

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to lost or abandoned personal
 3 property; amending s. 705.17, F.S.; providing that
 4 certain provisions relating to lost or abandoned
 5 property do not apply to personal property lost or
 6 abandoned on the premises of certain complexes or
 7 facilities if certain conditions are met; creating s.
 8 705.185, F.S.; providing for the disposal or donation
 9 of personal property lost or abandoned on the premises
 10 of certain complexes or facilities in certain
 11 circumstances; authorizing the rightful owner of such
 12 lost or abandoned personal property to reclaim such
 13 property before disposal or donation; providing an
 14 effective date.

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

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 18 Section 1. Section 705.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 19 read:

20 705.17 Exceptions.—Sections ~~The provisions of ss. 705.101-~~
 21 705.106 do not apply ~~of this chapter shall not be applied~~ to any
 22 personal property lost or abandoned on the campus of any
 23 institution in the State University System; ~~or~~ on premises owned
 24 or controlled by the operator of a public-use airport having
 25 regularly scheduled international passenger service; or on any

26 premises located within a theme park or entertainment complex,
27 as the term is defined in s. 509.013(9), or operated as a zoo, a
28 museum, or an aquarium, if the operator of such facility elects
29 to comply with s. 705.185.

30 Section 2. Section 705.185, Florida Statutes, is created
31 to read:

32 705.185 Disposal of personal property lost or abandoned on
33 the premises of certain facilities.—Whenever any lost or
34 abandoned personal property is found on any premises located
35 within a theme park or entertainment complex, as the term is
36 defined in s. 509.013(9), or operated as a zoo, a museum, or an
37 aquarium, if the operator of such facility elects to comply with
38 this section, persons controlling any premises located within
39 the facility shall deliver the lost or abandoned property to the
40 facility operator, who shall take charge of the property and
41 make a record of the date such property was found. If the
42 property is not claimed by the owner within 30 days after it is
43 found, or a longer period of time as may be deemed appropriate
44 by the facility operator, the facility operator shall dispose of
45 the property or donate it to a charitable institution that is
46 exempt from federal income tax under s. 501(c)(3) of the
47 Internal Revenue Code for sale or disposal as that charitable
48 institution deems appropriate. The rightful owner of the
49 property may reclaim the property at any time before the
50 disposition, sale, or donation of the property in accordance

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51 with this section and the established policies and procedures of
52 the facility operator.

53 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.