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A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxes and fees; creating s. 566.801, F.S.; specifying fees under ch. 566, F.S., for various applications, renewals, and other purposes; creating s. 566.802, F.S.; providing contributions for early approval adult use dispensing organization licenses; creating s. 566.803, F.S.; providing that the Department of Business and Professional Regulation may revise fees after a specified date; creating s. 566.804, F.S.; providing for certain mandatory contributions for obtaining early approval adult use dispensing organization licenses; creating s. 566.805, F.S.; levying a tax on the cultivation of cannabis; specifying the amount of the tax; providing for the collection, payment, and administration of the tax; providing for rulemaking; creating s. 566.806, F.S.; providing definitions; levying a tax on cannabis purchases; providing exceptions; providing for the collection, payment, and administration of the tax; requiring recordkeeping; prohibiting specified offenses concerning the tax; providing criminal penalties; providing for rulemaking; providing a contingent effective date. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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27	Section 1. Section 566.801, Florida Statutes, is created
28	to read:
29	566.801 Fees.—Licensing and registration fees under this
30	<pre>chapter are as follows:</pre>
31	(1) Early approval adult use dispensing organization
32	<u>license fees:</u>
33	(a) Application under s. 566.202(2)(a), \$30,000.
34	(b) Renewal under s. 566.202(11)(a), \$30,000.
35	(c) Secondary location application under s.
36	566.202(15)(d)1., \$30,000.
37	(d) Secondary location renewal under s. 566.202(15)(p)1.,
38	<u>\$30,000.</u>
39	(2) Conditional adult use dispensing organization
40	licenses:
41	(a) Under s. 566.203(4)(a), \$5,000.
42	(b) Under s. 566.203(7)(b), \$60,000.
43	(3) Adult use dispensing organization licenses:
44	(a) Initial license under s. 566.2032(2)(b), \$60,000.
45	(b) Renewal under s. 566.20331(3), \$60,000.
46	(4) Adult use dispensing organization agent:
47	(a) Identification card fees:
48	1. Initial card under s. 566.2033(1)(e), \$100.
49	2. Renewal card under s. 566.20331(3), \$100.
50	(b) Applicants for training approval:

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51	1. Under s. 566.2033(1)(e), \$2,000.
52	2. Under s. 566.2033(16), \$2,000.
53	(5) Changes in ownership of a dispensing organization
54	under s. 566.20334(10)(b), \$5,000.
55	(6) Early approval of adult use cultivation center
56	<u>licenses:</u>
57	(a) Application fee under s. 566.3011(2)(a), \$100,000.
58	(b) Cannabis business development fee under s.
59	<u>566.3011(2)(g), \$250,000.</u>
60	(c) Required contribution under s. 566.3011(2)(i),
51	<u>\$100,000.</u>
52	(d) Renewal fee under s. 566.3011(3)(a), \$100,000.
53	(7) Conditional adult use license under s. 566.3013(4),
64	\$100,000 <u>.</u>
55	(8) Conditional adult use cultivation center license
66	registration fee under s. 566.3014(2)(b), \$100,000.
57	(9) Cultivation center license renewal under s.
68	566.3019(1)(a), \$100,000.
59	(10) Craft grower:
7 0	(a) Application fee under s. 566.401(2)(a)1., \$5,000.
71	(b) License fee under s. 566.401(3)(d), \$40,000.
72	(c) License renewal under s. 566.401(9)(a)1., \$40,000.
73	(11) Infuser organization:
7 4	(a) Application fee under s. 566.405(2)(a)1., \$5,000.
75	(b) License fee under s. 566.401(3)(d), \$5,000.

