CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Tourism Committee recommends the following: 2 3 Council/Committee Substitute Remove the entire bill and insert: 4 5 A bill to be entitled 6 An act relating to entertainment industry economic 7 development; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; authorizing the use of certain entertainment industry tax credits as a refund 8 9 against sales and use tax liability under certain 10 circumstances; providing requirements, procedures, and limitations; authorizing the Department of Revenue to 11 adopt rules; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising the order 12 of priority list of applicable credits against certain 13 14 taxes; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 288.1254, F.S.; revising the entertainment industry 15 financial incentive program to provide corporate income 16 17 tax credits to qualified entertainment entities rather than reimbursements from appropriations; revising 18 19 provisions relating to definitions, creation and scope, application procedures, approval process, eligibility, 20 21 required documents, qualified productions, and annual reports; providing criteria and limitations for awards of 22 23 tax credits; providing marketing requirements; requiring Page 1 of 20

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24	the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development and
25	Department of Revenue to adopt rules; providing liability
26	for reimbursement of certain costs and fees associated
27	with fraudulent applications; providing for future repeal;
28	amending s. 477.0135, F.S.; correcting a cross-reference;
29	providing an effective date.
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31	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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33	Section 1. Paragraph (r) is added to subsection (5) of
34	section 212.08, Florida Statutes, to read:
35	212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and
36	storage tax; specified exemptionsThe sale at retail, the
37	rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the
38	storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following
39	are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this
40	chapter.
41	(5) EXEMPTIONS; ACCOUNT OF USE
42	(r) Entertainment industry tax credits; authorization;
43	eligibility for creditsBeginning July 1, 2006, any company
44	engaged in producing filmed entertainment in this state that has
45	registered with the department under this chapter to collect or
46	remit sales or use tax and has satisfied the requirements
47	enumerated in and has received credits under s. 220.192 may use
48	the award of credits against the tax imposed by this chapter as
49	provided by this section.
50	1. The credit shall be granted as a refund against state
51	sales and use taxes reported on returns and remitted in the 12
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CS 52 months preceding the date of application to the department for 53 the credit. 2. A company may not be awarded more than \$2 million in 54 55 tax credits under this paragraph and s. 220.192, unless the production is a high-impact television series as defined in s. 56 57 220.192(2)(b), in which case the production shall be eligible for a maximum tax credit award of \$3 million. 58 The total amount of tax credits which may be granted 59 3. for all programs approved under this paragraph and s. 220.192 is 60 \$25 million in any state fiscal year. 61 62 4. A company may use the tax credit against the tax liability imposed under this chapter, in whole or in part, and 63 64 against the liability imposed under chapter 220, so long as the 65 credit is actually applied only once. 66 5. The department may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 67 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this paragraph, as provided 68 by s. 220.192(6)(b). 69 Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 220.02, Florida 70 Statutes, is amended to read: 220.02 Legislative intent.--71 It is the intent of the Legislature that credits 72 (8) 73 against either the corporate income tax or the franchise tax be 74 applied in the following order: those enumerated in s. 631.828, 75 those enumerated in s. 220.191, those enumerated in s. 220.181, those enumerated in s. 220.183, those enumerated in s. 220.182, 76 those enumerated in s. 220.1895, those enumerated in s. 221.02, 77 those enumerated in s. 220.184, those enumerated in s. 220.186, 78 79 those enumerated in s. 220.1845, those enumerated in s. 220.19, Page 3 of 20

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80 those enumerated in s. 220.185, and those enumerated in s.

81 220.187, and those enumerated in s. 220.192.

Section 3. Section 288.1254, Florida Statutes, is
transferred and renumbered as section 220.192, Florida Statutes,
and amended to read:

85 <u>220.192</u> 288.1254 Entertainment industry financial 86 incentive program; creation; purpose; definitions; application 87 procedure; approval process; reimbursement eligibility; 88 submission of required documentation; recommendations for <u>credit</u> 89 <u>award</u> payment; policies and procedures; fraudulent claims.--

90 (1) CREATION AND PURPOSE OF PROGRAM.--Subject to specific
 91 appropriation, There is created within the Office of Film and
 92 Entertainment an entertainment industry financial incentive
 93 program. The purpose of this program is to encourage the use of
 94 this state as a site for filming and developing and sustaining
 95 <u>the workforce and infrastructure providing production services</u>
 96 for filmed entertainment.

