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Senator Stargel moved the following:

Senate Substitute for Amendment (882296) (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.0104 Tourist development tax; procedure for levying; authorized uses; referendum; enforcement.-

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(5) AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUE.-

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(b) Tax revenues received pursuant to this section by a

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12 county of less than 950,000 750,000 population imposing a 13 tourist development tax may only be used by that county for the 14 following purposes in addition to those purposes allowed 15 pursuant to paragraph (a): to acquire, construct, extend, 16 enlarge, remodel, repair, improve, maintain, operate, or promote one or more zoological parks, fishing piers or nature centers 17 18 which are publicly owned and operated or owned and operated by 19 not-for-profit organizations and open to the public. All 20 population figures relating to this subsection shall be based on 21 the most recent population estimates prepared pursuant to the 22 provisions of s. 186.901. These population estimates shall be 23 those in effect on July 1 of each year.

Section 2. Section 189.033, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

26 189.033 Independent special district services in 27 disproportionally affected county; rate reduction for providers 28 providing economic benefits.-If the governing body of an 29 independent special district that provides water, wastewater, 30 and sanitation services in a disproportionally affected county, as defined in s. 288.106(8), determines that a new user or the 31 32 expansion of an existing user of one or more of its utility 33 systems will provide a significant benefit to the community in 34 terms of increased job opportunities, economies of scale, or 35 economic development in the area, the governing body may 36 authorize a reduction of its rates, fees, or charges for that 37 user for a specified period of time. A governing body that 38 exercises this power must do so by resolution that states the 39 anticipated economic benefit justifying the reduction as well as the period of time that the reduction will remain in place. As 40

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41	used in this section, the term "disproportionally affected
42	county" means Bay County, Escambia County, Franklin County, Gulf
43	County, Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, Walton County, or
44	Wakulla County.
45	Section 3. Effective January 1, 2022, section 193.019,
46	Florida Statutes, is created to read:
47	193.019 Hospitals; community benefit reporting
48	(1) As used in this section, the term:
49	(a) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.
50	(b) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in s. 196.012(8).
51	(2) By January 15 of each year, a county property appraiser
52	shall calculate and submit to the department the tax reduction
53	resulting from the property exemption for the prior year granted
54	pursuant to s. 196.196 or s. 196.197 for each property owned by
55	a hospital.
56	(3) By January 15 of each year, a hospital shall submit to
57	the department its most recently filed Internal Revenue Service
58	Form 990, Schedule H. The hospital shall also submit a document
59	showing the attribution of the net community benefit expense
60	shown in Form 990 to services and activities performed within
61	the state.
62	(4) The department must determine whether the net community
63	benefit expense attributed to a hospital's property located in
64	the state equals or exceeds the tax reductions resulting from
65	the exemptions described in subsection (2).
66	(5) If the department determines that the net community
67	benefit expense does not equal or exceed the tax reductions
68	resulting from the exemptions described in subsection (2), the
69	department shall notify the respective property appraiser by

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70	March 15 to reduce the exemption for the current year
71	proportionately so that it equals the ratio of the tax
72	reductions to the net community benefit expense.
73	(6) The department shall publish the data collected
74	pursuant to this section for each hospital from a county
75	property appraiser, including the net community benefit expense
76	reported in the Internal Revenue Service Form 990, Schedule H.
77	(7) The department shall adopt a form by rule to administer
78	this section.
79	Section 4. Section 193.1557, Florida Statutes, is created
80	to read:
81	193.1557 Assessment of certain property damaged or
82	destroyed by Hurricane MichaelFor property damaged or
83	destroyed by Hurricane Michael in 2018, s. 193.155(4)(b), s.
84	193.1554(6)(b), or s. 193.1555(6)(b) applies to changes,
85	additions, or improvements commenced within 5 years after
86	January 1, 2019. This section applies to the 2019-2023 tax rolls
87	and shall stand repealed on December 31, 2023.
88	Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 194.035, Florida
89	Statutes, is amended to read:
90	194.035 Special magistrates; property evaluators
91	(1) In counties having a population of more than 75,000,
92	the board shall appoint special magistrates for the purpose of
93	taking testimony and making recommendations to the board, which
94	recommendations the board may act upon without further hearing.
95	These special magistrates may not be elected or appointed
96	officials or employees of the county but shall be selected from
97	a list of those qualified individuals who are willing to serve
98	as special magistrates. Employees and elected or appointed

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99 officials of a taxing jurisdiction or of the state may not serve 100 as special magistrates. The clerk of the board shall annually 101 notify such individuals or their professional associations to 102 make known to them that opportunities to serve as special 103 magistrates exist. The Department of Revenue shall provide a 104 list of qualified special magistrates to any county with a 105 population of 75,000 or less. Subject to appropriation, the 106 department shall reimburse counties with a population of 75,000 107 or less for payments made to special magistrates appointed for 108 the purpose of taking testimony and making recommendations to 109 the value adjustment board pursuant to this section. The 110 department shall establish a reasonable range for payments per 111 case to special magistrates based on such payments in other 112 counties. Requests for reimbursement of payments outside this 113 range shall be justified by the county. If the total of all 114 requests for reimbursement in any year exceeds the amount available pursuant to this section, payments to all counties 115 116 shall be prorated accordingly. If a county having a population 117 less than 75,000 does not appoint a special magistrate to hear 118 each petition, the person or persons designated to hear 119 petitions before the value adjustment board or the attorney 120 appointed to advise the value adjustment board shall attend the 121 training provided pursuant to subsection (3), regardless of 122 whether the person would otherwise be required to attend, but 123 shall not be required to pay the tuition fee specified in 124 subsection (3). A special magistrate appointed to hear issues of 125 exemptions, classifications, and determinations that a change of 126 ownership, a change of ownership or control, or a qualifying 127 improvement has occurred shall be a member of The Florida Bar

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128 with no less than 5 years' experience in the area of ad valorem 129 taxation. A special magistrate appointed to hear issues 130 regarding the valuation of real estate shall be a state 131 certified real estate appraiser with not less than 5 years' 132 experience in real property valuation. A special magistrate 133 appointed to hear issues regarding the valuation of tangible 134 personal property shall be a designated member of a nationally 135 recognized appraiser's organization with not less than 5 years' 136 experience in tangible personal property valuation. A special magistrate need not be a resident of the county in which he or 137 138 she serves. A special magistrate may not represent a person before the board in any tax year during which he or she has 139 140 served that board as a special magistrate. An appraisal may not 141 be submitted as evidence to a value adjustment board in any year 142 that the person who performed the appraisal serves as a special 143 magistrate to that value adjustment board. Before appointing a 144 special magistrate, a value adjustment board shall verify the 145 special magistrate's qualifications. The value adjustment board 146 shall ensure that the selection of special magistrates is based 147 solely upon the experience and qualifications of the special 148 magistrate and is not influenced by the property appraiser. The special magistrate shall accurately and completely preserve all 149 150 testimony and, in making recommendations to the value adjustment 151 board, shall include proposed findings of fact, conclusions of 152 law, and reasons for upholding or overturning the determination 153 of the property appraiser. The expense of hearings before 154 magistrates and any compensation of special magistrates shall be 155 borne three-fifths by the board of county commissioners and two-156 fifths by the school board. When appointing special magistrates

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157 or when scheduling special magistrates for specific hearings, 158 the board, the board attorney, and the board clerk may not 159 consider the dollar amount or percentage of any assessment 160 reductions recommended by any special magistrate in the current 161 year or in any previous year.

Section 6. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of section 195.073, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

164 195.073 Classification of property.—All items required by 165 law to be on the assessment rolls must receive a classification 166 based upon the use of the property. The department shall 167 promulgate uniform definitions for all classifications. The 168 department may designate other subclassifications of property. 169 No assessment roll may be approved by the department which does 170 not show proper classifications.

171 (1) Real property must be classified according to the172 assessment basis of the land into the following classes:

(a) Residential, subclassified into categories, one
category for homestead property and one for nonhomestead
property:

176 1. Single family. 177 2. Mobile homes. 3. Multifamily, up to nine units. 178 179 4. Condominiums. 180 5. Cooperatives. 181 6. Retirement homes. 182 (b) Commercial and industrial, including apartments with 183 more than nine units.

184 Section 7. Subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection185 (3) of section 195.096, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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195.096 Review of assessment rolls.-

(2) The department shall conduct, no less frequently than once every 2 years, an in-depth review of the <u>real property</u> assessment <u>roll</u> rolls of each county. The department need not individually study every use-class of property set forth in s. 195.073, but shall at a minimum study the level of assessment in relation to just value of each classification specified in subsection (3). Such in-depth review may include proceedings of the value adjustment board and the audit or review of procedures used by the counties to appraise property.

(a) The department shall, at least 30 days prior to the beginning of an in-depth review in any county, notify the property appraiser in the county of the pending review. At the request of the property appraiser, the department shall consult with the property appraiser regarding the classifications and strata to be studied, in order that the review will be useful to the property appraiser in evaluating his or her procedures.

(b) Every property appraiser whose upcoming roll is subject to an in-depth review shall, if requested by the department on or before January 1, deliver upon completion of the assessment roll a list of the parcel numbers of all parcels that did not appear on the assessment roll of the previous year, indicating the parcel number of the parent parcel from which each new parcel was created or "cut out."

(c) In conducting assessment ratio studies, the department must use all practicable steps, including stratified statistical and analytical reviews and sale-qualification studies, to maximize the representativeness or statistical reliability of samples of properties in tests of each classification, stratum,

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215 or roll made the subject of a ratio study published by it. The 216 department shall document and retain records of the measures of representativeness of the properties studied in compliance with 217 218 this section. Such documentation must include a record of 219 findings used as the basis for the approval or disapproval of the tax roll in each county pursuant to s. 193.1142. In 220 221 addition, to the greatest extent practicable, the department 222 shall study assessment roll strata by subclassifications such as 223 value groups and market areas for each classification or stratum 224 to be studied, to maximize the representativeness of ratio study 225 samples. For purposes of this section, the department shall rely 226 primarily on an assessment-to-sales-ratio study in conducting 227 assessment ratio studies in those classifications of property 228 specified in subsection (3) for which there are adequate market 229 sales. The department shall compute the median and the value-230 weighted mean for each classification or subclassification 231 studied and for the roll as a whole.

(d) In the conduct of these reviews, the department shall adhere to all standards to which the property appraisers are required to adhere.

235 (e) The department and each property appraiser shall 236 cooperate in the conduct of these reviews, and each shall make 237 available to the other all matters and records bearing on the 2.38 preparation and computation of the reviews. The property 239 appraisers shall provide any and all data requested by the 240 department in the conduct of the studies, including electronic 241 data processing tapes. Any and all data and samples developed or 242 obtained by the department in the conduct of the studies shall be confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) 243

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244 until a presentation of the findings of the study is made to the 245 property appraiser. After the presentation of the findings, the 246 department shall provide any and all data requested by a 247 property appraiser developed or obtained in the conduct of the 248 studies, including tapes. Direct reimbursable costs of providing 249 the data shall be borne by the party who requested it. Copies of existing data or records, whether maintained or required 250 pursuant to law or rule, or data or records otherwise 251 2.52 maintained, shall be submitted within 30 days from the date 253 requested, in the case of written or printed information, and 254 within 14 days from the date requested, in the case of 255 computerized information.

