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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Small Business Saturday sales tax holiday; defining the term "small business"; providing that the tax levied under chapter 212, F.S., is not required to be collected on the sale of items or articles of tangible personal property by certain small businesses during a specified period; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Small business Saturday sales tax holiday.-(1) As used in this section, the term "small business" means a dealer, as defined in s. 212.06, Florida Statutes, that registered with the Department of Revenue and began operations before December 31, 2015, and that owed and remitted to the Department of Revenue less than \$200,000 in total tax under chapter 212, Florida Statutes, for the 1-year period ending June 30, 2016. If the dealer has not been in operation for an entire year as of June 30, 2016, to qualify as a small business under this section, the dealer must have owed and remitted less than \$200,000 in total tax under chapter 212, Florida Statutes, for the period beginning on the date that the dealer began operations and ending June 30, 2016. If the dealer is eligible to file a consolidated return pursuant to s. 212.11(1)(e), Florida Statutes, the total tax under chapter 212, Florida

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Statutes, owed and remitted from all of the dealer's places of business must be less than \$200,000 for the applicable period ending June 30, 2016.

- (2) A small business, at its option during the period from 12:00 a.m. on November 26, 2016, through 11:59 p.m. on November 26, 2016, is not required to collect the tax authorized levied under chapter 212, Florida Statutes, on the sale at retail, as defined in s. 212.02(14), Florida Statutes, of any item or article of tangible personal property, as defined in s. 212.02(19), Florida Statutes, having a sales price of \$1,000 or less per item.
- (3) The Department of Revenue may, and all conditions are deemed to be met to, adopt emergency rules pursuant to ss.

  120.536(1) and 120.54, Florida Statutes, to administer this section.
- Section 2. For fiscal year 2016-2017, the sum of \$200,000 of nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of administering this act.
- Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.