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(2) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section, the term:

"Filmed entertainment" means a theatrical or direct-98 (a) to-video motion picture, a made-for-television motion picture 99 100 teleproduction, a commercial, a music video, an industrial or 101 educational film, a promotional video or film, a documentary film, a television pilot, a presentation for a television pilot, 102 a television special, a television series, including, but not 103 limited to, a drama, a reality, a comedy, a soap opera, a 104 telenovela, a game show, and a miniseries production, or a 105 digital-media-effects production by the entertainment industry 106 to be sold or displayed in an electronic medium, excluding news 107 Page 4 of 20

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108 shows and sporting events. As used in this paragraph, the term "motion picture" means a motion picture made on or by film, 109 tape, or otherwise and produced by means of a motion picture 110 111 camera, electronic camera or device, tape device, any 112 combination of the foregoing, or any other means, method, or 113 device now used or which may hereafter be adopted. As used in this paragraph, the term "digital-media-effects" means visual 114 elements created through the modification of already existing or 115 116 newly created visual elements for film, video, or animated media through the use of digital 2D/3D animation or painting, motion 117 118 capture, or compositing technologies. For purposes of this section, the term "filmed entertainment" does not include the 119 120 electronic gaming industry or sporting events.

121 (b) "High-impact television series" means a production 122 created to run multiple production seasons with an estimated 123 order of at least seven episodes per season and qualified 124 expenditures of at least \$625,000 per episode.

125 <u>(c) (b)</u> "Production costs" means the costs of real, 126 tangible, and intangible property used and services performed 127 <u>primarily or customarily</u> in the production, including 128 preproduction and postproduction, of qualified filmed 129 entertainment. Production costs generally include, but are not 130 limited to:

Wages, salaries, or other compensation, including
 amounts paid through payroll service companies, for technical
 and production crews, directors, producers, and performers who
 are residents of this state.

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135 2. Expenditures for sound stages, backlots, production
136 editing, digital effects, sound recordings, sets, and set
137 construction.

138 3. Expenditures for rental equipment, including, but not139 limited to, cameras and grip or electrical equipment.

4. Expenditures for meals, travel, <u>and</u> accommodations, and
goods used in producing filmed entertainment that is located and
doing business in this state.

143 <u>5. Expenditures for goods and services used in producing</u>
144 filmed entertainment.

145 (d) (c) "Qualified expenditures" means production costs 146 incurred in this state within the current state fiscal year for goods purchased or leased from or services provided by 147 purchased, leased, or employed from a resident of this state or 148 149 a vendor or supplier who is located and doing business in this state_{τ} or payments to residents of this state in the form of 150 151 salary, wages, or other compensation but excluding wages, 152 salaries, and or other compensation paid to the two highest-paid 153 residents of this state employees.

(e) (d) "Qualified production" means filmed entertainment 154 that meets or exceeds minimum qualified makes expenditures 155 156 required in this state for the total or partial production of filmed entertainment. Productions that are deemed by the Office 157 158 of Film and Entertainment to contain obscene content, as defined 159 by the United States Supreme Court, are not qualified productions. Also, a production is not a qualified production if 160 161 it is determined that the first day of principal photography in this state occurred on or before the date of submitting its 162 Page 6 of 20

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163 application to the Office of Film and Entertainment or prior to 164 certification by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic 165 Development.

166 (f) (e) "Qualified production company relocation project" 167 means a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, 168 corporate headquarters, or other legal private entity engaged in 169 the production of filmed entertainment that is domiciled in 170 another state or country and relocates its operations to this 171 state, is organized under the laws of this or any other state or 172 country, and includes as one of its primary purposes digital 173 media-effects or motion picture and television production, or 174 postproduction.

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(3) APPLICATION PROCEDURE; APPROVAL PROCESS.--

176 Any company engaged in this state in producing filmed (a) entertainment may submit an application to the Office of Film 177 and Entertainment for the purpose of determining qualification 178 179 for an award of credits against the tax imposed by this chapter 180 as receipt of reimbursement provided in this section. The office 181 must be provided information required to determine if the production is a qualified production and to determine the 182 qualified expenditures, production costs, and other information 183 184 necessary for the office to determine both eligibility for the 185 tax credit and level of reimbursement.