(f) Within 120 days after receipt of a county assessment roll by the executive director of the department pursuant to s. 193.1142(1), or within 10 days after approval of the assessment roll, whichever is later, the department shall complete the review for that county and publish the department's findings. The findings must include a statement of the confidence interval for the median and such other measures as may be appropriate for each classification or subclassification studied and for the roll as a whole, and related statistical and analytical details. The measures in the findings must be based on:

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1. A 95-percent level of confidence; or

2. Ratio study standards that are generally accepted by professional appraisal organizations in developing a statistically valid sampling plan if a 95-percent level of confidence is not attainable.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, inone or more assessment years following a natural disaster in

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273 counties for which a state of emergency was declared by 274 executive order or proclamation of the Governor pursuant to chapter 252, if the department determines that the natural 275 276 disaster creates difficulties in its statistical and analytical 277 reviews of the assessment rolls in affected counties, the 278 department shall take all practicable steps to maximize the 279 representativeness and reliability of its statistical and 280 analytical reviews and may use the best information available to estimate the levels of assessment. This paragraph first applies 2.81 282 to the 2019 assessment roll and operates retroactively to 283 January 1, 2019.

(3) (a) Upon completion of review pursuant to paragraph (2) (f), the department shall publish the results of reviews conducted under this section. The results must include all statistical and analytical measures computed under this section for the real property assessment roll as a whole, the personal property assessment roll as a whole, and independently for the following real property classes if the classes constituted 5 percent or more of the total assessed value of real property in a county on the previous tax roll:

1. Residential property that consists of one primary living unit, including, but not limited to, single-family residences, condominiums, cooperatives, and mobile homes.

2. Residential property that consists of two to nine or more primary living units.

3. Agricultural, high-water recharge, historic property used for commercial or certain nonprofit purposes, and other use-valued property.

4. Vacant lots.

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302 5. Nonagricultural acreage and other undeveloped parcels. 303 6. Improved commercial and industrial property, including 304 apartments with more than nine units. 305 7. Taxable institutional or governmental, utility, locally 306 assessed railroad, oil, gas and mineral land, subsurface rights, 307 and other real property. 308 309 If one of the above classes constituted less than 5 percent of the total assessed value of all real property in a county on the 310 311 previous assessment roll, the department may combine it with one 312 or more other classes of real property for purposes of 313 assessment ratio studies or use the weighted average of the 314 other classes for purposes of calculating the level of 315 assessment for all real property in a county. The department 316 shall also publish such results for any subclassifications of 317 the classes or assessment rolls it may have chosen to study. 318 Section 8. Effective upon this act becoming a law, 319 subsection (2) of section 196.173, Florida Statutes, is amended 320 to read: 321 196.173 Exemption for deployed servicemembers.-322 (2) The exemption is available to servicemembers who were 323 deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty 324 outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of any of the following military operations: 325 326 (a) Operation Joint Task Force Bravo, which began in 1995. 327 (b) Operation Joint Guardian, which began on June 12, 1999. 328 (c) Operation Noble Eagle, which began on September 15, 2001. 329 330 (d) Operation Enduring Freedom, which began on October 7,

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332	<u>(d)</u> Operations in the Balkans, which began in 2004.
333	<u>(e)(f) Operation Nomad Shadow, which began in 2007.</u>
334	<u>(f)</u> Operation U.S. Airstrikes Al Qaeda in Somalia, which
335	began in January 2007.
336	<u>(g)(h)</u> Operation Copper Dune, which began in 2009.
337	<u>(h)</u> Operation Georgia Deployment Program, which began in
338	August 2009.
339	<u>(i)</u> Operation Spartan Shield, which began in June 2011.
340	<u>(j)(k)</u> Operation Observant Compass, which began in October
341	2011.
342	<u>(k)</u> (l) Operation Inherent Resolve, which began on August 8,
343	2014.
344	<u>(l)(m)</u> Operation Atlantic Resolve, which began in April
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346	<u>(m)</u> Operation Freedom's Sentinel, which began on January
347	1, 2015.
348	<u>(n)</u> Operation Resolute Support, which began in January
349	2015.
350	(o) Operation Juniper Shield, which began in February 2007.
351	(p) Operation Pacific Eagle, which began in September 2017.
352	(q) Operation Martillo, which began in January 2012.
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354	The Department of Revenue shall notify all property appraisers
355	and tax collectors in this state of the designated military
356	operations.
357	Section 9. The amendment made by this act to s. 196.173(2),
358	Florida Statutes, first applies to the 2020 ad valorem tax roll.
359	Section 10. Application deadline for additional ad valorem

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360	tax exemption for specified deployments
361	(1) Notwithstanding the filing deadlines contained in s.
362	196.173(6), Florida Statutes, the deadline for an applicant to
363	file an application with the property appraiser for an
364	additional ad valorem tax exemption under s. 196.173, Florida
365	Statutes, for the 2020 tax roll is June 1, 2020.
366	(2) If an application is not timely filed under subsection
367	(1), a property appraiser may grant the exemption if:
368	(a) The applicant files an application for the exemption on
369	or before the 25th day after the property appraiser mails the
370	notice required under s. 194.011(1), Florida Statutes;
371	(b) The applicant is qualified for the exemption; and
372	(c) The applicant produces sufficient evidence, as
373	determined by the property appraiser, which demonstrates that
374	the applicant was unable to apply for the exemption in a timely
375	manner or otherwise demonstrates extenuating circumstances that
376	warrant granting the exemption.
377	(3) If the property appraiser denies an application under
378	subsection (2), the applicant may file, pursuant to s.
379	194.011(3), Florida Statutes, a petition with the value
380	adjustment board which requests that the exemption be granted.
381	Such petition must be filed on or before the 25th day after the
382	property appraiser mails the notice required under s.
383	194.011(1), Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding s. 194.013,
384	Florida Statutes, the eligible servicemember is not required to
385	pay a filing fee for such petition. Upon reviewing the petition,
386	the value adjustment board may grant the exemption if the
387	applicant is qualified for the exemption and demonstrates
388	extenuating circumstances, as determined by the board, which

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389	warrant granting the exemption.
390	(4) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming a
391	law and applies to the 2020 ad valorem tax roll.
392	Section 11. Effective upon becoming a law and operating
393	retroactively to January 1, 2020, subsection (1) of section
394	196.1978, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
395	196.1978 Affordable housing property exemption
396	(1) Property used to provide affordable housing to eligible
397	persons as defined by s. 159.603 and natural persons or families
398	meeting the extremely-low-income, very-low-income, low-income,
399	or moderate-income limits specified in s. 420.0004, which is
400	owned entirely by a nonprofit entity that is a corporation not
401	for profit, qualified as charitable under s. 501(c)(3) of the
402	Internal Revenue Code and in compliance with Rev. Proc. 96-32,
403	1996-1 C.B. 717, is considered property owned by an exempt
404	entity and used for a charitable purpose, and those portions of
405	the affordable housing property that provide housing to natural
406	persons or families classified as extremely low income, very low
407	income, low income, or moderate income under s. 420.0004 are
408	exempt from ad valorem taxation to the extent authorized under
409	s. 196.196. All property identified in this subsection section
410	must comply with the criteria provided under s. 196.195 for
411	determining exempt status and applied by property appraisers on
412	an annual basis. The Legislature intends that any property owned
413	by a limited liability company which is disregarded as an entity
414	for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Treasury Regulation
415	301.7701-3(b)(1)(ii) be treated as owned by its sole member.
416	Units that are vacant shall be treated as portions of the
417	affordable housing property exempt under this subsection if a

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418	recorded land use restriction agreement in favor of the Florida
419	Housing Finance Corporation or any other governmental or quasi-
420	governmental jurisdiction requires that all residential units
421	within the property be used in a manner that qualifies for the
422	exemption under this subsection and if the units are being
423	offered for rent.
424	Section 12. Effective January 1, 2021, subsection (1) of
425	section 196.1978, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, is
426	amended to read:
427	196.1978 Affordable housing property exemption
428	(1) Property used to provide affordable housing to eligible
429	persons as defined by s. 159.603 and natural persons or families
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431	or moderate-income limits specified in s. 420.0004, which is
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441	s. 196.196. All property identified in this subsection must
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447 301.7701-3(b)(1)(ii) be treated as owned by its sole member. If 448 the sole member of the limited liability company that owns the property is also a limited liability company that is disregarded 449 450 as an entity for federal income tax purposes pursuant to 451 Treasury Regulation 301.7701-3(b)(1)(ii), the Legislature 452 intends that the property be treated as owned by the sole member 453 of the limited liability company that owns the limited liability 454 company that owns the property. Units that are vacant and units 455 that are occupied by natural persons or families whose income no 456 longer meets the income limits of this subsection, but whose 457 income met those income limits at the time they became tenants, 458 shall be treated as portions of the affordable housing property 459 exempt under this subsection if a recorded land use restriction 460 agreement in favor of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation or 461 any other governmental or quasi-governmental jurisdiction 462 requires that all residential units within the property be used 463 in a manner that qualifies for the exemption under this 464 subsection and if the units are being offered for rent.

Section 13. Effective upon this act becoming a law, paragraphs (b), (d), (e), and (f) of subsection (2) of section 200.065, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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200.065 Method of fixing millage.-

(2) No millage shall be levied until a resolution or ordinance has been approved by the governing board of the taxing authority which resolution or ordinance must be approved by the taxing authority according to the following procedure:

473 (b) Within 35 days of certification of value pursuant to
474 subsection (1), each taxing authority shall advise the property
475 appraiser of its proposed millage rate, of its rolled-back rate

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476 computed pursuant to subsection (1), and of the date, time, and 477 place at which a public hearing will be held to consider the 478 proposed millage rate and the tentative budget. The property 479 appraiser shall utilize this information in preparing the notice 480 of proposed property taxes pursuant to s. 200.069. The deadline 481 for mailing the notice shall be the later of 55 days after 482 certification of value pursuant to subsection (1) or 10 days 483 after either the date the tax roll is approved or the interim roll procedures under s. 193.1145 are instituted. However, for 484 485 counties for which a state of emergency was declared by 486 executive order or proclamation of the Governor pursuant to 487 chapter 252, if mailing is not possible during the state of 488 emergency, the property appraiser may post the notice on the 489 county's website. If the deadline for mailing the notice of 490 proposed property taxes is 10 days after the date the tax roll 491 is approved or the interim roll procedures are instituted, all 492 subsequent deadlines provided in this section shall be extended. 493 In addition, the deadline for mailing the notice may be extended 494 for 30 days in counties for which a state of emergency was 495 declared by executive order or proclamation of the Governor 496 pursuant to chapter 252, and property appraisers may use 497 alternate methods of distribution only when mailing the notice 498 is not possible. In such event, however, property appraisers 499 must work with county tax collectors to ensure the timely 500 assessment and collection of taxes. The number of days by which 501 the deadlines shall be extended shall equal the number of days 502 by which the deadline for mailing the notice of proposed taxes 503 is extended beyond 55 days after certification. If any taxing 504 authority fails to provide the information required in this

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505 paragraph to the property appraiser in a timely fashion, the 506 taxing authority shall be prohibited from levying a millage rate greater than the rolled-back rate computed pursuant to 507 508 subsection (1) for the upcoming fiscal year, which rate shall be 509 computed by the property appraiser and used in preparing the 510 notice of proposed property taxes. Each multicounty taxing 511 authority that levies taxes in any county that has extended the 512 deadline for mailing the notice due to a declared state of 513 emergency and that has noticed hearings in other counties must 514 advertise the hearing at which it intends to adopt a tentative 515 budget and millage rate in a newspaper of general paid 516 circulation within each county not less than 2 days or more than 517 5 days before the hearing.

