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An act relating to a Small Business Sat

An act relating to a Small Business Saturday sales tax holiday; defining the term "small business"; providing that small businesses are not required to collect the sales and use tax on the retail sale of certain items of tangible personal property during a specified timeframe; authorizing certain dealers to opt out of participating in the tax holiday, subject to certain requirements; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Small Business Saturday sales tax holiday.—
(1) As used in this section, the term "small business"

means a dealer, as defined in s. 212.06, Florida Statutes, who registered with the Department of Revenue and began operation no later than January 8, 2021, and who owed and remitted to the Department of Revenue less than \$200,000 in total tax under chapter 212, Florida Statutes, for the 1-year period ending September 30, 2021. If the dealer has not been in operation for a 1-year period as of September 30, 2021, the dealer must have owed and remitted less than \$200,000 in total tax under chapter 212, Florida Statutes, for the period beginning on the day the dealer began operation and ending September 30, 2021, in order

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to qualify as a small business under this section. If the dealer

is eligible to file a consolidated return pursuant to s.

212.11(1)(e), Florida Statutes, the total tax under chapter 212,
Florida Statutes, owed and remitted from all of the dealer's

places of business must be less than \$200,000 for the applicable

period ending September 30, 2021.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the tax levied under

chapter 212, Florida Statutes, may not be collected by a small

business during the period from 12:01 a.m. on November 27, 2021,

through 11:59 p.m. on November 27, 2021, on the retail sale, as

defined in s. 212.02(14), Florida Statutes, of any item of

tangible personal property, as defined in s. 212.02(19), Florida

Statutes, having a sales price of \$1,000 or less per item.

(3) At its option, a small business may choose not to

- participate in the sales and use tax exemption provided in subsection (2) and may collect tax on all sales made on November 27, 2021. If a qualifying dealer chooses not to participate in the tax holiday, the dealer must notify the Department of Revenue in writing by November 16, 2021, of its election to collect sales tax during the holiday and must post a copy of that notice in a conspicuous location at its place of business.
- (4) The Department of Revenue may, and all conditions are deemed to be met to, adopt emergency rules pursuant to ss.

 120.536(1) and 120.54, Florida Statutes, to implement this section. Notwithstanding any other law, emergency rules adopted

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pursuant to this subsection are effective for 6 months after
adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to
adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of the emergency
rule.
Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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