(b) A digital media effects company in the state which
furnishes digital material to filmed entertainment may submit an
application to the Office of Film and Entertainment for the
purpose of determining qualification for receipt of

190 reimbursement authorized by this section. The office must be Page 7 of 20

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191 provided information required to determine if the company is 192 qualified and to determine the amount of reimbursement. (c) Any corporation, limited liability company, 193 194 partnership, corporate headquarters, or other private entity 195 domiciled in another state which includes as one of its primary 196 purposes digital-media-effects or motion picture and television 197 production and which is considering relocation to this state may submit an application to the Office of Film and Entertainment 198 199 for the purpose of determining qualification for reimbursement 200 under this section.

201 (d)1. The Office of Film and Entertainment shall establish 202 a process by which an application is accepted and reviewed and 203 reimbursement eligibility and reimbursement amount are 204 determined. The Office of Film and Entertainment may request 205 assistance from a duly appointed local film commission in 206 determining qualifications for reimbursement and compliance.

207 1.2. The Office of Film and Entertainment shall develop a 208 standardized application form for use in qualifying an applicant 209 as approving a qualified production, a qualified relocation project, or a company qualifying under paragraph (a), paragraph 210 (b), or paragraph (c). The application form for qualifying an 211 212 applicant as a qualified production must include, but need not be limited to, production-related information on employment, 213 proposed total production budgets, planned expenditures in this 214 215 state which are intended for use exclusively as an integral part of preproduction, production, or postproduction activities 216 217 engaged primarily in this state, and a signed affirmation from 218 the applicant Office of Film and Entertainment that the Page 8 of 20

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information on the application form has been verified and is correct. The application form shall be distributed to applicants by the Office of Film and Entertainment or local film commissions.

223 2.3. Within 10 business days after receipt of an 224 application, the Office of Film and Entertainment shall review the application to determine if the application contains all the 225 information required by this subsection and meets the criteria 226 227 set out in this section. The office shall qualify all 228 applications that contain the information and meet the criteria 229 set out in this section as eligible to receive a tax credit or shall notify the applicant that the requirements for 230 231 qualification have not been met. If the application is 232 qualified, the office shall recommend to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development approval of the maximum amount 233 of the tax credit to be awarded. The Office of Film and 234 235 Entertainment must complete its review of each application within 5 days after receipt of the completed application, 236 237 including all required information, and it must notify the applicant of its determination within 10 business days after 238 239 receipt of the completed application and required information. 240 3.4. Within 10 business days after receiving notice from the Office of Film and Entertainment of qualification of an 241 242 applicant as a qualified production and a recommended approval 243 of the maximum amount of tax credit to be awarded, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall certify the 244 maximum tax credit award, if any. The certification shall be 245 246 transmitted to the applicant and to the executive director of

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247 the Department of Revenue. The applicant shall be responsible 248 for forwarding a certified application to the Department of Revenue. Upon determination that all criteria are met for 249 250 qualification for reimbursement, The Office of Film and 251 Entertainment shall notify the applicant of such approval. the 252 office shall also notify the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development of the applicant approval and amount of 253 254 reimbursement required. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and 255 Economic Development shall make final determination for actual 256 reimbursement. 4.5. The Office of Film and Entertainment shall deny an 257 application if it determines that: 258 259 The application is not complete or does not meet the a. 260 requirements of this section; or 261 b. The tax credit amount reimbursement sought does not meet the requirements of this section for such reimbursement. 262 263 (4)CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT ELIGIBILITY; SUBMISSION OF 264 REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION; APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRANSFER 265 PAYMENT. --266 Tax credit award.--A production of filmed (a) entertainment that is qualified by the Office of Film and 267 268 Entertainment and is certified by the Office of Tourism, Trade, 269 and Economic Development is eligible for a tax credit for 270 reimbursement of up to 15 percent of its qualified qualifying 271 expenditures in this state on a filmed entertainment program that demonstrates a minimum of \$850,000 in total qualified 272 expenditures for the entire run of the project, versus the 273 budget on a single episode, within the fiscal year from July 1 274 Page 10 of 20

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275 to June 30. However, the maximum reimbursement that may be made 276 with respect to any filmed entertainment program is \$2 million.

277 All reimbursements under this section are subject to

278 appropriation.

(b) Production spanning 2 state fiscal years.--A qualified
 production that starts in one state fiscal year and finishes in
 the next state fiscal year shall have all qualified expenditures
 from both state fiscal years certified for the latter state
 fiscal year. This requirement does not apply to the commercials
 and music video queue described in subparagraph (d)3.