518 (d) Within 15 days after the meeting adopting the tentative 519 budget, the taxing authority shall advertise in a newspaper of 520 general circulation in the county as provided in subsection (3), 521 its intent to finally adopt a millage rate and budget. A public 522 hearing to finalize the budget and adopt a millage rate shall be 523 held not less than 2 days nor more than 5 days after the day 524 that the advertisement is first published. In the event of a 525 need to postpone or recess the final meeting due to a declared state of emergency, the taxing authority may postpone or recess 526 527 the hearing for up to 7 days and shall post a prominent notice 528 at the place of the original hearing showing the date, time, and place where the hearing will be reconvened. The posted notice 529 530 shall measure not less than 8.5 by 11 inches. The taxing 531 authority shall make every reasonable effort to provide 532 reasonable notification of the continued hearing to the 533 taxpayers. The information must also be posted on the taxing

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534 authority's website. During the hearing, the governing body of 535 the taxing authority shall amend the adopted tentative budget as it sees fit, adopt a final budget, and adopt a resolution or 536 537 ordinance stating the millage rate to be levied. The resolution 538 or ordinance shall state the percent, if any, by which the 539 millage rate to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate computed 540 pursuant to subsection (1), which shall be characterized as the 541 percentage increase in property taxes adopted by the governing body. The adoption of the budget and the millage-levy resolution 542 or ordinance shall be by separate votes. For each taxing 543 544 authority levying millage, the name of the taxing authority, the 545 rolled-back rate, the percentage increase, and the millage rate 546 to be levied shall be publicly announced before prior to the 547 adoption of the millage-levy resolution or ordinance. In no 548 event may the millage rate adopted pursuant to this paragraph 549 exceed the millage rate tentatively adopted pursuant to 550 paragraph (c). If the rate tentatively adopted pursuant to 551 paragraph (c) exceeds the proposed rate provided to the property 552 appraiser pursuant to paragraph (b), or as subsequently adjusted 553 pursuant to subsection (11), each taxpayer within the 554 jurisdiction of the taxing authority shall be sent notice by 555 first-class mail of his or her taxes under the tentatively 556 adopted millage rate and his or her taxes under the previously 557 proposed rate. The notice must be prepared by the property 558 appraiser, at the expense of the taxing authority, and must 559 generally conform to the requirements of s. 200.069. If such 560 additional notice is necessary, its mailing must precede the 561 hearing held pursuant to this paragraph by not less than 10 days 562 and not more than 15 days.

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563 (e)1. In the hearings required pursuant to paragraphs (c) 564 and (d), the first substantive issue discussed shall be the 565 percentage increase in millage over the rolled-back rate 566 necessary to fund the budget, if any, and the specific purposes 567 for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased. During 568 such discussion, the governing body shall hear comments 569 regarding the proposed increase and explain the reasons for the 570 proposed increase over the rolled-back rate. The general public 571 shall be allowed to speak and to ask questions before prior to 572 adoption of any measures by the governing body. The governing 573 body shall adopt its tentative or final millage rate before 574 prior to adopting its tentative or final budget.

575 2. These hearings shall be held after 5 p.m. if scheduled on a day other than Saturday. No hearing shall be held on a 576 577 Sunday. The county commission shall not schedule its hearings on 578 days scheduled for hearings by the school board. The hearing 579 dates scheduled by the county commission and school board shall 580 not be utilized by any other taxing authority within the county for its public hearings. However, in counties for which a state 581 582 of emergency was declared by executive order or proclamation of 583 the Governor pursuant to chapter 252 and the rescheduling of 584 hearings on the same day is unavoidable, the county commission 585 and school board must conduct their hearings at different times, 586 and other taxing authorities must schedule their hearings so as 587 not to conflict with the times of the county commission and 588 school board hearings. A multicounty taxing authority shall make 589 every reasonable effort to avoid scheduling hearings on days 590 utilized by the counties or school districts within its 591 jurisdiction. Tax levies and budgets for dependent special

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592 taxing districts shall be adopted at the hearings for the taxing 593 authority to which such districts are dependent, following such 594 discussion and adoption of levies and budgets for the superior 595 taxing authority. A taxing authority may adopt the tax levies 596 for all of its dependent special taxing districts, and may adopt 597 the budgets for all of its dependent special taxing districts, 598 by a single unanimous vote. However, if a member of the general 599 public requests that the tax levy or budget of a dependent 600 special taxing district be separately discussed and separately 601 adopted, the taxing authority shall discuss and adopt that tax 602 levy or budget separately. If, due to circumstances beyond the 603 control of the taxing authority, including a state of emergency 604 declared by executive order or proclamation of the Governor 605 pursuant to chapter 252, the hearing provided for in paragraph 606 (c) or paragraph (d) is recessed or postponed, the taxing 607 authority shall publish a notice in a newspaper of general paid 608 circulation in the county. The notice shall state the time and 609 place for the continuation of the hearing and shall be published 610 at least 2 days but not more than 5 days before prior to the 611 date the hearing will be continued. In the event of postponement 612 or recess due to a declared state of emergency, all subsequent 613 dates in this section shall be extended by the number of days of the postponement or recess. Notice of the postponement or recess 614 615 must be in writing by the affected taxing authority to the tax 616 collector, the property appraiser, and the Department of Revenue 617 within 3 calendar days after the postponement or recess. In the 618 event of such extension, the affected taxing authority must work 619 with the county tax collector and property appraiser to ensure 620 timely assessment and collection of taxes.

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621 (f)1. Notwithstanding any provisions of paragraph (c) to 622 the contrary, each school district shall advertise its intent to adopt a tentative budget in a newspaper of general circulation 623 624 pursuant to subsection (3) within 29 days of certification of 625 value pursuant to subsection (1). Not less than 2 days or more 626 than 5 days thereafter, the district shall hold a public hearing 627 on the tentative budget pursuant to the applicable provisions of 628 paragraph (c). In the event of postponement or recess due to a 629 declared state of emergency, the school district may postpone or 630 recess the hearing for up to 7 days and shall post a prominent 631 notice at the place of the original hearing showing the date, 632 time, and place where the hearing will be reconvened. The posted 633 notice shall measure not less than 8.5 by 11 inches. The school 634 district shall make every reasonable effort to provide 635 reasonable notification of the continued hearing to the 636 taxpayers. The information must also be posted on the school 637 district's website.

638 2. Notwithstanding any provisions of paragraph (b) to the 639 contrary, each school district shall advise the property 640 appraiser of its recomputed proposed millage rate within 35 days 641 of certification of value pursuant to subsection (1). The 642 recomputed proposed millage rate of the school district shall be 643 considered its proposed millage rate for the purposes of 644 paragraph (b).

3. Notwithstanding any provisions of paragraph (d) to the contrary, each school district shall hold a public hearing to finalize the budget and adopt a millage rate within 80 days of certification of value pursuant to subsection (1), but not earlier than 65 days after certification. The hearing shall be

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650 held in accordance with the applicable provisions of paragraph 651 (d), except that a newspaper advertisement need not precede the 652 hearing.

Section 14. Section 200.069, Florida Statutes, is amended 654 to read:

655 200.069 Notice of proposed property taxes and non-ad 656 valorem assessments.-Pursuant to s. 200.065(2)(b), the property 657 appraiser, in the name of the taxing authorities and local 658 governing boards levying non-ad valorem assessments within his 659 or her jurisdiction and at the expense of the county, shall 660 prepare and deliver by first-class mail to each taxpayer to be 661 listed on the current year's assessment roll a notice of 662 proposed property taxes, which notice shall contain the elements 663 and use the format provided in the following form. 664 Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 195.022, no county officer 665 shall use a form other than that provided herein. The Department 666 of Revenue may adjust the spacing and placement on the form of 667 the elements listed in this section as it considers necessary 668 based on changes in conditions necessitated by various taxing 669 authorities. If the elements are in the order listed, the 670 placement of the listed columns may be varied at the discretion 671 and expense of the property appraiser, and the property 672 appraiser may use printing technology and devices to complete 673 the form, the spacing, and the placement of the information in 674 the columns. In addition, the property appraiser may not include 675 in the mailing of the notice of ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments additional information or items unless such 676 677 information or items explain a component of the notice or provide information directly related to the assessment and 678

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679 taxation of the property. A county officer may use a form other 680 than that provided by the department for purposes of this part, but only if his or her office pays the related expenses and he 681 682 or she obtains prior written permission from the executive 683 director of the department; however, a county officer may not 684 use a form the substantive content of which is at variance with 685 the form prescribed by the department. The county officer may 686 continue to use such an approved form until the law that 687 specifies the form is amended or repealed or until the officer 688 receives written disapproval from the executive director.

(1) The first page of the notice shall read:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES DO NOT PAY-THIS IS NOT A BILL

The taxing authorities which levy property taxes against your property will soon hold PUBLIC HEARINGS to adopt budgets and tax rates for the next year.

The purpose of these PUBLIC HEARINGS is to receive opinions from the general public and to answer questions on the proposed tax change and budget PRIOR TO TAKING FINAL ACTION.

Each taxing authority may AMEND OR ALTER its proposals at the hearing.

(2) (a) The notice shall include a brief legal description of the property, the name and mailing address of the owner of record, and the tax information applicable to the specific parcel in question. The information shall be in columnar form. There shall be seven column headings which shall read: "Taxing

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708 Authority," "Your Property Taxes Last Year," "Last Year's Adjusted Tax Rate (Millage)," "Your Taxes This Year IF NO Budget 709 710 Change Is Adopted," "Tax Rate This Year IF PROPOSED Budget Is Adopted (Millage), " "Your Taxes This Year IF PROPOSED Budget 711 712 Change Is Adopted," and "A Public Hearing on the Proposed Taxes 713 and Budget Will Be Held:."

(b) As used in this section, the term "last year's adjusted 715 tax rate" means the rolled-back rate calculated pursuant to s. 716 200.065(1).

717 (3) There shall be under each column heading an entry for 718 the county; the school district levy required pursuant to s. 719 1011.60(6); other operating school levies; the municipality or 720 municipal service taxing unit or units in which the parcel lies, 721 if any; the water management district levying pursuant to s. 722 373.503; the independent special districts in which the parcel 723 lies, if any; and for all voted levies for debt service 724 applicable to the parcel, if any.

(4) For each entry listed in subsection (3), there shall appear on the notice the following:

727 (a) In the first column, a brief, commonly used name for 728 the taxing authority or its governing body. The entry in the 729 first column for the levy required pursuant to s. 1011.60(6) 730 shall be "By State Law." The entry for other operating school 7.31 district levies shall be "By Local Board." Both school levy 732 entries shall be indented and preceded by the notation "Public 733 Schools:". For each voted levy for debt service, the entry shall 734 be "Voter Approved Debt Payments."

735 (b) In the second column, the gross amount of ad valorem taxes levied against the parcel in the previous year. If the 736

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737 parcel did not exist in the previous year, the second column738 shall be blank.

(c) In the third column, last year's adjusted tax rate or,
in the case of voted levies for debt service, the tax rate
previously authorized by referendum.

(d) In the fourth column, the gross amount of ad valorem taxes which will apply to the parcel in the current year if each taxing authority levies last year's adjusted tax rate or, in the case of voted levies for debt service, the amount previously authorized by referendum.

(e) In the fifth column, the tax rate that each taxing authority must levy against the parcel to fund the proposed budget or, in the case of voted levies for debt service, the tax rate previously authorized by referendum.

