1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to aerospace commerce; amending s. 3 315.03, F.S.; exempting certain spaceport users from 4 certain fees or charges while transporting certain 5 equipment; providing for expiration; amending s. 6 331.303, F.S.; providing a definition; creating s. 7 331.3545, F.S.; providing a short title; creating the 8 Zero G, Zero Fee program for the purpose of granting 9 certain tax exemptions to spaceport users; requiring Space Florida to determine application and eligibility 10 11 requirements; prohibiting certain taxes and fees; 12 providing for expiration; amending s. 338.155, F.S.; 13 exempting certain spaceport users from payment of tolls on toll facilities while transporting certain 14 15 equipment; providing for expiration; requiring the 16 Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation to 17 recommend to the Legislature elimination of certain 18 aerospace industry rules or regulations; requiring a 19 report to the Governor, Legislature, and board of directors of Space Florida; providing an effective 20 21 date. 22 23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 24 25 Section 1. Subsection (14) of section 315.03, Florida Page 1 of 5

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26 Statutes, is amended to read: 27 315.03 Grant of powers.-Each unit is hereby authorized and 28 empowered: 29 (14) (a) To operate and maintain, and to fix and collect 30 rates, rentals, fees and other charges for any of the services and facilities provided by the port facilities now or hereafter 31 32 acquired, owned or constructed by the unit excluding state bar 33 pilots. 34 (b) A spaceport user who has been approved for the Zero G, 35 Zero Fee program pursuant to s. 331.3545 is exempt from any fees 36 or charges that apply to cargo while transporting a space 37 vehicle as defined in s. 331.303, launch equipment, or recovery 38 equipment. This paragraph expires December 31, 2042. 39 Section 2. Subsections (17), (18), (19), (20), and (21) of section 331.303, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections 40 41 (18), (20), (21), (22), and (19), respectively, and a new 42 subsection (17) is added to that section, to read: 43 331.303 Definitions.-(17) "Space vehicle" means a system used to transport 44 45 persons and payload from a spaceport territory to a destination 46 at or beyond 62 miles above sea level. Section 3. Section 331.3545, Florida Statutes, is created 47 48 to read: 49 331.3545 Tax exemption; certain aerospace materials and 50 consumables.-

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51	(1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Zero G,
52	Zero Fee Act."
53	(2) CREATIONThe Zero G, Zero Fee program is created for
54	the purpose of granting tax exemptions for the sale, rental,
55	storage, use, or consumption of certain aerospace materials and
56	consumables by spaceport users as defined in s. 331.303.
57	(3) APPLICATION; ELIGIBILITYSpace Florida shall, by
58	<u>rule:</u>
59	(a) Determine spaceport user eligibility criteria for the
60	Zero G, Zero Fee program and create the program application
61	process.
62	(b) Create a list of materials and consumables qualified
63	for the program, including, but not limited to:
64	1. Materials and consumables used for the construction of
65	space vehicles, launch pads, landing pads, and space vehicle
66	recovery assets.
67	2. Materials and consumables used for the construction of
68	payloads, space stations, and extravehicular equipment.
69	3. Vehicle propellant and other chemicals and gases
70	necessary for construction, launch, recovery, and reusability of
71	space vehicles.
72	(4) PROHIBITION ON TAX OR FEENotwithstanding any other
73	provision of law, the state may not assess a tax or fee on a
74	spaceflight vehicle, or any component of a spaceflight vehicle,
75	for the ascent, descent, or landing of such spaceflight vehicle

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76 on land or territorial waters of the state. 77 (5) EXPIRATION.-This section expires December 31, 2042. 78 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 338.155, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 79 80 338.155 Payment of toll on toll facilities required; 81 exemptions.-82 (1) (a) A person may not use a toll facility without 83 payment of tolls, except: 84 1. An employee of the agency operating the toll project 85 when using the toll facility on official state business. 86 2. State military personnel while on official military 87 business. 3. A person with a disability as provided in subsection 88 89 (3). 90 A person exempt from toll payment by the authorizing 4. 91 resolution for bonds issued to finance the facility. 92 A person exempt on a temporary basis where use of such 5. toll facility is required as a detour route. 93 94 6. A law enforcement officer operating an official vehicle while on official law enforcement business. 95 96 7. A person operating a fire vehicle while on official 97 business or a rescue vehicle while on official business. 98 A person participating in the funeral procession of a 8. 99 law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty. 100

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101	9. A spaceport user who has been approved for the Zero G,
102	Zero Fee program pursuant to s. 331.3545 while transporting a
103	space vehicle as defined in s. 331.303, launch equipment, or
104	recovery equipment. This subparagraph expires December 31, 2042.
105	Section 5. The Secretary of Business and Professional
106	Regulation shall review current professional rules and
107	regulations and shall recommend to the Legislature the
108	elimination of rules or regulations that he or she determines
109	are detrimental to the commercial aerospace industry. The
110	secretary shall submit a report of his or her findings to the
111	Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
112	of Representatives, and the board of directors of Space Florida
113	no later than December 31, 2022.
114	Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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