285 Aggregate tax credit available .-- The aggregate amount (C) 286 of tax credits allowed under this section in any state fiscal 287 year is \$25 million. If the total amount of allocated tax 288 credits applied for in any state fiscal year exceeds the aggregate amount of tax credits authorized annually under this 289 290 section, such excess shall be treated as having been applied for 291 on the first day of the next state fiscal year in which tax 292 credits remain available for allocation. However, no more than 293 an aggregate amount of \$100 million in tax credits shall be 294 allocated in state fiscal year 2006-2007, aggregate allocations in state fiscal year 2007-2008 shall not exceed \$133 million, 295 296 aggregate allocations in state fiscal year 2008-2009 shall not exceed \$166 million, and aggregate allocations in state fiscal 297 298 years 2009-2010 and thereafter shall not exceed \$200 million. At 299 such time as \$200 million of tax credits have been allocated, no additional tax credits shall be allocated. 300 301 Filmed entertainment queues.--Tax credits awarded (d)

302 Payments under this section in a state fiscal year shall be made Page 11 of 20

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to qualified productions according to a production's principal 303 304 photography start date, for those qualified productions having entered into the first queue as cited in subparagraph 1. or the 305 306 second queue cited in subparagraph 2. within the first 2 weeks 307 after the queue's opening. All other qualified productions 308 entering into either queue after the initial 2-week openings 309 shall be on a first-come, first-served basis until the appropriation for that fiscal year is exhausted. On February 1 310 311 of each year, the remaining funds within both queues shall be 312 combined into a single queue and distributed based on a 313 project's principal photography start date. The eligibility of 314 qualified productions may not carry over from year to year, but 315 such productions may reapply for eligibility under the 316 quidelines established for doing so. The Office of Film and 317 Entertainment shall develop a procedure to ensure that qualified productions continue on a reasonable schedule until completion. 318 319 If a qualified production is not continued according to a 320 reasonable schedule, the office shall withdraw its eligibility 321 and reallocate the funds to the next qualified productions already in the queue that have yet to receive their full maximum 322 323 or 15 percent financial reimbursement, if they have not started 324 principal photography by the time the funds become available. Film, television, and episodic queue.--Theatrical or 325 1. 326 direct-to-video motion pictures, made-for-television movies, 327 commercials, music videos, industrial and educational films, promotional videos or films, documentary films, television 328 329 specials, television series, including, but not limited to, miniseries and telenovelas, and digital-media-effects 330

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331 productions by the entertainment industry to be sold or 332 displayed in an electronic medium that demonstrate a minimum of \$625,000 in total qualified expenditures for the entire run of 333 334 the project, which, for a television series, means a season even 335 if the season is not completed in the same state fiscal year in 336 which principal photography began, shall have their own separate 337 queue established, and such queue shall have dedicated to it 60 percent of all available tax credits in any state fiscal year 338 339 for which this section applies of the state incentive money. The 340 maximum tax credit award that may be made from this queue for 341 any single production is \$2 million, unless the production is a 342 high-impact television series, in which case the production 343 shall be eligible for a maximum tax credit award of \$3 million, 344 provided such production meets the other criteria of this section. On March 1 of each year, the remaining tax credits 345 within this queue shall be merged into a general queue and may 346 347 be used for other purposes of this section as determined by the 348 Office of Film and Entertainment. A television series, including, but not limited to, a qualified high-impact 349 television series, is not eligible for a tax credit award under 350 this section after its fifth production season. A qualified 351 352 high-impact television series shall be allowed first position in this queue for its first five production seasons in this state 353 354 if the application is received by the Office of Film and 355 Entertainment within the first 2 weeks after the queue's 356 opening. A qualified high-impact television series must file an 357 application for each state fiscal year in which it is eligible

