1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to vacation rentals; amending s.
3	212.03, F.S.; requiring advertising platforms to
4	collect and remit specified taxes for certain vacation
5	rental transactions; reordering and amending s.
6	509.013, F.S.; defining the term "advertising
7	platform"; making technical changes; amending s.
8	509.032, F.S.; adding licensing to the regulated
9	activities of public lodging establishments and public
10	food service establishments which are preempted to the
11	state; providing applicability; revising an exception
12	to the prohibition against certain local regulation of
13	vacation rentals; providing applicability; preempting
14	the regulation of advertising platforms to the state;
15	authorizing the adoption of local laws, ordinances, or
16	regulations that require the registration of vacation
17	rentals; authorizing local governments to adopt
18	vacation rental registration programs and impose fines
19	for failure to register; authorizing local governments
20	to charge a specified fee for processing registration
21	applications; authorizing local laws, ordinances, or
22	regulations to require annual renewal of a
23	registration and to charge a fee for such renewal;
24	providing that a change in ownership may require a new
25	application for registration; authorizing local
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2.6 governments to charge a reasonable fee to inspect a 27 vacation rental for a specified purpose; specifying 28 requirements and procedures for, and limitations on, 29 local vacation rental registration programs; 30 authorizing local governments to fine vacation rental 31 operators under certain circumstances; specifying 32 procedures related to the imposition of fines; 33 providing applicability relating to certain money 34 judgment provisions; requiring local governments to issue a written notice of violation under certain 35 36 circumstances; requiring the code enforcement board or 37 special magistrate to make certain recommendations 38 under specified circumstances; authorizing local 39 governments to suspend an owner's vacation rental 40 registration for specified periods of time; 41 prohibiting local governments from suspending an owner's vacation rental registration for violations 42 43 that are not directly related to the vacation rental 44 premises; requiring local governments to provide notice of registration suspension, within a specified 45 46 timeframe, to vacation rental operators and the 47 Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department 48 of Business and Professional Regulation; providing 49 requirements for such notice; requiring, by a certain 50 date, that local governments use the vacation rental

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51 information system to provide such notice to the 52 division; providing that local governments may revoke 53 or refuse to renew a vacation rental registration 54 under certain circumstances; requiring local 55 governments to provide notice of termination of or 56 refusal to renew a vacation rental registration to 57 vacation rental operators and the division within a 58 specified timeframe; requiring, by a certain date, 59 that local governments use the vacation rental information system to provide such notice to the 60 61 division; providing that vacation rental owners may 62 appeal a denial, suspension, or termination of, or a 63 refusal to renew, the registration of a vacation 64 rental; providing procedures for such appeal; providing construction; amending s. 509.241, F.S.; 65 66 authorizing the division to issue temporary licenses 67 upon receipt of vacation rental license applications 68 while such applications are pending; providing for 69 expiration of such licenses; requiring that any 70 license issued by the division be conspicuously 71 displayed to the public inside the licensed 72 establishment; requiring that operators of vacation 73 rentals which offer a vacation rental for transient 74 occupancy through an advertising platform also display 75 to the public inside the vacation rental its local

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76 registration number, if applicable; requiring 77 licensees or licensed agents managing a license 78 classified as a vacation rental to submit local 79 vacation rental registration numbers, if applicable, 80 within a specified timeframe to the division through 81 the division's online system; requiring the division 82 to include a unique identifier on each vacation rental 83 license issued which identifies each individual 84 vacation rental dwelling or unit; creating s. 509.243, F.S.; requiring advertising platforms to require that 85 86 persons placing advertisements or listings for vacation rentals include certain information in the 87 88 advertisements or listings and attest to certain 89 information; requiring advertising platforms to 90 display certain information; requiring, as of a 91 specified date, advertising platforms to verify 92 certain information before publishing an advertisement 93 or listing on their platforms and to remove from 94 public view an advertisement or a listing under 95 certain circumstances; requiring advertising platforms 96 to collect and remit specified taxes for certain 97 transactions; authorizing the division to issue and 98 deliver a notice to cease and desist for certain 99 violations; providing that such notice does not constitute agency action for which certain hearings 100

