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Comm: RCS	•	
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The Committee on Appropriations (Galvano) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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and insert:

- (1) In addition to the penalties provided for in s. 496.419(5), the department may issue an order to disqualify a charitable organization or sponsor from receiving any sales tax exemption certificate issued by the Department of Revenue if the department finds a violation of s. 496.419(4).
 - (2) A charitable organization or sponsor may appeal a

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disqualification order by requesting a hearing within 21 days after notification from the department that it has issued a disqualification order under this section. The hearing must be conducted in accordance with chapter 120.

(3) A disqualification order issued by the department pursuant to this section is effective for 1 year after such order becomes final.

(4) The department shall provide a disqualification order to the Department of Revenue within 30 days after such order becomes final. A final disqualification order is conclusive as to the charitable organization's or sponsor's entitlement to any sales tax exemption. The Department of Revenue shall revoke or refuse to grant a sales tax exemption certificate to a charitable organization or sponsor subject to a final disqualification order within 30 days after receiving such disqualification order. A charitable organization or sponsor may not appeal or challenge the revocation or denial of a sales tax exemption certificate by the Department of Revenue if such revocation or denial is based upon a final disqualification order issued pursuant to this section.

Section 20. Section 496.431, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

496.431 Severability.—If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are severable.

Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section



741.0305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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741.0305 Marriage fee reduction for completion of premarital preparation course.-

- (3) (a) All individuals electing to participate in a premarital preparation course shall choose from the following list of qualified instructors:
 - 1. A psychologist licensed under chapter 490.
 - 2. A clinical social worker licensed under chapter 491.
- 3. A marriage and family therapist licensed under chapter 491.
 - 4. A mental health counselor licensed under chapter 491.
- 5. An official representative of a religious institution which is recognized under s. 496.404(23) s. 496.404(19), if the representative has relevant training.
- 6. Any other provider designated by a judicial circuit, including, but not limited to, school counselors who are certified to offer such courses. Each judicial circuit may establish a roster of area course providers, including those who offer the course on a sliding fee scale or for free.

Section 22. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, there is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the sums of \$179,944 in recurring and \$235,584 in nonrecurring funds from the General Inspection Trust Fund, and 3 full-time equivalent positions with associated salary rate of 110,441 are authorized for the purpose of implementing this act.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 190 - 207



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procedure; providing that a disqualification order remains effective for a specified period; requiring the department to provide a final disqualification order to the Department of Revenue within a specified period; providing that a final disqualification order is conclusive as to a charitable organization or sponsor's right to a sales tax exemption; requiring the Department of Revenue to revoke or deny a sales tax exemption to a charitable organization or sponsor subject to a final disqualification order within a specified period; prohibiting a charitable organization or sponsor from appealing or challenging the revocation or denial of a sales tax exemption certificate under certain circumstances; creating s. 496.431, F.S.; providing for severability; amending s. 741.0305, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an appropriation and authorizing positions; providing an effective date.