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358 to receive the credit, unless otherwise provided in this 359 section. Television pilot queue.--Television pilots and, 360 2. 361 presentations for television pilots for television series intended to be shot in this state and, or television series, 362 363 including, but not limited to, drama, reality, comedy, soap 364 opera, telenovela, game show, or miniseries productions, by the 365 entertainment industry to be sold or displayed in an electronic medium that demonstrate a minimum of \$625,000 in total qualified 366 expenditures for the pilot episode or presentation shall have 367 368 their own separate queue established, and such queue shall have 369 dedicated to it 20 40 percent of all available tax credits in 370 any given state fiscal year for which this section applies of 371 the state incentive money. The maximum tax credit award that may be made from this queue for any single project is \$2 million. On 372 March 1 of each year, the remaining tax credits within this 373 374 queue shall be merged into a general queue and may be used for 375 other purposes of this section as determined by the Office of 376 Film and Entertainment. 377 Commercials and music video gueue.--Commercials and 3. music videos by the entertainment industry to be sold or 378 379 displayed in an electronic medium that demonstrate a minimum of 380 \$500,000 in combined total qualified expenditures from a 381 production company during the state fiscal year with a minimum 382 of \$75,000 in qualified expenditures for each production shall 383 have their own separate queue established. Such queue shall have 384 dedicated to it 20 percent of available tax credits in any given 385 state fiscal year for which this section applies. The maximum Page 14 of 20

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386	tax credit award that may be made from this queue for any single
387	production company is \$500,000 for a state fiscal year. On April
388	1 of each year, the remaining tax credits within this queue
389	shall be merged into a general queue and may be used for other
390	purposes of this section as determined by the Office of Film and
391	Entertainment.
392	(e) Loss of eligibility; reallocation of tax creditsIf
393	a qualified production is not continued according to a
394	reasonable schedule or the Office of Film and Entertainment is
395	notified that a qualified production will no longer be produced,
396	the office shall withdraw the production's eligibility for tax
397	credits and reallocate the tax credits to the next qualified
398	productions already in the queue that have yet to receive a full
399	tax credit if such next qualified productions have not started
400	principal photography by the time the tax credits become
401	available.
402	(f) Verification of tax credit awardThe Office of Film
403	and Entertainment shall develop a process by which a qualified
404	production that has been certified by the Office of Tourism,
405	Trade, and Economic Development shall submit to the Office of
406	Film and Entertainment, in a timely manner after production ends
407	and after making all of its qualified expenditures, verifying
408	data to substantiate each qualified expenditure. The Office of
409	Film and Entertainment shall report to the Office of Tourism,
410	Trade, and Economic Development the final verified amount of
411	actual qualified expenditures made by the qualified production.
412	The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall
413	then notify the executive director of the Department of Revenue
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414 that the qualified production has met all requirements of the 415 incentive program and shall recommend the final amount of the 416 tax credit.

417 (q) (b) Use of tax credit; carry forward.--The tax credit 418 available under this section shall only be surrendered in 419 satisfaction of the tax owed by a qualified production company 420 under this chapter and only up to the face amount of the credit. 421 If the qualified production company cannot use the entire tax credit in the state fiscal year in which the credit is approved, 422 423 any excess may be carried over to a succeeding state fiscal 424 year. A tax credit granted under this section and applied 425 against taxes imposed under this chapter may be carried forward 426 only for a maximum of 5 state fiscal years following the state 427 fiscal year in which the credit was approved. A digital-mediaeffects company in the state which furnishes digital material to 428 filmed entertainment may be eligible for a payment in an amount 429 not to exceed 5 percent of its annual gross revenues on 430 431 qualified expenditures as defined in paragraph (2)(c) before 432 taxes or \$100,000, whichever is less. A company applying for payment must submit documentation annually as required by the 433 Office of Film and Entertainment for determination of 434 435 eligibility of claimed billing and determination of the amount of payment for which the company is eligible. 436 437 Transfer of tax credits. -- Upon application and (h)(c) 438 approval by the Department of Revenue, a taxpayer may sell or assign, in whole or in part, a tax credit granted under this 439 440 section. The sale or assignment of any amount of the tax credit shall not be exchanged for consideration received by the 441

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442 taxpayer of less than 85 percent of the transferred amount of 443 tax credit. The purchaser or assignee shall surrender the tax credit in the state fiscal year acquired from the qualified 444 production company and otherwise may carry the tax credit over 445 446 subject to the same limitations on tax credit usage as the 447 qualified production company awarded the tax credit. The purchaser may not sell, assign, or otherwise transfer the tax 448 credit. Tax credits granted by this section may not be sold or 449 assigned, in whole or in part, until all credits the taxpayer is 450 eligible to use under this chapter and chapter 212 are 451 452 exhausted. The Department of Revenue may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this paragraph, as 453 454 provided in paragraph (6)(b). A qualified relocation project 455 that is certified by the Office of Film and Entertainment is 456 eligible for a one time incentive payment in an amount equal to 5 percent of its annual gross revenues before taxes for the 457 458 first 12 months of conducting business in its Florida domicile 459 or \$200,000, whichever is less. A company applying for payment 460 must submit documentation as required by the Office of Film and 461 Entertainment for determination of eligibility of claimed 462 billing and determination of the amount of payment for which the 463 company is eligible. 464 (i) (d) Noncorporate distributions of tax credits.--A qualified production company that is not a corporation, as 465 466 defined in s. 220.03(1)(e), shall elect to make an application, 467 a digital media effects company, or a qualified relocation 468 project applying for a payment under this section must submit 469 documentation for claimed qualified expenditures to the