(f) In the sixth column, the gross amount of ad valorem taxes that must be levied in the current year if the proposed budget is adopted.

(g) In the seventh column, the date, the time, and a brief description of the location of the public hearing required pursuant to s. 200.065(2)(c).

757 (5) Following the entries for each taxing authority, a 758 final entry shall show: in the first column, the words "Total 759 Property Taxes:" and in the second, fourth, and sixth columns, 760 the sum of the entries for each of the individual taxing 761 authorities. The second, fourth, and sixth columns shall, 762 immediately below said entries, be labeled Column 1, Column 2, 763 and Column 3, respectively. Below these labels shall appear, in 764 boldfaced type, the statement: SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR EXPLANATION. 765 (6) (a) The second page of the notice shall state the

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766 parcel's market value and for each taxing authority that levies 767 an ad valorem tax against the parcel:

1. The assessed value, value of exemptions, and taxable value for the previous year and the current year.

2. Each assessment reduction and exemption applicable to the property, including the value of the assessment reduction or exemption and tax levies to which they apply.

(b) The reverse side of the second page shall contain definitions and explanations for the values included on the front side.

(7) The following statement shall appear after the values listed on the front of the second page:

If you feel that the market value of your property is inaccurate or does not reflect fair market value, or if you are entitled to an exemption or classification that is not reflected above, contact your county property appraiser at ... (phone number)... or ... (location)....

If the property appraiser's office is unable to resolve the matter as to market value, classification, or an exemption, you may file a petition for adjustment with the Value Adjustment Board. Petition forms are available from the county property appraiser and must be filed ON OR BEFORE ... (date)....

(8) The reverse side of the first page of the form shall read:

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794 *COLUMN 1-"YOUR PROPERTY TAXES LAST YEAR"

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795 This column shows the taxes that applied last year to your 796 property. These amounts were based on budgets adopted last year 797 and your property's previous taxable value. *COLUMN 2-"YOUR TAXES IF NO BUDGET CHANGE IS ADOPTED" 798 799 This column shows what your taxes will be this year IF EACH 800 TAXING AUTHORITY DOES NOT CHANGE ITS PROPERTY TAX LEVY. These 801 amounts are based on last year's budgets and your current 802 assessment. *COLUMN 3-"YOUR TAXES IF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGE IS ADOPTED" 803 804 This column shows what your taxes will be this year under the 805 BUDGET ACTUALLY PROPOSED by each local taxing authority. The 806 proposal is NOT final and may be amended at the public hearings 807 shown on the front side of this notice. The difference between 808 columns 2 and 3 is the tax change proposed by each local taxing 809 authority and is NOT the result of higher assessments. 810 811 *Note: Amounts shown on this form do NOT reflect early payment 812 discounts you may have received or may be eligible to receive. 813 (Discounts are a maximum of 4 percent of the amounts shown on 814 this form.) 815 (9) The bottom portion of the notice shall further read in 816 bold, conspicuous print: 817 "Your final tax bill may contain non-ad valorem 818 819 assessments which may not be reflected on this notice 820 such as assessments for roads, fire, garbage, 821 lighting, drainage, water, sewer, or other 822 governmental services and facilities which may be 823 levied by your county, city, or any special district."

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824 825 (10) (a) If requested by the local governing board levying 826 non-ad valorem assessments and agreed to by the property 827 appraiser, the notice specified in this section may contain a 828 notice of proposed or adopted non-ad valorem assessments. If so 829 agreed, the notice shall be titled: 830 831 NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES 832 AND PROPOSED OR ADOPTED 833 NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS 834 DO NOT PAY-THIS IS NOT A BILL 835 836 There must be a clear partition between the notice of proposed 837 property taxes and the notice of proposed or adopted non-ad 838 valorem assessments. The partition must be a bold, horizontal 839 line approximately 1/8-inch thick. By rule, the department shall 840 provide a format for the form of the notice of proposed or 841 adopted non-ad valorem assessments which meets the following 842 minimum requirements: 843 1. There must be subheading for columns listing the levying 844 local governing board, with corresponding assessment rates 845 expressed in dollars and cents per unit of assessment, and the 846 associated assessment amount. 847 2. The purpose of each assessment must also be listed in 848 the column listing the levying local governing board if the 849 purpose is not clearly indicated by the name of the board. 850 3. Each non-ad valorem assessment for each levying local 851 governing board must be listed separately. 852 4. If a county has too many municipal service benefit units

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853 or assessments to be listed separately, it shall combine them by 854 function.

5. A brief statement outlining the responsibility of the tax collector and each levying local governing board as to any non-ad valorem assessment must be provided on the form, accompanied by directions as to which office to contact for particular questions or problems.

(b) If the notice includes all adopted non-ad valorem assessments, the provisions contained in subsection (9) shall not be placed on the notice.

Section 15. Effective January 1, 2021, paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of section 202.12, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

202.12 Sales of communications services.—The Legislature finds that every person who engages in the business of selling communications services at retail in this state is exercising a taxable privilege. It is the intent of the Legislature that the tax imposed by chapter 203 be administered as provided in this chapter.

872 (1) For the exercise of such privilege, a tax is levied on873 each taxable transaction and is due and payable as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, at the rate of 4.42 4.92 percent applied to the sales price of the communications service that:

877 1. Originates and terminates in this state, or
878 2. Originates or terminates in this state and is charged to
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881 when sold at retail, computed on each taxable sale for the

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882 purpose of remitting the tax due. The gross receipts tax imposed 883 by chapter 203 shall be collected on the same taxable 884 transactions and remitted with the tax imposed by this 885 paragraph. If no tax is imposed by this paragraph due to the 886 exemption provided under s. 202.125(1), the tax imposed by 887 chapter 203 shall nevertheless be collected and remitted in the 888 manner and at the time prescribed for tax collections and 889 remittances under this chapter.

(b) At the rate of <u>8.57</u> 9.07 percent applied to the retail sales price of any direct-to-home satellite service received in this state. The proceeds of the tax imposed under this paragraph shall be accounted for and distributed in accordance with s. 202.18(2). The gross receipts tax imposed by chapter 203 shall be collected on the same taxable transactions and remitted with the tax imposed by this paragraph.

897 Section 16. Effective January 1, 2021, section 202.12001,898 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

202.12001 Combined rate for tax collected pursuant to ss. 202.12(1)(a) and 203.01(1)(b).—In complying with ss. 1-3, ch. 2010-149, Laws of Florida, the dealer of communication services may collect a combined rate of 4.57 5.07 percent, composed of the 4.42 4.92 percent and 0.15 percent rates required by ss. 202.12(1)(a) and 203.01(1)(b)3., respectively, if the provider properly reflects the tax collected with respect to the two provisions as required in the return to the department.

907 Section 17. Effective January 1, 2021, section 203.001,908 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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918 Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 206.05, Florida 919 Statutes, is amended to read:

920 206.05 Bond required of licensed terminal supplier, 921 importer, exporter, or wholesaler.-

922 (1) Each terminal supplier, importer, exporter, or 923 wholesaler, except a municipality, county, school board, state 924 agency, federal agency, or special district which is licensed 925 under this part, shall file with the department a bond in a 926 penal sum of not more than \$300,000 $\frac{100,000}{0}$, such sum to be 927 approximately 3 times the combined average monthly tax levied 928 under this part and local option tax on motor fuel paid or due 929 during the preceding 12 calendar months under the laws of this 930 state. An exporter shall file a bond in an amount equal to 3 931 times the average monthly tax due on gallons acquired for 932 export. The bond shall be in such form as may be approved by the 933 department, executed by a surety company duly licensed to do 934 business under the laws of the state as surety thereon, and 935 conditioned upon the prompt filing of true reports and the 936 payment to the department of any and all fuel taxes levied under 937 this chapter including local option taxes which are now or which 938 hereafter may be levied or imposed, together with any and all 939 penalties and interest thereon, and generally upon faithful

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940 compliance with the provisions of the fuel tax and local option 941 tax laws of the state. The licensee shall be the principal 942 obligor, and the state shall be the obligee. An assigned time 943 deposit or irrevocable letter of credit may be accepted in lieu 944 of a surety bond. 945 Section 19. Subsection (6) of section 206.8741, Florida 946 Statutes, is amended to read: 947 206.8741 Dyeing and marking; notice requirements.-948 (6) Any person who fails to provide or post the required 949 notice with respect to any dyed diesel fuel is subject to a 950 penalty of \$2,500 for each month such failure occurs the penalty 951 imposed by s. 206.872(11). 952 Section 20. Subsection (1) section 206.90, Florida 953 Statutes, is amended to read: 954 206.90 Bond required of terminal suppliers, importers, and 955 wholesalers.-956 (1) Every terminal supplier, importer, or wholesaler, 957 except a municipality, county, state agency, federal agency, 958 school board, or special district, shall file with the 959 department a bond or bonds in the penal sum of not more than 960 \$300,000 \$100,000. The sum of such bond shall be approximately 3

961 times the average monthly diesel fuels tax and local option tax 962 on diesel fuels paid or due during the preceding 12 calendar 963 months, with a surety approved by the department. The licensee 964 shall be the principal obligor and the state shall be the 965 obligee, conditioned upon the faithful compliance with the 966 provisions of this chapter, including the local option tax laws. 967 If the sum of 3 times a licensee's average monthly tax is less 968 than \$50, no bond shall be required.

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969 Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 970 212.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

971 212.05 Sales, storage, use tax.-It is hereby declared to be 972 the legislative intent that every person is exercising a taxable 973 privilege who engages in the business of selling tangible 974 personal property at retail in this state, including the 975 business of making mail order sales, or who rents or furnishes 976 any of the things or services taxable under this chapter, or who 977 stores for use or consumption in this state any item or article 978 of tangible personal property as defined herein and who leases 979 or rents such property within the state.

980 (1) For the exercise of such privilege, a tax is levied on 981 each taxable transaction or incident, which tax is due and 982 payable as follows:

983 (a)1.a. At the rate of 6 percent of the sales price of each 984 item or article of tangible personal property when sold at 985 retail in this state, computed on each taxable sale for the 986 purpose of remitting the amount of tax due the state, and 987 including each and every retail sale.

988 b. Each occasional or isolated sale of an aircraft, boat, 989 mobile home, or motor vehicle of a class or type which is 990 required to be registered, licensed, titled, or documented in 991 this state or by the United States Government shall be subject 992 to tax at the rate provided in this paragraph. The department 993 shall by rule adopt any nationally recognized publication for 994 valuation of used motor vehicles as the reference price list for 995 any used motor vehicle which is required to be licensed pursuant 996 to s. 320.08(1), (2), (3)(a), (b), (c), or (e), or (9). If any 997 party to an occasional or isolated sale of such a vehicle

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998 reports to the tax collector a sales price which is less than 80 999 percent of the average loan price for the specified model and 1000 year of such vehicle as listed in the most recent reference 1001 price list, the tax levied under this paragraph shall be 1002 computed by the department on such average loan price unless the 1003 parties to the sale have provided to the tax collector an affidavit signed by each party, or other substantial proof, 1004 1005 stating the actual sales price. Any party to such sale who 1006 reports a sales price less than the actual sales price is guilty 1007 of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in 1008 s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. The department shall collect or 1009 attempt to collect from such party any delinquent sales taxes. 1010 In addition, such party shall pay any tax due and any penalty 1011 and interest assessed plus a penalty equal to twice the amount 1012 of the additional tax owed. Notwithstanding any other provision 1013 of law, the Department of Revenue may waive or compromise any 1014 penalty imposed pursuant to this subparagraph.