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76	(c) Renewal application fee under s. 566.405(8)(a)1.,
77	<u>\$20,000.</u>
78	(12) Transporting organizations:
79	(a) Application fee under s. 566.4501(2)(a)1., \$5,000.
80	(b) License fee under s. 566.4501(3)(e), \$10,000.
81	(c) Renewal fee under s. 566.4501(8)(a)1., \$10,000.
82	Section 2. Section 566.802, Florida Statutes, is created
83	to read:
84	566.802 Contributions for early approval adult use
85	dispensing organization licenses.—
86	(1) As provided in s. 566.202(2)(g), \$100,000.
87	(2) As provided in s. 566.202(2)(h)1., 2., or 3.,
88	\$100,000 <u>.</u>
89	(3) As provided in s. 566.202(2)(h)5., \$200,000.
90	Section 3. Section 566.803, Florida Statutes, is created
91	to read:
92	566.803 Department may revise fees.—After January 1, 2022,
93	the department may by rule modify any fee established under this
94	<pre>chapter.</pre>
95	Section 4. Section 566.804, Florida Statutes, is created
96	to read:
97	566.804 Mandatory contributions for early approval adult
98	use dispensing organization licenses
99	(1) As provided in s. 566.202(2)(g), \$100,000.
100	(2) As provided in s. 566.202(2)(h)1., 2., or 3.,

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101 \$100,000. 102 (3) As provided in s 566.202(2)(h)5., \$200,000. 103 (4) As provided in s. 566.202(15)(d)15., \$200.000. 104 Section 5. Subsections (1) through (4) of section 566.805, Florida Statutes, as created by HB 549, are renumbered as 105 subsections (9) through (12), respectively, and new subsections 106 107 (1) through (8) are added to that section, to read: 566.805 Cannabis cultivation. -108 109 (1) CULTIVATING CANNABIS PRIVILEGE.-(a) Beginning January 1, 2023, a tax is imposed upon the 110 privilege of cultivating cannabis at the rate of 7 percent of 111 112 the gross receipts from the first sale of cannabis by a cultivator. The sale of any product that contains any amount of 113 114 cannabis or any derivative thereof is subject to the tax under 115 this section on the full selling price of the product. The 116 department may determine the selling price of the cannabis when 117 the seller and purchaser are affiliated persons, when the sale 118 and purchase of cannabis is not an arm's length transaction, or 119 when cannabis is transferred by a craft grower to the craft 120 grower's dispensing organization or infuser or processing organization and a value is not established for the cannabis. 121

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quality, character, and use in the same area are not made, then

The value determined by the department shall be commensurate

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the department shall establish a reasonable value based on sales of products of like quality, character, and use in other areas of the state, taking into consideration any other relevant factors.

- (b) The cannabis cultivation privilege tax imposed under this section is solely the responsibility of the cultivator who makes the first sale and is not the responsibility of a subsequent purchaser, a dispensing organization, or an infuser. However, persons subject to the tax imposed under this section may reimburse themselves for their tax liability hereunder by separately stating reimbursement for their tax liability as an additional charge.
- (c) The tax imposed under this section shall be in addition to all other occupation, privilege, or excise taxes imposed by the state or by any unit of local government.
- (2) REGISTRATION OF CULTIVATORS.—Every cultivator and craft grower subject to the tax under this section shall apply to the Department of Revenue for a certificate of registration under this section. All applications for registration under this section shall be made by electronic means in the form and manner required by the department. For that purpose, the provisions of chapter 212 are incorporated into this section to the extent not inconsistent with this section. In addition, a certificate of registration shall not be issued under this section unless the applicant is licensed under this chapter.

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1. The taxpayer's name.

- 2. The address of the taxpayer's principal place of business and, if different, the address from which the taxpayer is engaged in the business of cultivating cannabis subject to tax under this section.
- 3. The total amount of receipts received by the taxpayer during the preceding calendar month from sales of cannabis subject to tax under this section by the taxpayer during the preceding calendar month.
- 4. The total amount received by the taxpayer during the preceding calendar month on charge and time sales of cannabis subject to tax imposed under this section by the taxpayer before the month for which the return is filed.
  - 5. Any deductions allowed by law.
- 6. The gross receipts that were received by the taxpayer during the preceding calendar month and upon the basis of which the tax is imposed.
  - 7. The amount of tax due.
  - 8. The signature of the taxpayer.
- 9. Any other information as the department may reasonably require.

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(b) All returns required to be filed and payments required to be made under this section shall be by electronic means.

Taxpayers who demonstrate hardship in paying electronically may petition the department to waive the electronic payment requirement.