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101 may be sought; authorizing the division to issue cease 102 and desist notices in certain circumstances; providing 103 that issuance of such notice does not constitute an 104 agency action; authorizing the division to file 105 certain proceedings for the purpose of enforcing a 106 cease and desist notice; authorizing the division to 107 collect attorney fees and costs under certain 108 circumstances; authorizing the division to impose a 109 fine on advertising platforms for certain violations; requiring the division to issue written notice of 110 111 violations to advertising platforms before commencing certain legal proceedings; requiring advertising 112 113 platforms to adopt an antidiscrimination policy and to 114 inform their users of the policy's provisions; 115 providing construction; creating s. 509.244, F.S.; 116 defining the term "application program interface"; 117 requiring the division, by a specified date, to create 118 and maintain a certain vacation rental information 119 system; specifying requirements for the system; 120 amending s. 509.261, F.S.; authorizing the division to 121 revoke, refuse to issue or renew, or suspend vacation 122 rental licenses under certain circumstances; requiring 123 the division to specify the license number of the 124 vacation rental dwelling or unit which has been 125 revoked, not renewed, or suspended; requiring the

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126	department to input such status in the vacation rental
127	information system; requiring the division's vacation
128	rental license suspension to run concurrently with a
129	local vacation rental registration suspension;
130	amending ss. 159.27, 212.08, 316.1955, 404.056,
131	477.0135, 509.221, 553.5041, 559.955, 561.20, 705.17,
132	705.185, 717.1355, and 877.24, F.S.; conforming cross-
133	references; providing construction; authorizing the
134	Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules;
135	providing requirements and an expiration date for the
136	emergency rules; providing for the expiration of such
137	rulemaking authority; providing effective dates.
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139	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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141	Section 1. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (2) of
142	section 212.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
143	212.03 Transient rentals tax; rate, procedure,
144	enforcement, exemptions
145	(2) <u>(a)</u> The tax provided for <u>in this section is</u> herein
146	$rac{\mathrm{shall}}{\mathrm{be}}$ in addition to the total amount of the rental, $rac{\mathrm{must}}{\mathrm{c}}$
147	shall be charged by the lessor or person receiving the rent in
148	and by said rental arrangement to the lessee or person paying
149	the rental, and $\underline{ ext{is}}$ $\underline{ ext{shall be}}$ due and payable at the time of the
150	receipt of such rental payment by the lessor or person, as
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151 defined in this chapter, who receives such said rental or 152 payment. The owner, lessor, or person receiving the rent shall 153 remit the tax to the department at the times and in the manner 154 hereinafter provided for dealers to remit taxes under this 155 chapter. The same duties imposed by this chapter upon dealers in 156 tangible personal property respecting the collection and 157 remission of the tax; the making of returns; the keeping of 158 books, records, and accounts; and the compliance with the rules 159 and regulations of the department in the administration of this 160 chapter shall apply to and are be binding upon all persons who 161 manage or operate hotels, apartment houses, roominghouses, 162 tourist and trailer camps, and the rental of condominium units, and to all persons who collect or receive such rents on behalf 163 164 of such owner or lessor taxable under this chapter. 165 (b) If a guest uses a payment system on or through an

166167168166advertising platform as defined in s. 509.013 to pay for the167rental of a vacation rental located in this state, the168advertising platform must collect and remit taxes as provided in169this paragraph.

170 <u>1. An advertising platform that owns, operates, or manages</u> 171 <u>a vacation rental or that is related within the meaning of s.</u> 172 <u>267(b), s. 707(b), or s. 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code of</u> 173 <u>1986, as amended, to a person who owns, operates, or manages the</u> 174 <u>vacation rental shall collect and remit all taxes due under this</u> 175 section and ss. 125.0104, 125.0108, 205.044, 212.0305, and

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212.055 which are related to the rental. 2. An advertising platform to which subparagraph 1. does not apply shall collect and remit all taxes due from the owner, operator, or manager under this section and ss. 125.0104, 125.0108, 205.044, 212.0305, and 212.055 which are related to the rental. Of the total amount paid by the lessee or rentee, the amount retained by the advertising platform for reservation or payment services is not taxable under this section or ss. 125.0104, 125.0108, 205.044, 212.0305, and 212.055. In order to facilitate the remittance of such taxes, the department and counties that have elected to self-administer the taxes imposed under chapter 125 shall allow advertising platforms to register, collect, and remit such taxes. Section 2. Section 509.013, Florida Statutes, is reordered and amended to read: 509.013 Definitions.-As used in this chapter, except as provided in subsection (14), the term: (1) "Advertising platform" means a person as defined in s. 1.01(3) which: (a) Provides an online application, software, a website, or a system through which a vacation rental located in this state is advertised or held out to the public as available to rent for transient occupancy;

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(b) Provides or maintains a marketplace for the renting of

