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An act relating to the Florida High-Speed Rail Authority Act; amending s. 341.840, F.S.; providing that the tax exemption provided to the authority does not apply to any associated development, as defined by the act, or to the income, sales, or other taxable transactions related to any associated development; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 341.840, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

341.840 Tax exemption. -- The exercise of the powers granted by this act will be in all respects for the benefit of the people of this state, for the increase of their commerce, welfare, and prosperity, and for the improvement of their health and living conditions, and as the design, building, operation, maintenance, and financing of a system by the authority or its agent or the owner or lessee thereof, as herein authorized, constitutes the performance of an essential public function, neither the authority, its agent, nor the owner of such system shall be required to pay any taxes or assessments upon or in respect to the system or any property acquired or used by the authority, its agent, or such owner under the provisions of this act or upon the income therefrom, any security therefor, their transfer, and the income therefrom, including any profit made on the sale thereof, shall at all times be free from taxation of every kind by the state, the counties, and the municipalities and other political subdivisions in the state. However, the tax exemption provided under this section does not apply to any

HB 0215 2004 associated development or to the income, sales, or other taxable 31 transactions related to any associated development. 32 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. 33

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