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The taxpayer making the return provided for in this (C) section shall also pay to the department, in accordance with this section, the amount of tax imposed by this section, less a discount of 1.75 percent, but not to exceed \$1,000 per return period, which is allowed to reimburse the taxpayer for the expenses incurred in keeping records, collecting tax, preparing and filing returns, remitting the tax, and supplying data to the department upon request. A discount may not be claimed by a taxpayer on returns that are not timely filed and for taxes that are not timely remitted. A discount may not be claimed by a taxpayer for any return that is not filed electronically. A discount may not be claimed by a taxpayer for any payment that is not made electronically, unless a waiver has been granted under this section. Any amount that is required to be shown or reported on any return or other document under this section shall, if the amount is not a whole-dollar amount, be increased to the nearest whole-dollar amount if the fractional part of a dollar is \$0.50 or more and decreased to the nearest wholedollar amount if the fractional part of a dollar is less than \$0.50. If a total amount of less than \$1 is payable, refundable,

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or creditable, the amount shall be disregarded if it is less than \$0.50 and shall be increased to \$1 if it is \$0.50 or more. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section concerning the time within which a taxpayer may file a return, any such taxpayer who ceases to engage in the kind of business that makes the person responsible for filing returns under this section shall file a final return under this section with the department within 1 month after discontinuing such business. Each taxpayer under this section shall make estimated payments to the department on or before the 7th, 15th, 22nd, and last day of the month during which tax liability to the department is incurred. The payments shall be in an amount not less than the lower of either 22.5 percent of the taxpayer's actual tax liability for the month or 25 percent of the taxpayer's actual tax liability for the same calendar month of the preceding year. The amount of the quarter-monthly payments shall be credited against the final tax liability of the taxpayer's return for that month. If any quarter-monthly payment is not paid at the time or in the amount required by this section, then the taxpayer shall be liable for penalties and interest on the difference between the minimum amount due as a payment and the amount of the quarter-monthly payment actually and timely paid, except insofar as the taxpayer has previously made payments for that month to the department in excess of the minimum payments previously due as provided in this section. If any payment provided for in this section

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exceeds the taxpayer's liabilities under this section, as shown on an original monthly return, the department shall, if requested by the taxpayer, issue to the taxpayer a credit memorandum no later than 30 days after the date of payment. The credit evidenced by the credit memorandum may be assigned by the taxpayer to a similar taxpayer under this chapter, in accordance with reasonable rules to be prescribed by the department. If such request is not made, the taxpayer may credit the excess payment against tax liability subsequently to be remitted to the department under this chapter, in accordance with reasonable rules prescribed by the department. If the department subsequently determines that all or any part of the credit taken was not actually due to the taxpayer, the taxpayer's discount shall be reduced, if necessary, to reflect the difference between the credit taken and that actually due, and that taxpayer shall be liable for penalties and interest on the difference. (d) If a taxpayer fails to sign a return within 30 days after the proper notice and demand for signature by the department is received by the taxpayer, the return shall be considered valid and any amount shown to be due on the return shall be deemed <u>assessed</u>.

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for the administration of this section, the department may adopt

rules that require infusers to file information returns

INFUSER INFORMATION RETURNS. - If it is deemed necessary

regarding the sale of cannabis by infusers to dispensaries. The department may require infusers to file all information returns by electronic means.

(5) DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.—All moneys received by the department under this section shall be deposited into the Alcoholic Beverage, Marijuana, and Tobacco Trust Fund.

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- (6) ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.—The department shall have full power to administer and enforce this section, to collect all taxes, penalties, and interest due hereunder, to dispose of taxes, penalties and interest so collected in the manner hereinafter provided, and to determine all rights to credit memoranda, arising on account of the erroneous payment of tax, penalty, or interest hereunder. In the administration of, and compliance with, this section, the department and persons who are subject to this section shall have the same rights, remedies, privileges, immunities, powers, and duties, and be subject to the same conditions, restrictions, limitations, penalties, and definitions of terms, and employ the same modes of procedure, as are prescribed in chapter 212 which are not inconsistent with this section, as fully as if those provisions were set forth herein.
- (7) INVOICES.—Every sales invoice for cannabis issued by a cultivator to a cannabis business establishment shall contain the cultivator's certificate of registration number assigned under this section, date, invoice number, purchaser's name and