2. This paragraph does not apply to the sale of a boat or 1015 1016 aircraft by or through a registered dealer under this chapter to 1017 a purchaser who, at the time of taking delivery, is a 1018 nonresident of this state, does not make his or her permanent place of abode in this state, and is not engaged in carrying on 1019 1020 in this state any employment, trade, business, or profession in 1021 which the boat or aircraft will be used in this state, or is a 1022 corporation none of the officers or directors of which is a 1023 resident of, or makes his or her permanent place of abode in, 1024 this state, or is a noncorporate entity that has no individual vested with authority to participate in the management, 1025 1026 direction, or control of the entity's affairs who is a resident

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1027 of, or makes his or her permanent abode in, this state. For 1028 purposes of this exemption, either a registered dealer acting on 1029 his or her own behalf as seller, a registered dealer acting as 1030 broker on behalf of a seller, or a registered dealer acting as 1031 broker on behalf of the purchaser may be deemed to be the 1032 selling dealer. This exemption shall not be allowed unless:

1033 a. The purchaser removes a qualifying boat, as described in 1034 sub-subparagraph f., from the state within 90 days after the 1035 date of purchase or extension, or the purchaser removes a 1036 nonqualifying boat or an aircraft from this state within 10 days 1037 after the date of purchase or, when the boat or aircraft is 1038 repaired or altered, within 20 days after completion of the 1039 repairs or alterations; or if the aircraft will be registered in 1040 a foreign jurisdiction and:

(I) Application for the aircraft's registration is properly filed with a civil airworthiness authority of a foreign jurisdiction within 10 days after the date of purchase;

(II) The purchaser removes the aircraft from the state to a foreign jurisdiction within 10 days after the date the aircraft is registered by the applicable foreign airworthiness authority; and

(III) The aircraft is operated in the state solely to remove it from the state to a foreign jurisdiction.

1051 For purposes of this sub-subparagraph, the term "foreign 1052 jurisdiction" means any jurisdiction outside of the United 1053 States or any of its territories;

b. The purchaser, within <u>90</u> 30 days from the date ofdeparture, provides the department with written proof that the

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1056 purchaser licensed, registered, titled, or documented the boat 1057 or aircraft outside the state. If such written proof is 1058 unavailable, within <u>90</u> 30 days the purchaser shall provide proof 1059 that the purchaser applied for such license, title, 1060 registration, or documentation. The purchaser shall forward to 1061 the department proof of title, license, registration, or 1062 documentation upon receipt;

c. The purchaser, within <u>30</u> 10 days <u>after</u> of removing the boat or aircraft from Florida, furnishes the department with proof of removal in the form of receipts for fuel, dockage, slippage, tie-down, or hangaring from outside of Florida. The information so provided must clearly and specifically identify the boat or aircraft;

d. The selling dealer, within 30 ± 4 days after of the date of sale, provides to the department a copy of the sales invoice, closing statement, bills of sale, and the original affidavit signed by the purchaser attesting that he or she has read the provisions of this section;

e. The seller makes a copy of the affidavit a part of his or her record for as long as required by s. 213.35; and

1076 f. Unless the nonresident purchaser of a boat of 5 net tons 1077 of admeasurement or larger intends to remove the boat from this 1078 state within 10 days after the date of purchase or when the boat 1079 is repaired or altered, within 20 days after completion of the 1080 repairs or alterations, the nonresident purchaser applies to the 1081 selling dealer for a decal which authorizes 90 days after the 1082 date of purchase for removal of the boat. The nonresident purchaser of a qualifying boat may apply to the selling dealer 1083 within 60 days after the date of purchase for an extension decal 1084

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1085 that authorizes the boat to remain in this state for an additional 90 days, but not more than a total of 180 days, before the nonresident purchaser is required to pay the tax imposed by this chapter. The department is authorized to issue decals in advance to dealers. The number of decals issued in advance to a dealer shall be consistent with the volume of the dealer's past sales of boats which qualify under this subsubparagraph. The selling dealer or his or her agent shall mark and affix the decals to qualifying boats in the manner prescribed by the department, before delivery of the boat.

(I) The department is hereby authorized to charge dealers a fee sufficient to recover the costs of decals issued, except the extension decal shall cost \$425.

(II) The proceeds from the sale of decals will be deposited into the administrative trust fund.

(III) Decals shall display information to identify the boat as a qualifying boat under this sub-subparagraph, including, but not limited to, the decal's date of expiration.

(IV) The department is authorized to require dealers who purchase decals to file reports with the department and may prescribe all necessary records by rule. All such records are subject to inspection by the department.

(V) Any dealer or his or her agent who issues a decal falsely, fails to affix a decal, mismarks the expiration date of a decal, or fails to properly account for decals will be considered prima facie to have committed a fraudulent act to evade the tax and will be liable for payment of the tax plus a mandatory penalty of 200 percent of the tax, and shall be liable for fine and punishment as provided by law for a conviction of a

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1114 misdemeanor of the first degree, as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 1115 775.083.

1116 (VI) Any nonresident purchaser of a boat who removes a 1117 decal before permanently removing the boat from the state, or 1118 defaces, changes, modifies, or alters a decal in a manner 1119 affecting its expiration date before its expiration, or who 1120 causes or allows the same to be done by another, will be 1121 considered prima facie to have committed a fraudulent act to 1122 evade the tax and will be liable for payment of the tax plus a 1123 mandatory penalty of 200 percent of the tax, and shall be liable 1124 for fine and punishment as provided by law for a conviction of a 1125 misdemeanor of the first degree, as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 1126 775.083.

(VII) The department is authorized to adopt rules necessary to administer and enforce this subparagraph and to publish the necessary forms and instructions.

(VIII) The department is hereby authorized to adopt emergency rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4) to administer and enforce the provisions of this subparagraph.

1134 If the purchaser fails to remove the qualifying boat from this 1135 state within the maximum 180 days after purchase or a 1136 nonqualifying boat or an aircraft from this state within 10 days 1137 after purchase or, when the boat or aircraft is repaired or 1138 altered, within 20 days after completion of such repairs or 1139 alterations, or permits the boat or aircraft to return to this 1140 state within 6 months from the date of departure, except as 1141 provided in s. 212.08(7) (fff), or if the purchaser fails to 1142 furnish the department with any of the documentation required by

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1143 this subparagraph within the prescribed time period, the 1144 purchaser shall be liable for use tax on the cost price of the 1145 boat or aircraft and, in addition thereto, payment of a penalty 1146 to the Department of Revenue equal to the tax payable. This penalty shall be in lieu of the penalty imposed by s. 212.12(2). 1147 1148 The maximum 180-day period following the sale of a qualifying 1149 boat tax-exempt to a nonresident may not be tolled for any 1150 reason.

Section 22. Subsection (6) of section 212.055, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

1154 212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent; 1155 authorization and use of proceeds.-It is the legislative intent 1156 that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales 1157 surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a 1158 subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the 1159 levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties 1160 authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the 1161 maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the 1162 procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if 1163 required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended; 1164 and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide. 1165 Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as provided in s. 212.054. 1166

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1168 SURTAX.-

(f) Any discretionary sales surtax levied under this subsection pursuant to a referendum held on or after July 1, 2020, may not be levied for more than 30 years.

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1172 (6) SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY SURTAX.-1173 (a) The school board in each county may levy, pursuant to 1174 resolution conditioned to take effect only upon approval by a 1175 majority vote of the electors of the county voting in a 1176 referendum, a discretionary sales surtax at a rate that may not 1177 exceed 0.5 percent. 1178 (b) The resolution must shall include a statement that 1179 provides a brief and general description of the school capital 1180 outlay projects to be funded by the surtax. The resolution must 1181 include a statement that the revenues collected must be shared 1182 with eligible charter schools based on their proportionate share 1183 of the total school district enrollment. The statement must 1184 shall conform to the requirements of s. 101.161 and shall be 1185 placed on the ballot by the governing body of the county. The 1186 following question shall be placed on the ballot: 1187FOR THECENTS TAX 1188AGAINST THECENTS TAX 1189 1190 1191 1192 1193 (c) The resolution providing for the imposition of the 1194 surtax must shall set forth a plan for use of the surtax 1195 proceeds for fixed capital expenditures or fixed capital costs 1196 associated with the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of school facilities and campuses which have a useful life 1197 1198 expectancy of 5 or more years, and any land acquisition, land Page 42 of 70 3/12/2020 2:44:50 PM

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1199 improvement, design, and engineering costs related thereto. 1200 Additionally, the plan shall include the costs of retrofitting and providing for technology implementation, including hardware 1201 1202 and software, for the various sites within the school district. 1203 Surtax revenues may be used to service for the purpose of 1204 servicing bond indebtedness to finance projects authorized by this subsection, and any interest accrued thereto may be held in 1205 1206 trust to finance such projects. Neither the proceeds of the 1207 surtax nor any interest accrued thereto shall be used for 1208 operational expenses. Surtax revenues shared with charter schools shall be expended by the charter school in a manner 1209 1210 consistent with the allowable uses set forth in s. 1013.62(4). 1211 All revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a 1212 charter school's monthly or quarterly financial statement 1213 pursuant to s. 1002.33(9). The eligibility of a charter school 1214 to receive funds under this subsection shall be determined in 1215 accordance with s. 1013.62(1). If a school's charter is not 1216 renewed or is terminated and the school is dissolved under the 1217 provisions of law under which the school was organized, any 1218 unencumbered funds received under this subsection shall revert 1219 to the sponsor. 1220 (d) Surtax revenues collected by the Department of Revenue

1220 (d) Surtax revenues collected by the Department of Revenue 1221 pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed to the school 1222 board imposing the surtax in accordance with law.

Section 23. <u>The amendment made by this act to s.</u> <u>212.055(6)</u>, Florida Statutes, which amends the allowable uses of <u>the school capital outlay surtax</u>, applies to levies authorized <u>by vote of the electors on or after July 1, 2020</u>. Section 24. Effective January 1, 2021, section 212.134,

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1228	Florida Statutes, is created to read:
1229	212.134 Information returns relating to payment-card and
1230	third-party network transactions
1231	(1) For each year in which a payment settlement entity, an
1232	electronic payment facilitator, or other third party contracted
1233	with the payment settlement entity to make payments to settle
1234	reportable payment transactions on behalf of the payment
1235	settlement entity must file a return pursuant to s. 6050W of the
1236	Internal Revenue Code, the entity, the facilitator, or the third
1237	party must submit the information in the return to the
1238	department by the 30th day after filing the federal return. The
1239	format of the information returns required must be either a copy
1240	of such information returns or a copy of such information
1241	returns related to participating payees with an address in the
1242	state. For purposes of this subsection, the term "payment
1243	settlement entity" has the same meaning as provided in s. 6050W
1244	of the Internal Revenue Code.
1245	(2) All reports submitted to the department under this
1246	section must be in an electronic format.
1247	(3) Any payment settlement entity, facilitator, or third
1248	party failing to file the information return required, filing an
1249	incomplete information return, or not filing an information
1250	return within the time prescribed is subject to a penalty of
1251	\$1,000 for each failure, if the failure is for not more than 30
1252	days, with an additional \$1,000 for each month or fraction of a
1253	month during which each failure continues. The total amount of
1254	penalty imposed on a reporting entity may not exceed \$10,000
1255	annually.
1256	(4) The executive director or his or her designee may waive