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470 Department of Revenue as provided in paragraph (h) or distribute 471 tax credits awarded under this section to its partners or 472 members in proportion to the respective distributive share of 473 such partners' or members' income or loss in the state fiscal 474 year in which such tax credits were approved. A tax credit 475 granted under this section and applied against taxes imposed 476 under this chapter shall be carried forward only for a maximum 477 of 5 state fiscal years following the state fiscal year in which 478 the credit was approved Office of Film and Entertainment. The 479 Department of Revenue may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) 480 and 120.54 to administer this paragraph, as provided in 481 paragraph (6)(b). 482 (j) (e) Use of tax credits. -- A company may use the tax 483 credit against the tax liability imposed under this chapter, in whole or in part, and against the tax liability imposed under 484 chapter 212. The Office of Film and Entertainment shall notify 485 486 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development whether 487 an applicant meets the criteria for reimbursement and shall 488 recommend the reimburgement amount. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall make the final 489 determination for actual reimbursement. 490 491 (5) MARKETING REQUIREMENTS. -- The Office of Film and 492 Entertainment shall ensure appropriate marketing materials, 493 including promotions of this state as a tourist or filming 494 destination, are required when appropriate to be included on 495 any filmed entertainment as a condition of receiving a tax 496 credit under this section. The Office of Film and

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497 Entertainment shall consult with appropriate entities for the 498 development and implementation of marketing materials. (6) (5) RULES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. --499 500 (a) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development 501 shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 policies and procedures to implement this section, including, but not 502 503 limited to, rules specifying requirements for the application 504 and approval process, records required for submission for 505 substantiation of credit awards for reimbursement, and 506 determination of and qualification for credit awards, and 507 marketing requirements for credit recipients reimbursement. 508 (b) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules pursuant to 509 ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer the provisions of this 510 section, including rules governing the manner and form of documentation required to claim tax credits granted or 511 transferred under this section, and may establish guidelines as 512 513 to the requisites for an affirmative showing of qualification 514 for tax credits granted or transferred under this section. 515 (7) (6) FRAUDULENT CLAIMS.--Any applicant who submits an application under this 516 (a) section that includes fraudulent information shall be liable for 517 518 reimbursement of the reasonable costs and fees associated with the review, processing, investigation, and prosecution of the 519 520 application. 521 An eligible entity or company that obtains a credit (b) payment under this section through a claim that it knows is 522 523 fraudulent is liable for reimbursement of the credit amount paid 524 plus a penalty in an amount double the credit payment and Page 19 of 20

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reimbursement of reasonable costs, which penalty is in addition to any criminal penalty to which the entity or company is liable for the same acts, plus interest. The entity or company is also liable for costs and fees incurred by the state in investigating and prosecuting the fraudulent claim.

530 <u>(8)</u>(7) ANNUAL REPORT.--The Office of Film and 531 Entertainment shall provide an annual report for the previous 532 <u>state</u> fiscal year, due October 1, to the Governor, the President 533 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives 534 outlining the return on investment to the state on <u>tax credits</u> 535 <u>awarded</u> funds expended pursuant to this section.

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(9) REPEAL.--This section is repealed July 1, 2014.

537 Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 477.0135, Florida 538 Statutes, is amended to read:

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477.0135 Exemptions.--

A license is not required of any individual providing 540 (5) 541 makeup, special effects, or cosmetology services to an actor, 542 stunt person, musician, extra, or other talent during a 543 production recognized by the Office of Film and Entertainment as a qualified production as defined in s. 220.192 288.1254(2). 544 Such services are not required to be performed in a licensed 545 546 salon. Individuals exempt under this subsection may not provide such services to the general public. 547

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Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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