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276	address, selling price, amount of cannabis, concentrate, or
277	cannabis-infused product, and any other reasonable information
278	as the department may provide by rule is necessary for the
279	administration of this section. Cultivators shall retain the
280	invoices for inspection by the department.
281	(8) RULES.—The department may adopt rules related to the
282	enforcement of this section.
283	Section 6. Section 566.806, Florida Statutes, is created
284	to read:
285	566.806 Cannabis purchaser excise tax.—
286	(1) DEFINITIONS. As used in his section, the term:
287	(a) "Adjusted delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol level" means,
288	for a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol dominant product, the sum of
289	the percentage of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol plus .877
290	multiplied by the percentage of tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.
291	(b) "Cannabis-infused product" means beverage food, oils,
292	ointments, tincture, topical formulation, or another product
293	containing cannabis that is not intended to be smoked.
294	(c) "Cannabis retailer" means a dispensing organization
295	that sells cannabis for use and not for resale.
296	(d) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.
297	(e) "Infuser organization" or "infuser" means a facility
298	operated by an organization or business that is licensed by the
299	Department of Business and Professional Regulation to directly
300	incorporate cannabis or cannabis concentrate into a product

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301	formulation to produce a cannabis-infused product.
302	(f) "Purchase price" means the consideration paid for a
303	purchase of cannabis, valued in money, whether received in money
304	or otherwise, including cash, gift cards, credits, and property
305	and shall be determined without any deduction on account of the
306	cost of materials used, labor or service costs, or any other
307	expense whatsoever. However, "purchase price" does not include
308	consideration paid for:
309	1. Any charge for a payment that is not honored by a
310	financial institution;
311	2. Any finance or credit charge, penalty or charge for
312	delayed payment, or discount for prompt payment; and
313	3. Any amount added to a purchaser's bill because of
314	charges made under the tax imposed by this section or any other
315	sales or use tax.
316	(g) "Purchaser" means a person who acquires cannabis for a
317	valuable consideration.
318	(h) "Taxpayer" means a cannabis retailer who is required to
319	collect the tax imposed under this section.
320	(2) TAX IMPOSED.—
321	(a) Beginning January 1, 2023, an excise tax is imposed
322	upon purchasers for the privilege of purchasing cannabis at the
323	following rates:

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with an adjusted delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol level at or below

1. Any cannabis, other than a cannabis-infused product,

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35 percent shall be taxed at a rate of 10 percent of the purchase price;

- 2. Any cannabis, other than a cannabis-infused product, with an adjusted delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol level above 35 percent shall be taxed at a rate of 25 percent of the purchase price; and
- 3. Any cannabis-infused product shall be taxed at a rate of 20 percent of the purchase price.
- (b) The purchase of any product that contains any amount of cannabis or any derivative thereof is subject to the tax under paragraph (a) on the full purchase price of the product.
- (c) The tax imposed under this section is not imposed on cannabis that is sold for medical use as defined in s. 381.986 and purchased by a person listed on the Medical Marijuana Use Registry. The tax imposed by this section is not imposed with respect to any transaction in interstate commerce, to the extent the transaction may not, under the constitution and statutes of the United States, be made the subject of taxation by this state.
- (d) The tax imposed under this section shall be in addition to all other occupation, privilege, or excise taxes imposed by the state of or by any political subdivision.
- (e) The tax imposed under this section shall not be imposed on any purchase by a purchaser if the cannabis retailer is prohibited by federal or State Constitution, treaty,

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convention, statute, or court decision from collecting the tax
from the purchaser.