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1257	the penalty if he or she determines that the failure to timely
1258	file an information return was due to reasonable cause and not
1259	due to willful negligence, willful neglect, or fraud.
1260	Section 25. Section 212.181, Florida Statutes, is created
1261	to read:
1262	212.181 Determination of business address situs,
1263	distributions, and adjustments
1264	(1) For each certificate of registration issued pursuant to
1265	s. 212.18(3)(b), the department shall assign the place of
1266	business to a county based on the location address provided at
1267	the time of registration or at the time the dealer notifies the
1268	department of a change in a business location address.
1269	(2)(a) Each county that furnishes to the department
1270	information needed to update the electronic database created and
1271	maintained pursuant to s. 202.22(2)(a), including addresses of
1272	new developments, changes in addresses, annexations,
1273	incorporations, reorganizations, and any other changes in
1274	jurisdictional boundaries within the county, must specify an
1275	effective date, which must be the next ensuing January 1 or July
1276	1, and must be furnished to the department at least 120 days
1277	before the effective date. A county that provides notification
1278	to the department at least 120 days before the effective date
1279	that it has reviewed the database and has no changes for the
1280	ensuing January 1 or July 1 satisfies the requirement of this
1281	paragraph.
1282	(b) A county that imposes a tourist development tax in a
1283	subcounty special district pursuant to s. 125.0104(3)(b) must
1284	identify the subcounty special district addresses to which the
1285	tourist development tax applies as part of the address

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1286	information submission required under paragraph (a). This
1287	paragraph does not apply to counties that self-administer the
1288	tax pursuant to s. 125.0104(10).
1289	(c) The department shall update the electronic database
1290	created and maintained under s. 202.22(2)(a) using the
1291	information furnished by local taxing jurisdictions under
1292	paragraph (a) and shall ensure each business location is
1293	correctly assigned to the applicable county pursuant to
1294	subsection (1). Each update must specify the effective date as
1295	the next ensuing January 1 or July 1 and must be posted by the
1296	department on a website not less than 90 days before the
1297	effective date.
1298	(3) (a) For distributions made pursuant to ss. 125.0104,
1299	212.20(6)(a), (b), and (d)2., misallocations occurring solely
1300	due to the assignment of an address to an incorrect county will
1301	be corrected prospectively only from the date the department is
1302	made aware of the misallocation, subject to the following:
1303	1. If the county that should have received the misallocated
1304	distributions followed the notification and timing provisions in
1305	subsection (2) for the affected periods, such misallocations may
1306	be adjusted by prorating current and future distributions for
1307	the period the misallocation occurred, not to exceed 36 months
1308	from the date the department is made aware of the misallocation.
1309	2. If the county that received the misallocated
1310	distribution followed the notification and timing provisions in
1311	subsection (2) for the affected periods and the county that
1312	should have received the misallocation did not, the correction
1313	shall apply only prospectively from the date the department is
1314	made aware of the misallocation.
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1315	(b) Nothing in this subsection prevents affected counties
1316	from determining an alternative method of adjustment pursuant to
1317	an interlocal agreement. Affected counties with an interlocal
1318	agreement must provide a copy of the interlocal agreement
1319	specifying an alternative method of adjustment to the department
1320	within 90 days after the date of the department's notice of the
1321	misallocation.
1322	(4) The department may adopt rules to administer this
1323	section, including rules establishing procedures and forms.
1324	Section 26. Section 215.179, Florida Statutes, is created
1325	to read:
1326	215.179 Solicitation of paymentAn owner of a public
1327	building or the owner's employee may not seek, accept, or
1328	solicit any payment or other form of consideration for providing
1329	the written allocation letter described in s. 179D(d)(4) of the
1330	Internal Revenue Code and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Notice
1331	2008-40. An allocation letter must be signed and returned to the
1332	architect, engineer, or contractor within 15 days after written
1333	request. The architect, engineer, or contractor shall file the
1334	allocation request with the Department of Financial Services.
1335	This section is effective until the Internal Revenue Service
1336	supersedes s. 3 of IRS Notice 2008-40 and materially modifies
1337	the allocation process therein.
1338	Section 27. Section 213.0537, Florida Statutes, is created
1339	to read:
1340	213.0537 Electronic notification with affirmative consent
1341	(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
1342	Department of Revenue may send notices electronically, by postal
1343	mail, or both. Electronic transmission may be used only with the

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1344	affirmative consent of the taxpayer or its representative.
1345	Documents sent pursuant to this section comply with the same
1346	timing and form requirements as documents sent by postal mail.
1347	If a document sent electronically is returned as undeliverable,
1348	the department must resend the document by postal mail. However,
1349	the original electronic transmission used with the affirmative
1350	consent of the taxpayer or its representative is the official
1351	mailing for purposes of this chapter.
1352	(2) A notice sent electronically will be considered to have
1353	been received by the recipient if the transmission is addressed
1354	to the address provided by the taxpayer or its representative. A
1355	notice sent electronically will be considered received even if
1356	no individual is aware of its receipt. In addition, a notice
1357	sent electronically shall be considered received if the
1358	department does not receive notification that the document was
1359	undeliverable.
1360	(3) For the purposes of this section, the term:
1361	(a) "Affirmative consent" means that the taxpayer or its
1362	representative expressly consented to receive notices
1363	electronically either in response to a clear and conspicuous
1364	request for the taxpayer's or its representative's consent, or
1365	at the taxpayer's or its representative's own initiative.
1366	(b) "Notice" means all communications from the department
1367	to the taxpayer or its representative, including, but not
1368	limited to, billings, notices issued during the course of an
1369	audit, proposed assessments, and final assessments authorized by
1370	this chapter and any other actions constituting final agency
1371	action within the meaning of chapter 120.
1372	Section 28. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section

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1373 213.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1374 213.21 Informal conferences; compromises.-1375 (1)1376 (b) The statute of limitations upon the issuance of final 1377 assessments and the period for filing a claim for refund as 1378 required by s. 215.26(2) for any transactions occurring during 1379 the audit period shall be tolled during the period in which the 1380 taxpayer is engaged in a procedure under this section. 1381 Section 29. Effective upon this act becoming a law, 1382 paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 220.1105, Florida 1383 Statutes, is amended to read: 1384 220.1105 Tax imposed; automatic refunds and downward 1385 adjustments to tax rates.-1386 (4) For fiscal years 2018-2019 through 2020-2021, any 1387 amount by which net collections for a fiscal year exceed adjusted forecasted collections for that fiscal year shall only 1388 1389 be used to provide refunds to corporate income tax payers as 1390 follows: 1391 (a) For purposes of this subsection, the term: 1392 1. "Eligible taxpayer" means: 1393 a. For fiscal year 2018-2019, a taxpayer whose taxable year 1394 begins between April 1, 2017, and March 31, 2018, and whose 1395 final tax liability for such taxable year is greater than zero; 1396 b. For fiscal year 2019-2020, a taxpayer whose taxable year 1397 begins between April 1, 2018, and March 31, 2019, and whose 1398 final tax liability for such taxable year is greater than zero; 1399 or 1400 c. For fiscal year 2020-2021 a taxpayer whose taxable year begins between April 1, 2019, and March 31, 2020, and whose 1401

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1402	final tax liability for such taxable year is greater than zero.
1403	2. "Excess collections" for a fiscal year means the amount
1404	by which net collections for a fiscal year exceeds adjusted
1405	forecasted collections for that fiscal year.
1406	3. "Final tax liability" means the taxpayer's amount of tax
1407	due under this chapter for a taxable year, reported on a return
1408	filed with the department, plus the amount of any credit taken
1409	on such return under s. 220.1875.
1410	4. "Total eligible tax liability" for a fiscal year means
1411	the sum of final tax liabilities of all eligible taxpayers for a
1412	fiscal year as such liabilities are shown on the latest return
1413	filed with the department as of February 1 immediately following
1414	that fiscal year.
1415	5. "Taxpayer refund share" for a fiscal year means an
1416	eligible taxpayer's final tax liability as a percentage of the
1417	total eligible tax liability for that fiscal year.
1418	6. "Taxpayer refund" for a fiscal year means the taxpayer
1419	refund share for a fiscal year multiplied by the excess
1420	collections for a fiscal year.
1421	Section 30. The amendment made by this act to s.
1422	220.1105(4)(a)3., Florida Statutes, is remedial in nature and
1423	applies retroactively.
1424	Section 31. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) and subsections
1425	(8) and (9) of section 288.106, Florida Statutes, are amended to
1426	read:
1427	288.106 Tax refund program for qualified target industry
1428	businesses
1429	(5) TAX REFUND AGREEMENT.—
1430	(b) Compliance with the terms and conditions of the

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1431 agreement is a condition precedent for the receipt of a tax 1432 refund each year. The failure to comply with the terms and 1433 conditions of the tax refund agreement results in the loss of 1434 eligibility for receipt of all tax refunds previously authorized 1435 under this section and the revocation by the department of the 1436 certification of the business entity as a qualified target industry business, unless the business is eligible to receive 1437 1438 and elects to accept a prorated refund under paragraph (6)(e) or 1439 the department grants the business an economic recovery 1440 extension.

1. A qualified target industry business may submit a request to the department for an economic recovery extension. The request must provide quantitative evidence demonstrating how negative economic conditions in the business's industry, the effects of a named hurricane or tropical storm, or specific acts of terrorism affecting the qualified target industry business have prevented the business from complying with the terms and conditions of its tax refund agreement.

1449 2. Upon receipt of a request under subparagraph 1., the 1450 department has 45 days to notify the requesting business, in 1451 writing, whether its extension has been granted or denied. In 1452 determining whether an extension should be granted, the 1453 department shall consider the extent to which negative economic 1454 conditions in the requesting business's industry have occurred in the state or the effects of a named hurricane or tropical 1455 storm or specific acts of terrorism affecting the qualified 1456 1457 target industry business have prevented the business from complying with the terms and conditions of its tax refund 1458 agreement. The department shall consider current employment 1459

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1460 statistics for this state by industry, including whether the 1461 business's industry had substantial job loss during the prior 1462 year, when determining whether an extension shall be granted.

1463 3. As a condition for receiving a prorated refund under 1464 paragraph (6) (e) or an economic recovery extension under this paragraph, a qualified target industry business must agree to 1465 1466 renegotiate its tax refund agreement with the department to, at 1467 a minimum, ensure that the terms of the agreement comply with 1468 current law and the department's procedures governing 1469 application for and award of tax refunds. Upon approving the 1470 award of a prorated refund or granting an economic recovery 1471 extension, the department shall renegotiate the tax refund 1472 agreement with the business as required by this subparagraph. 1473 When amending the agreement of a business receiving an economic 1474 recovery extension, the department may extend the duration of 1475 the agreement for a period not to exceed 2 years.

4. A qualified target industry business <u>located in a county</u> <u>affected by Hurricane Michael, as defined in subsection (8), may</u> submit a request for an economic recovery extension to the department in lieu of any tax refund claim scheduled to be submitted after January 1, <u>2021</u> 2009, but before July 1, <u>2023</u> 2012.

1482 5. A qualified target industry business that receives an 1483 economic recovery extension may not receive a tax refund for the 1484 period covered by the extension.

