair market value of the property cannot be determined, use tax at the time of conversion shall be based on the owner's acquisition cost. Under no circumstances may the aggregate amount of sales tax from leasing the property and use tax due at the time of conversion be less than the total sales tax that would have been due on the original acquisition cost paid by the owner.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Revises conditions on postponing the payment of the tax on sales, use, and other transactions which applies to tangible personal property that is originally purchased exempt from tax for use exclusively for lease and that is subsequently converted to the owner's own use.