- (3) BUNDLING OF TAXABLE AND NONTAXABLE ITEMS; PROHIBITION; TAXATION.—If a cannabis retailer sells cannabis, concentrate, or cannabis—infused products in combination or bundled with items that are not subject to tax under this section for one price, then the tax under this section is imposed on the purchase price of the entire bundled product.
  - (4) COLLECTION OF TAX.-

- (a) The tax imposed by this section shall be collected from the purchaser by the cannabis retailer at the rate stated in subsection (2) with respect to cannabis sold by the cannabis retailer to the purchaser, and shall be remitted to the department as provided in this section. All sales to a purchaser who is not a cardholder under s. 381.986 are presumed subject to tax collection. Cannabis retailers shall collect the tax from purchasers by adding the tax to the amount of the purchase price received from the purchaser for selling cannabis to the purchaser. The tax imposed by this section shall, when collected, be stated as a distinct item separate and apart from the purchase price of the cannabis.
- (b) If a cannabis retailer collects cannabis purchaser

  excise tax measured by a purchase price that is not subject to

  cannabis purchaser excise tax, or if a cannabis retailer, in

  collecting cannabis purchaser excise tax measured by a purchase

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price that is subject to tax under this section, collects more from the purchaser than the required amount of the cannabis purchaser excise tax on the transaction, the purchaser shall have a legal right to claim a refund of that amount from the cannabis retailer. If; however, that amount is not refunded to the purchaser for any reason, the cannabis retailer is liable to pay that amount to the department.

- (c) Any person purchasing cannabis subject to tax under this section as to which there has been no charge made to him or her of the tax imposed by subsection (2) shall make payment of the tax imposed by subsection (2) in the form and manner provided by the department not later than the 20th day of the month following the month of purchase of the cannabis.
- required to collect the tax under this section shall apply to the department for a certificate of registration under this section. All applications for registration under this section shall be made by electronic means in the form and manner required by the department. For that purpose, the provisions of chapter 212 are incorporated into this section to the extent not inconsistent with this section. In addition, a certificate of registration shall not be issued under this section unless the applicant is licensed under this chapter.
- (6) TAX COLLECTED AS DEBT OWED TO STATE.—Any cannabis retailer required to collect the tax imposed by this section

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shall be liable to the department for the tax, whether or not the tax has been collected by the cannabis retailer, and any such tax shall constitute a debt owed by the cannabis retailer to this state. To the extent that a cannabis retailer required to collect the tax imposed by this section has actually collected that tax, the tax is held in trust for the benefit of the department.

(7) RETURN AND PAYMENT.—

- (a) Each cannabis retailer that is required or authorized to collect the tax imposed by this section shall make a return to the department, by electronic means, on or before the 20th day of each month for the preceding calendar month stating the following:
  - 1. The cannabis retailer's name.
- 2. The address of the cannabis retailer's principal place of business and, if different, the address from which the cannabis retailer engaged in the business of selling cannabis subject to tax under this section.
- 3. The total purchase price received by the cannabis retailer for cannabis subject to tax under this section.
  - 4. The amount of tax due at each rate.
  - 5. The signature of the cannabis retailer.
- 6. Any other information as the department may reasonably require.
  - (b) All returns required to be filed and payments required

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to be made under this section shall be by electronic means.

Cannabis retailers who demonstrate hardship in paying

electronically may petition the department to waive the

electronic payment requirement.

- (c) Any amount that is required to be shown or reported on any return or other document under this section shall, if the amount is not a whole-dollar amount, be increased to the nearest whole-dollar amount if the fractional part of a dollar is \$0.50 or more and decreased to the nearest whole-dollar amount if the fractional part of a dollar is less than \$0.50. If a total amount of less than \$1 is payable, refundable, or creditable, the amount shall be disregarded if it is less than \$0.50 and shall be increased to \$1 if it is \$0.50 or more.
- in this section shall also pay to the department, in accordance with this section, the amount of tax imposed by this section, less a discount of 1.75 percent, but not to exceed \$1,000 per return period, which is allowed to reimburse the cannabis retailer for the expenses incurred in keeping records, collecting tax, preparing and filing returns, remitting the tax, and supplying data to the department upon request. No discount may be claimed by a cannabis retailer on returns not timely filed and for taxes not timely remitted. No discount may be claimed by a taxpayer for any return that is not filed electronically. No discount may be claimed by a taxpayer for any

payment that is not made electronically, unless a waiver has been granted under this section.