(8) SPECIAL INCENTIVES.-If the department determines it is
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Michael, the department may, between July 1, 2020 2011, and June 1489 30, 2023 2014, may waive any or all wage or local financial 1490 1491 support eligibility requirements. If the department elects to 1492 waive wage or financial support eligibility requirements, the 1493 waiver must be stated in writing. and allow A qualified target 1494 industry business that relocates from another state to, or 1495 establishes which relocates all or a portion of its business or 1496 expands its existing business in, a to a Disproportionally 1497 Affected county affected by Hurricane Michael is eligible to 1498 receive a tax refund payment of up to \$10,000 \$6,000 multiplied by the number of jobs specified in the tax refund agreement 1499 1500 under subparagraph (5)(a)1. over the term of the agreement. 1501 Prior to granting such waiver, the executive director of the 1502 department shall file with the Governor a written statement of 1503 the conditions and circumstances constituting the reason for the 1504 waiver. Such business shall be eligible for the additional tax 1505 refund payments specified in subparagraph (3)(b)4. if it meets 1506 the criteria. As used in this section, the term 1507 "Disproportionally Affected county affected by Hurricane 1508 Michael" means Bay County, Calhoun County Escambia County, 1509 Franklin County, Gadsden County, Gulf County, Holmes County, 1510 Jackson County, Jefferson County, Leon County, Liberty County, 1511 Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, Walton County, or Wakulla County, Walton County, or Washington County. 1512 1513

(9) EXPIRATION. - An applicant may not be certified as qualified under this section after June 30, 2020. A tax refund agreement existing on that date shall continue in effect in 1515 1516 accordance with its terms.

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Section 32. Subsections (1), (2), and (5) of section

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1518 443.163, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
1519 443.163 Electronic reporting and remitting of contributions
1520 and reimbursements.-

1521 (1) An employer may file any report and remit any 1522 contributions or reimbursements required under this chapter by 1523 electronic means. The Department of Economic Opportunity or the 1524 state agency providing reemployment assistance tax collection 1525 services shall adopt rules prescribing the format and 1526 instructions necessary for electronically filing reports and 1527 remitting contributions and reimbursements to ensure a full 1528 collection of contributions and reimbursements due. The 1529 acceptable method of transfer, the method, form, and content of 1530 the electronic means, and the method, if any, by which the 1531 employer will be provided with an acknowledgment shall be 1532 prescribed by the department or its tax collection service provider. However, any employer who employed 10 or more 1533 1534 employees in any quarter during the preceding state fiscal year 1535 must file the Employers Quarterly Reports, including any 1536 corrections, for the current calendar year and remit the contributions and reimbursements due by electronic means 1537 approved by the tax collection service provider. A person who 1538 1539 prepared and reported for 100 or more employers in any quarter 1540 during the preceding state fiscal year must file the Employers 1541 Quarterly Reports for each calendar quarter in the current 1542 calendar year, beginning with reports due for the second 1543 calendar quarter of 2003, by electronic means approved by the 1544 tax collection service provider.

1545 (2) (a) An employer who is required by law to file an 1546 Employers Quarterly Report, including any corrections, by

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1547 approved electronic means, but who files the report either 1548 directly or through an agent by a means other than approved electronic means, is liable for a penalty of \$25 \$50 for that 1549 report and \$1 for each employee, not to exceed \$300. This 1550 1551 penalty is in addition to any other penalty provided by this 1552 chapter. However, the penalty does not apply if the tax 1553 collection service provider waives the electronic filing 1554 requirement in advance. An employer who fails to remit 1555 contributions or reimbursements either directly or through an 1556 agent by approved electronic means as required by law is liable 1557 for a penalty of \$25 \$50 for each remittance submitted by a 1558 means other than approved electronic means. This penalty is in 1559 addition to any other penalty provided by this chapter.

(b) A person who prepared and reported for 100 or more employers in any quarter during the preceding state fiscal year, but who fails to file an Employers Quarterly Report for each calendar quarter in the current calendar year by approved electronic means, is liable for a penalty of \$50 for that report and \$1 for each employee. This penalty is in addition to any other penalty provided by this chapter. However, the penalty does not apply if the tax collection service provider waives the electronic filing requirement in advance.

(5) The tax collection service provider may waive the penalty imposed by this section if a written request for a waiver is filed which establishes that imposition would be inequitable. Examples of inequity include, but are not limited to, situations where the failure to electronically file was caused by one of the following factors:

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(a) Death or serious illness of the person responsible for

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1576 the preparation and filing of the report. (b) Destruction of the business records by fire or other 1577 1578 casualty. 1579 (c) Unscheduled and unavoidable computer downtime. Section 33. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 626.932, 1580 1581 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1582 626.932 Surplus lines tax.-1583 (1) The premiums charged for surplus lines coverages are 1584 subject to a premium receipts tax of 4.94 = 5 percent of all gross 1585 premiums charged for such insurance. The surplus lines agent 1586 shall collect from the insured the amount of the tax at the time 1587 of the delivery of the cover note, certificate of insurance, 1588 policy, or other initial confirmation of insurance, in addition 1589 to the full amount of the gross premium charged by the insurer 1590 for the insurance. The surplus lines agent is prohibited from 1591 absorbing such tax or, as an inducement for insurance or for any 1592 other reason, rebating all or any part of such tax or of his or 1593 her commission. 1594 (3) If a surplus lines policy covers risks or exposures 1595

only partially in this state and the state is the home state as 1596 defined in the federal Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 1597 2010 (NRRA), the tax payable shall be computed on the gross 1598 premium. The surplus lines policy must be taxed in accordance 1599 with subsection (1) and the agent shall report the total premium 1600 for the risk that is located in this state and the total premium 1601 for the risk that is located outside of this state to the 1602 Florida Surplus Lines Service Office in the manner and form 1603 directed by the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office The tax 1604 must not exceed the tax rate where the risk or exposure is

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1605	located.
1606	Section 34. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section
1607	1013.64, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1608	1013.64 Funds for comprehensive educational plant needs;
1609	construction cost maximums for school district capital
1610	projectsAllocations from the Public Education Capital Outlay
1611	and Debt Service Trust Fund to the various boards for capital
1612	outlay projects shall be determined as follows:
1613	(6)
1614	(b)1. A district school board may not use funds from the
1615	following sources: Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt
1616	Service Trust Fund; School District and Community College
1617	District Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund; Classrooms
1618	First Program funds provided in s. 1013.68; nonvoted 1.5-mill
1619	levy of ad valorem property taxes provided in s. 1011.71(2);
1620	Classrooms for Kids Program funds provided in s. 1013.735;
1621	District Effort Recognition Program funds provided in s.
1622	1013.736; or High Growth District Capital Outlay Assistance
1623	Grant Program funds provided in s. 1013.738 to pay for any
1624	portion of the cost of any new construction of educational plant
1625	space with a total cost per student station, including change
1626	orders, which exceeds:
1627	a. \$17,952 for an elementary school;
1628	b. \$19,386 for a middle school; or
1629	c. \$25,181 for a high school,
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1631	(January 2006) as adjusted annually to reflect increases or
1632	decreases in the Consumer Price Index. The department, in
1633	conjunction with the Office of Economic and Demographic
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1634 Research, shall review and adjust the cost per student station 1635 limits to reflect actual construction costs by January 1, 2020, 1636 and annually thereafter. The adjusted cost per student station 1637 shall be used by the department for computation of the statewide 1638 average costs per student station for each instructional level 1639 pursuant to paragraph (d). The department shall also collaborate 1640 with the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to select 1641 an industry-recognized construction index to replace the 1642 Consumer Price Index by January 1, 2020, adjusted annually to 1643 reflect changes in the construction index.

2. School districts shall maintain accurate documentation related to the costs of all new construction of educational plant space reported to the Department of Education pursuant to paragraph (d). The Auditor General shall review the documentation maintained by the school districts and verify compliance with the limits under this paragraph during its scheduled operational audits of the school district.

1651 3. Except for educational facilities and sites subject to a 1652 lease-purchase agreement entered pursuant to s. 1011.71(2)(e) or 1653 funded solely through local impact fees, in addition to the 1654 funding sources listed in subparagraph 1., a district school 1655 board may not use funds from any sources for new construction of 1656 educational plant space with a total cost per student station, 1657 including change orders, which equals more than the current 1658 adjusted amounts provided in sub-subparagraphs 1.a.-c. However, 1659 if a contract has been executed for architectural and design 1660 services or for construction management services before July 1, 2017, a district school board may use funds from any source for 1661 the new construction of educational plant space and such funds 1662

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1663 are exempt from the total cost per student station requirements. 1664 4. A district school board must not use funds from the 1665 Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund or 1666 the School District and Community College District Capital 1667 Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund for any new construction of 1668 an ancillary plant that exceeds 70 percent of the average cost 1669 per square foot of new construction for all schools. 1670 Section 35. Clothing, school supplies, personal computers, and personal computer-related accessories; sales tax holiday.-1671 1672 (1) The tax levied under chapter 212, Florida Statutes, may 1673 not be collected during the period from August 7, 2020, through 1674 August 9, 2020, on the retail sale of: 1675 (a) Clothing, wallets, or bags, including handbags, 1676 backpacks, fanny packs, and diaper bags, but excluding 1677 briefcases, suitcases, and other garment bags, having a sales 1678 price of \$60 or less per item. As used in this paragraph, the 1679 term "clothing" means: 1680 1. Any article of wearing apparel intended to be worn on or 1681 about the human body, excluding watches, watchbands, jewelry, 1682 umbrellas, and handkerchiefs; and 1683 2. All footwear, excluding skis, swim fins, roller blades, 1684 and skates. 1685 (b) School supplies having a sales price of \$15 or less per item. As used in this paragraph, the term "school supplies" 1686 1687 means pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, notebook 1688 filler paper, legal pads, binders, lunch boxes, construction 1689 paper, markers, folders, poster board, composition books, poster 1690 paper, scissors, cellophane tape, glue or paste, rulers, computer disks, staplers and staples used to secure paper 1691

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1692	products, protractors, compasses, and calculators.
1693	(2) The tax levied under chapter 212, Florida Statutes, may
1694	not be collected during the period from August 7, 2020, through
1695	August 9, 2020, on the first \$1,000 of the sales price of
1696	personal computers or personal computer-related accessories
1697	purchased for noncommercial home or personal use. As used in
1698	this subsection, the term:
1699	(a) "Personal computers" includes electronic book readers,
1700	laptops, desktops, handheld devices, tablets, or tower
1701	computers. The term does not include cellular telephones, video
1702	game consoles, digital media receivers, or devices that are not
1703	primarily designed to process data.
1704	(b) "Personal computer-related accessories" includes
1705	keyboards, mice, personal digital assistants, monitors, other
1706	peripheral devices, modems, routers, and nonrecreational
1707	software, regardless of whether the accessories are used in
1708	association with a personal computer base unit. The term does
1709	not include furniture or systems, devices, software, or
1710	peripherals that are designed or intended primarily for
1711	recreational use. The term "monitor" does not include any device
1712	that includes a television tuner.
1713	(3) The tax exemptions provided in this section do not
1714	apply to sales within a theme park or entertainment complex as
1715	defined in s. 509.013(9), Florida Statutes, within a public
1716	lodging establishment as defined in s. 509.013(4), Florida
1717	Statutes, or within an airport as defined in s. 330.27(2),
1718	Florida Statutes.
1719	(4) The tax exemptions provided in this section may apply
1720	at the option of a dealer if less than 5 percent of the dealer's

