

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Book

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to taximeters; amending s. 531.37,
3 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "weights and
4 measures"; amending s. 531.61, F.S.; deleting a
5 provision exempting certain taximeters from specified
6 permit requirements; amending s. 531.63, F.S.;
7 deleting a provision prohibiting the annual permit
8 fees for taximeters from exceeding \$50; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 531.37, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 531.37 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

16 (1) "Weights and measures" means all weights and measures
17 of every kind, instruments, and devices for weighing and
18 measuring, and any appliance and accessories associated with any
19 or all such instruments and devices, excluding taximeters,
20 transportation measurement systems, and those weights and
21 measures used for the purpose of inspecting the accuracy of
22 devices used in conjunction with aviation fuel.

23 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 531.61, Florida
24 Statutes, is amended, and present subsections (2) and (3) of
25 that section are redesignated as subsections (1) and (2),
26 respectively, to read:

27 531.61 Exemptions from permit requirement.—Commercial
28 weights or measures instruments or devices are exempt from the
29 requirements of ss. 531.60-531.66 if:

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30 ~~(1) The device is a taximeter that is licensed, permitted,~~
 31 ~~or registered by a municipality, county, or other local~~
 32 ~~government and is tested for accuracy and compliance with state~~
 33 ~~standards by the local government in cooperation with the state~~
 34 ~~as authorized in s. 531.421.~~

35 Section 3. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section
 36 531.63, Florida Statutes, is amended, and present paragraphs (h)
 37 and (i) of that subsection are redesignated as paragraphs (g)
 38 and (h), respectively, to read:

39 531.63 Maximum permit fees.—The commercial use permit fees
 40 established for weights or measures instruments or devices shall
 41 be in an amount necessary to administer this chapter but may not
 42 exceed the amounts provided in this section.

43 (2) For other measuring devices, the annual permit fees per
 44 device may not exceed the following:

45 ~~(g) Taximeters.....\$50.~~

46 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.