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- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section concerning the time within which a cannabis retailer may file a return, any such cannabis retailer who ceases to engage in the kind of business that makes the person responsible for filing returns under this section shall file a final return under this section with the department within one month after discontinuing the business.
- (f) Each cannabis retailer shall make estimated payments to the department on or before the 7th, 15th, 22nd, and last day of the month during which tax liability to the department is incurred. The payments shall be in an amount not less than the lower of either 22.5 percent of the cannabis retailer's actual tax liability for the month or 25 percent of the cannabis retailer's actual tax liability for the same calendar month of the preceding year. The amount of the quarter-monthly payments shall be credited against the final tax liability of the cannabis retailer's return for that month. If any such quartermonthly payment is not paid at the time or in the amount required by this section, then the cannabis retailer shall be liable for penalties and interest on the difference between the minimum amount due as a payment and the amount of the quartermonthly payment actually and timely paid, except insofar as the cannabis retailer has previously made payments for that month to

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(8) DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.—All moneys received by the

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return shall be deemed assessed.

department under this section shall be paid into the Cannabis Regulation Fund.

(9) RECORDKEEPING; BOOKS AND RECORDS. -

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- (a) Every retailer of cannabis, whether or not the retailer has obtained a certificate of registration under subsection (5), shall keep complete and accurate records of cannabis held, purchased, sold, or otherwise disposed of, and shall preserve and keep all invoices, bills of lading, sales records, and copies of bills of sale, returns, and other pertinent papers and documents relating to the purchase, sale, or disposition of cannabis. The records <u>may not be maintained on</u> the licensed premises but must be maintained in the this state. However, all original invoices or copies thereof covering purchases of cannabis must be retained on the licensed premises for a period of 90 days after such purchase, unless the department has granted a waiver in response to a written request in cases where records are kept at a central business location within the state. The department shall adopt rules regarding the eligibility for a waiver, revocation of a waiver, and requirements and standards for maintenance and accessibility of records located at a central location under a waiver provided under this section.
- (b) Books, records, papers, and documents that are required by this section to be kept shall, at all times during the usual business hours of the day, be subject to inspection by

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the department or its duly authorized agents and employees. The books, records, papers, and documents for any period with respect to which the department is authorized to issue a notice of tax liability shall be preserved until the expiration of that period.

## (10) VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.—

- (a) When the amount due is under \$300, any retailer of cannabis who fails to file a return, willfully fails or refuses to make any payment to the department of the tax imposed by this section, or files a fraudulent return, or any officer or agent of a corporation engaged in the business of selling cannabis to purchasers located in this state who signs a fraudulent return filed on behalf of the corporation, or any accountant or other agent who knowingly enters false information on the return of any taxpayer under this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (b) When the amount due is \$300 or more, any retailer of cannabis who files, or causes to be filed, a fraudulent return, or any officer or agent of a corporation engaged in the business of selling cannabis to purchasers located in this state who files or causes to be filed or signs or causes to be signed a fraudulent return filed on behalf of the corporation, or any accountant or other agent who knowingly enters false information on the return of any taxpayer under this section a felony of the

second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,
or s. 775.084.

- (c) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (5), fails to keep books and records as required under this section, or willfully violates a rule of the department for the administration and enforcement of this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. A person commits a separate offense on each day that he or she engages in business in violation of subsection (5) or a rule of the department for the administration and enforcement of this section. If a person fails to produce the books and records for inspection by the department upon request, a prima facie presumption shall arise that the person has failed to keep books and records as required under this section. A person who is unable to rebut this presumption is in violation of this section and is subject to the penalties provided in this section.
- (d) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (5), fails to keep books and records as required under this section, or willfully violates a rule of the department for the administration and enforcement of this section, is guilty of a civil violation and may be fined up to \$5,000. If a person fails to produce books and records for inspection by the department upon request, a prima facie presumption shall arise that the person has failed to keep books and records as required under

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this section. A person who is unable to rebut this presumption is in violation of this section and is subject to the penalties provided in this section. A person commits a separate offense on each day that he or she engages in business in violation of subsection (5).

