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1	A bill to be entitled	
2	An act relating to state excise tax on casualty insurance	
3	premiums; amending s. 185.08, F.S.; authorizing certain	
4	municipalities to assess and impose the tax to receive	
5	certain police protection services; requiring an	
6	interlocal agreement; providing agreement requirements;	
7	providing for distribution of tax proceeds; providing an	
8	effective date.	
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10	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:	
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12	Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 185.08, Florida	
13	Statutes, is amended to read:	
14	185.08 State excise tax on casualty insurance premiums	
15	authorized; procedureFor any municipality, chapter plan,	
16	local law municipality, or local law plan under this chapter:	
17	(1) (a) Each incorporated municipality in this state	
18	described and classified in s. 185.03, as well as each other	
19	city or town of this state which on July 31, 1953, had a	
20	lawfully established municipal police officers' retirement trust	
21	fund or city fund, by whatever name known, providing pension or	
22	relief benefits to police officers as provided under this	
23	chapter, may assess and impose on every insurance company,	
24	corporation, or other insurer now engaged in or carrying on, or	
25	who shall hereafter engage in or carry on, the business of	
26	casualty insurance as shown by records of the Office of	
27	Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission, an	
28	excise tax in addition to any lawful license or excise tax now	
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29 levied by each of the said municipalities, respectively, 30 amounting to .85 percent of the gross amount of receipts of premiums from policyholders on all premiums collected on 31 32 casualty insurance policies covering property within the 33 corporate limits of such municipalities, respectively. (b) An incorporated municipality that is not otherwise 34 35 eligible to assess and impose the tax authorized in paragraph 36 (a) may assess and impose the tax only pursuant to an interlocal 37 agreement with another incorporated municipality eligible to assess and impose the tax authorized in paragraph (a) that 38 39 agrees to provide police protection services to the otherwise ineligible municipality in its entirety and for at least 12 40 41 months in exchange for receiving the proceeds of the tax. The 42 excise tax may be levied on all premiums collected on casualty insurance policies covering property located within the 43 44 corporate limits of the municipality receiving the police 45 protection services. In order to be eligible to receive such 46 premium taxes, the municipality providing the police services 47 must notify the division that it has entered into an interlocal agreement with another municipality to provide police protection 48 49 services to that municipality. The municipality receiving the 50 police services may enact an ordinance levying the tax as 51 provided in this section. Upon being provided copies of the interlocal agreement and the municipal ordinance levying the 52 tax, the division may distribute any premium taxes reported for 53 the municipality receiving the police services to the 54 participating municipality providing the police services as long 55 as the interlocal agreement is in effect. 56

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