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1721 gross sales of tangible personal property in the prior calendar 1722 year are comprised of items that would be exempt under this 1723 section. If a qualifying dealer chooses not to participate in 1724 the tax holiday, by August 1, 2020, the dealer must notify the 1725 Department of Revenue in writing of its election to collect 1726 sales tax during the holiday and must post a copy of that notice 1727 in a conspicuous location at its place of business. 1728 (5) The Department of Revenue is authorized, and all 1729 conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant to 1730 s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing 1731 this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, 1732 emergency rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are 1733 effective for 6 months after adoption and may be renewed during 1734 the pendency of procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing 1735 the subject of the emergency rules. 1736 (6) For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the sum of \$241,000 in 1737 nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund 1738 to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of implementing 1739 this section. Funds remaining unexpended or unencumbered from 1740 this appropriation as of June 30, 2020, shall revert and be 1741 reappropriated for the same purpose in the 2020-2021 fiscal 1742 year. 1743 (7) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming a 1744 law. 1745 Section 36. Disaster preparedness supplies; sales tax 1746 holiday.-1747 (1) The tax levied under chapter 212, Florida Statutes, may not be collected during the period from May 29, 2020, through 1748 June 4, 2020, on the sale of: 1749

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1750	(a) A portable self-powered light source selling for \$20 or
1751	less.
1752	(b) A portable self-powered radio, two-way radio, or
1753	weather-band radio selling for \$50 or less.
1754	(c) A tarpaulin or other flexible waterproof sheeting
1755	selling for \$50 or less.
1756	(d) An item normally sold as, or generally advertised as, a
1757	ground anchor system or tie-down kit selling for \$50 or less.
1758	(e) A gas or diesel fuel tank selling for \$25 or less.
1759	(f) A package of AA-cell, AAA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt,
1760	or 9-volt batteries, excluding automobile and boat batteries,
1761	selling for \$30 or less.
1762	(g) A nonelectric food storage cooler selling for \$30 or
1763	less.
1764	(h) A portable generator used to provide light or
1765	communications or preserve food in the event of a power outage
1766	selling for \$750 or less.
1767	(i) Reusable ice selling for \$10 or less.
1768	(2) The tax exemptions provided in this section do not
1769	apply to sales within a theme park or entertainment complex as
1770	defined in s. 509.013(9), Florida Statutes, within a public
1771	lodging establishment as defined in s. 509.013(4), Florida
1772	Statutes, or within an airport as defined in s. 330.27(2),
1773	Florida Statutes.
1774	(3) The Department of Revenue is authorized, and all
1775	conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant to
1776	s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, to administer this section.
1777	(4) For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the sum of \$70,000 in
1778	nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund

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1779	to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of implementing
1780	this section.
1781	(5) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming a
1782	law.
1783	Section 37. (1) The Department of Revenue is authorized,
1784	and all conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules
1785	pursuant to s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of
1786	implementing the amendments made by this act to ss. 206.05,
1787	206.8741, 206.90, 212.05, 213.21, and 220.1105, Florida
1788	Statutes, and the creation of ss. 212.134 and 212.181, Florida
1789	Statutes, by this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of
1790	law, emergency rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are
1791	effective for 6 months after adoption and may be renewed during
1792	the pendency of procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing
1793	the subject of the emergency rules.
1794	(2) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming a
1795	law and expires July 1, 2023.
1796	Section 38. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
1797	act, and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
1798	this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
1799	2020.
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1802	And the title is amended as follows:
1803	Delete everything before the enacting clause
1804	and insert:
1805	A bill to be entitled
1806	An act relating to taxation; amending s. 125.0104,
1807	F.S.; increasing a population limit on counties that
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1808 may use tourist development tax revenues for certain 1809 uses; amending s. 189.033, F.S.; defining the term 1810 "disproportionally affected county"; conforming a 1811 provision to changes made by the act; creating s. 1812 193.019, F.S.; defining the terms "department" and 1813 "hospital"; requiring county property appraisers to annually calculate and submit to the Department of 1814 1815 Revenue the valuation of certain property tax 1816 exemptions granted to property owned by hospitals; requiring hospitals to submit certain information to 1817 1818 the department by a certain date; specifying 1819 requirements for the department; requiring the 1820 department to adopt a form by rule; creating s. 1821 193.1557, F.S.; extending the timeframe within which 1822 certain changes to property damaged or destroyed by 1823 Hurricane Michael must commence to prevent the 1824 assessed value of the property from increasing; 1825 providing applicability; providing for future repeal; 1826 amending s. 194.035, F.S.; specifying circumstances 1827 under which a special magistrate's appraisal may not 1828 be submitted as evidence to a value adjustment board; 1829 amending s. 195.073, F.S.; revising the property 1830 classifications for certain multifamily housing and 1831 commercial and industrial properties; amending s. 1832 195.096, F.S.; revising requirements for the 1833 department's review and publication of findings of 1834 county assessment rolls; amending s. 196.173, F.S.; revising the military operations that qualify certain 1835 servicemembers for an additional ad valorem tax 1836

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1837 exemption; providing applicability; revising the 1838 deadlines for applying for additional ad valorem tax exemptions for certain servicemembers for a specified 1839 1840 tax year; authorizing a property appraiser to grant an 1841 exemption for an untimely filed application if certain 1842 conditions are met; providing procedures for an 1843 applicant to file a petition with the value adjustment 1844 board if an application is denied; providing 1845 applicability; amending s. 196.1978, F.S.; providing 1846 applicability of the affordable housing property tax 1847 exemption to vacant units if certain conditions are 1848 met; providing retroactive operation; providing legislative intent relating to ownership of exempt 1849 1850 property by certain limited liability companies; 1851 providing applicability of the tax exemption, under 1852 certain circumstances, to certain units occupied by 1853 natural persons or families whose income no longer 1854 meets income limits; amending s. 200.065, F.S.; 1855 authorizing a property appraiser in a county for which 1856 the Governor has declared a state of emergency to post 1857 notices of proposed property taxes on its website if 1858 mailing the notice is not possible; providing for an 1859 extension of sending the notice during such state of 1860 emergency; specifying a duty of the property 1861 appraiser; specifying hearing advertisement 1862 requirements for multicounty taxing authorities under 1863 certain circumstances; specifying procedures and requirements for taxing authorities, counties, and 1864 1865 school districts for hearings and notices in the event

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1866 of a state of emergency; amending s. 200.069, F.S.; 1867 specifying a limitation on information that property 1868 appraisers may include in the notice of ad valorem 1869 taxes and non-ad valorem assessments; amending s. 1870 202.12, F.S.; reducing the tax rates applied to the 1871 sale of communications services and the retail sale of 1872 direct-to-home satellite services; amending ss. 1873 202.12001 and 203.001, F.S.; conforming provisions to 1874 changes made by the act; amending s. 206.05, F.S.; 1875 increasing the maximum bond the department may require 1876 from a terminal supplier, importer, exporter, or 1877 wholesaler of motor fuel; amending s. 206.8741, F.S.; 1878 revising a penalty for failure to provide or post a 1879 notice relating to dyed diesel fuel; amending s. 1880 206.90, F.S.; increasing the maximum bond the 1881 department may require from a terminal supplier, 1882 importer, exporter, or wholesaler of diesel fuel; 1883 amending s. 212.05, F.S.; revising timeframes for 1884 certain documentation to be provided to the department 1885 for the purposes of a sales tax exemption for the sale 1886 of certain boats and aircraft; amending s. 212.055, 1887 F.S.; specifying a limitation on the duration of a 1888 charter county and regional transportation system 1889 surtax levied pursuant to a referendum held on or 1890 after a certain date; requiring that resolutions to 1891 approve a school capital outlay surtax include a 1892 statement relating to the sharing of revenues with eligible charter schools in a specified manner; 1893 1894 specifying authorized uses of surtax revenues shared

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1895 with charter schools; providing an accounting 1896 requirement for charter schools; specifying the 1897 eligibility of charter schools; requiring that 1898 unencumbered funds revert to the sponsor under certain 1899 circumstances; providing applicability; creating s. 1900 212.134, F.S.; specifying requirements for payment settlement entities, or their electronic payment 1901 1902 facilitators or contracted third parties, in 1903 submitting information returns to the department; 1904 defining the term "payment settlement entity"; 1905 providing penalties; authorizing the department's 1906 executive director or his or her designee to waive 1907 penalties under certain circumstances; creating s. 1908 212.181, F.S.; specifying requirements for counties 1909 and the department in updating certain databases and 1910 determining business addresses for sales tax purposes; 1911 specifying a requirement for certain counties imposing 1912 a tourist development tax; providing procedures and 1913 requirements for correcting certain misallocations of 1914 certain tax distributions; providing construction; 1915 authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 1916 215.179, F.S.; prohibiting an owner of a public 1917 building or the owner's employee from seeking, 1918 accepting, or soliciting consideration for providing a certain allocation letter relating to energy efficient 1919 1920 commercial building property; specifying a requirement 1921 for signing and returning the allocation letter; 1922 requiring certain persons to file an allocation request to the Department of Financial Services; 1923

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1924 providing construction; creating s. 213.0537, F.S.; 1925 authorizing the department to provide certain official correspondence to taxpayers electronically upon the 1926 1927 affirmative request of the taxpayer; providing 1928 construction; defining terms; amending s. 213.21, 1929 F.S.; providing that the period for filing a claim for 1930 certain refunds is tolled during a period in which a 1931 taxpayer is engaged in certain informal conference 1932 procedures; amending s. 220.1105, F.S.; revising the 1933 definition of the term "final tax liability" for 1934 certain purposes; providing for retroactive 1935 application; amending s. 288.106, F.S.; authorizing a 1936 qualified target industry business located in a county 1937 affected by Hurricane Michael to submit a request to 1938 the Department of Economic Opportunity for an economic 1939 recovery extension in lieu of a tax refund claim 1940 scheduled to be submitted during a specified 1941 timeframe; authorizing the Department of Economic 1942 Opportunity to waive certain requirements during a 1943 specified timeframe; requiring the Department of 1944 Economic Opportunity to state any waiver in writing; 1945 providing that certain businesses are eligible for a 1946 specified tax refund payment; defining the term 1947 "county affected by Hurricane Michael"; deleting 1948 obsolete provisions; deleting a provision relating to 1949 the future expiration of certification for the tax 1950 refund program for qualified target industry 1951 businesses; amending s. 443.163, F.S.; specifying that 1952 Employers Quarterly Reports filed with the Department

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1953 of Economic Opportunity by certain employers must 1954 include any corrections; deleting an additional filing requirement for certain persons; revising penalties 1955 1956 for employers failing to properly file the report or 1957 failing to properly remit contributions or 1958 reimbursements; revising criteria for requesting a 1959 waiver of a penalty with the tax collection service 1960 provider; amending s. 626.932, F.S.; decreasing the 1961 rate of the surplus lines tax; revising the applicable 1962 tax on certain surplus lines policies; requiring 1963 surplus lines agents to report certain information to 1964 the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office; amending s. 1965 1013.64, F.S.; providing that educational facilities 1966 and sites funded solely through local impact fees are 1967 exempt from certain prohibited uses of funds; 1968 providing sales tax exemptions for certain clothing, 1969 wallets, bags, school supplies, personal computers, 1970 and personal computer-related accessories during a 1971 certain timeframe; defining terms; specifying 1972 locations where the exemptions do not apply; 1973 authorizing certain dealers to opt out of 1974 participating in the exemptions, subject to certain 1975 conditions; authorizing the department to adopt 1976 emergency rules; providing an appropriation; providing 1977 sales tax exemptions for certain disaster preparedness 1978 supplies during a certain timeframe; specifying 1979 locations where the exemptions do not apply; 1980 authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; 1981 providing an appropriation; authorizing the department

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1982 to adopt emergency rules for certain purposes; 1983 providing for expiration of that authority; providing 1984 effective dates.

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