

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senator Norman moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Between lines 739 and 740 insert:

Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 213.756, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

213.756 Funds collected are state tax funds.-

- (2) (a) In any action by a purchaser against a retailer, dealer, or vendor to obtain a refund of or to otherwise recover taxes, fees, or surcharges collected by the retailer, dealer, or vendor from the purchaser:
- 1. The purchaser in the action has the burden of proving all elements of its claim for a refund by clear and convincing



evidence;

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- 2. The sole remedy in the action is damages measured by the difference between what the retailer, dealer, or vendor collected as a tax, fee, or surcharge and what the retailer, dealer, or vendor paid to the taxing authority plus any discount or collection allowance authorized by law and taken by the retailer, dealer, or vendor; and
- 3. It is an affirmative defense to the action when the retailer, dealer, or vendor remitted the amount collected from the purchaser to the appropriate taxing authority, less any discount or collection allowance authorized by law; and-
- 4. It is an absolute defense to the action if the retailer, dealer, or vendor collected tax on delivery charges and resolved any tax liability on that issue in accordance with an agreement entered into with the Department of Revenue pursuant to s. 213.21.

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======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Between lines 38 and 39

34 insert:

> amending s. 213.756, F.S.; providing an absolute defense by a retailer, dealer, or vendor against a purchaser's claim for a refund;