- (e) Any person who fails to keep books and records or fails to produce books and records for inspection, as required by subsection (9), is liable to pay to the department a penalty of \$1,000 for the first failure to keep books and records or failure to produce books and records for inspection, as required by subsection (9), and \$3,000 for each subsequent failure to keep books and records or failure to produce books and records for inspection, as required by subsection (9).
- (f) A person who knowingly acts as a retailer of cannabis in this state without first having obtained a certificate of registration to do so in compliance with subsection (5) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (g)1. A person commits the offense of tax evasion under this section when he or she knowingly attempts in any manner to evade or defeat the tax imposed on him or her or on any other person, or the payment thereof, and he or she commits an affirmative act in furtherance of the evasion. As used in this paragraph, "affirmative act in furtherance of the evasion" means an act designed in whole or in part to conceal, misrepresent,

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falsify, or manipulate any material fact or tamper with or destroy documents or materials related to a person's tax liability under this section. Two or more acts of sales tax evasion may be charged as a single count in any indictment, information, or complaint and the amount of tax deficiency may be aggregated for purposes of determining the amount of tax that is attempted to be or is evaded and the period between the first and last acts may be alleged as the date of the offense.

- a. When the amount of tax, the assessment or payment of which is attempted to be or is evaded is less than \$500, a person commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- b. When the amount of tax, the assessment or payment of which is attempted to be or is evaded is \$500 or more but less than \$10,000,a person commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- c. When the amount of tax, the assessment or payment of which is attempted to be or is evaded is \$10,000 or more but less than \$100,000, a person commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- d. When the amount of tax, the assessment or payment of which is attempted to be or is evaded is \$100,000 or more, a person commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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626	2.a. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, installs,
627	transfers, possesses, uses, or accesses any automated sales
628	suppression device, zapper, or phantom-ware in this state
629	commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in
630	s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
631	b. As used in this sub-subsection the term:
632	(I) "Automated sales suppression device" or "zapper" means
633	a software program that falsifies the electronic records of an
634	electronic cash register or other point-of-sale system,
635	including, but not limited to, transaction data and transaction
636	reports. The term includes the software program, any device that
637	carries the software program, or an Internet link to the
638	software program.
639	(II) "Phantom-ware" means a hidden programming option
640	embedded in the operating system of an electronic cash register
641	or hardwired into an electronic cash register that can be used
642	to create a second set of records or that can eliminate or
643	manipulate transaction records in an electronic cash register.
644	(III) "Electronic cash register" means a device that keeps
645	a register or supporting documents through the use of an
646	electronic device or computer system designed to record
647	transaction data for the purpose of computing, compiling, or
648	processing retail sales transaction data in any manner.
649	(IV) "Transaction data" includes items purchased by a
650	purchaser; the price of each item; a taxability determination

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for each item; a segregated tax amount for each taxed item; the amount of cash or credit tendered; the net amount returned to the customer in change; the date and time of the purchase; the name, address, and identification number of the vendor; and the receipt or invoice number of the transaction.

- (V) "Transaction report" means a report that documents, without limitation, the sales, taxes, or fees collected, media and discount voids at an electronic cash register and that is printed on a cash register tape at the end of a day or shift, or a report that documents every action at an electronic cash register and is stored electronically.
- c. A prosecution for any act in violation of this subsubsection may be commenced at any time within 5 years of the commission of that act.
- (h) The department may adopt rules to administer the penalties under this section.
- (i) A person whose principal place of business is in this state and who is charged with a violation under this section shall be tried in the county where his or her principal place of business is located unless he or she asserts a right to be tried in another venue.
- (j) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (h), a prosecution for a violation described in this subsection may be commenced within 3 years after the commission of the act constituting the violation.

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(11) ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.—The department shall
have full power to administer and enforce this section, to
collect all taxes and penalties due hereunder, to dispose of
taxes and penalties so collected in the manner hereinafter
provided, and to determine all rights to credit memoranda,
arising on account of the erroneous payment of tax or penalty
hereunder. In the administration of, and compliance with, this
section, the department and persons who are subject to this
section shall have the same rights, remedies, privileges,
immunities, powers, and duties, and be subject to the same
conditions, restrictions, limitations, penalties, and
definitions of terms, and employ the same modes of procedure, as
are prescribed in chapter 212 that are not inconsistent with
this section, as fully as if those provisions were set forth
herein.
(12) RULEMAKING.—The department may adopt rules and
prescribe forms relating to the administration and enforcement
of this section.
Section 7. This act shall take effect on the same date

Section 7. This act shall take effect on the same date that HB 549 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.