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201	a vacation rental for transient occupancy; and
202	(c) Provides a reservation or payment system that
203	facilitates a transaction for the renting of a vacation rental
204	for transient occupancy and for which the person collects or
205	receives, directly or indirectly, a fee in connection with the
206	reservation or payment service provided for the rental
207	transaction.
208	(3)(1) "Division" means the Division of Hotels and
209	Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional
210	Regulation.
211	(8) (2) "Operator" means the owner, licensee, proprietor,
212	lessee, manager, assistant manager, or appointed agent of a
213	public lodging establishment or public food service
214	establishment.
215	(4)-(3) "Guest" means any patron, customer, tenant, lodger,
216	boarder, or occupant of a public lodging establishment or public
217	food service establishment.
218	<u>(10)(a)</u> (4)(a) "Public lodging establishment" includes a
219	transient public lodging establishment as defined in
220	subparagraph $2 + .$ and a nontransient public lodging
221	establishment as defined in subparagraph $\frac{1}{2}$.
222	2.1. "Transient public lodging establishment" means any
223	unit, group of units, dwelling, building, or group of buildings
224	within a single complex of buildings which is rented to guests
225	more than three times in a calendar year for periods of less
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than 30 days or 1 calendar month, whichever is less, or which is advertised or held out to the public as a place regularly rented to guests.

1.2. "Nontransient public lodging establishment" means any unit, group of units, dwelling, building, or group of buildings within a single complex of buildings which is rented to guests for periods of at least 30 days or 1 calendar month, whichever is less, or which is advertised or held out to the public as a place regularly rented to guests for periods of at least 30 days or 1 calendar month.

License classifications of public lodging establishments, and the definitions therefor, are <u>as provided</u> set out in s. 509.242. For the purpose of licensure, the term does not include condominium common elements as defined in s. 718.103.

(b) The following are <u>not considered public lodging</u>
 <u>establishments</u> excluded from the definitions in paragraph (a):

Any dormitory or other living or sleeping facility
 maintained by a public or private school, college, or university
 for the use of students, faculty, or visitors.

246 2. Any facility certified or licensed and regulated by the 247 Agency for Health Care Administration or the Department of 248 Children and Families or other similar place regulated under s. 249 381.0072.

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3. Any place renting four rental units or less, unless the

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251 rental units are advertised or held out to the public to be 252 places that are regularly rented to transients.

253 4. Any unit or group of units in a condominium, 254 cooperative, or timeshare plan and any individually or 255 collectively owned one-family, two-family, three-family, or 256 four-family dwelling house or dwelling unit that is rented for 257 periods of at least 30 days or 1 calendar month, whichever is 258 less, and that is not advertised or held out to the public as a 259 place regularly rented for periods of less than 1 calendar 260 month, provided that no more than four rental units within a 261 single complex of buildings are available for rent.

262 5. Any migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing
263 permitted by the Department of Health under ss. 381.008264 381.00895.

265 6. Any establishment inspected by the Department of Health266 and regulated by chapter 513.

267 7. <u>A facility operated by a nonprofit which provides</u> Any 268 nonprofit organization that operates a facility providing 269 housing only to patients, patients' families, and patients' 270 caregivers and not to the general public.

8. Any apartment building inspected by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or other entity acting on the department's behalf <u>which</u> that is designated primarily as housing for persons at least 62 years of age. The division may require the operator of the apartment building to

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attest in writing that such building meets the criteria provided in this subparagraph. The division may adopt rules to implement this requirement.

9. Any roominghouse, boardinghouse, or other living or
sleeping facility that may not be classified as a hotel, motel,
timeshare project, vacation rental, nontransient apartment, bed
and breakfast inn, or transient apartment under s. 509.242.

283 (9) (a) (5) (a) "Public food service establishment" means any 284 building, vehicle, place, or structure, or any room or division 285 in a building, vehicle, place, or structure where food is 286 prepared, served, or sold for immediate consumption on or in the 287 vicinity of the premises; called for or taken out by customers; 288 or prepared before prior to being delivered to another location 289 for consumption. The term includes a culinary education program, 290 as defined in s. 381.0072(2), which offers, prepares, serves, or 291 sells food to the general public, regardless of whether it is 292 inspected by another state agency for compliance with sanitation 293 standards.

(b) The following are <u>not considered public food service</u>
 <u>establishments</u> excluded from the definition in paragraph (a):

Any place maintained and operated by a public or
 private school, college, or university:

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a. For the use of students and faculty; or

b. Temporarily, to serve such events as fairs, carnivals,
food contests, cook-offs, and athletic contests.

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301 Any eating place maintained and operated by a church or 2. 302 a religious, nonprofit fraternal, or nonprofit civic 303 organization: 304 a. For the use of members and associates; or 305 Temporarily, to serve such events as fairs, carnivals, b. 306 food contests, cook-offs, or athletic contests. 307 308 Upon request by the division, a church or a religious, nonprofit 309 fraternal, or nonprofit civic organization claiming an exclusion 310 under this subparagraph must provide the division documentation of its status as a church or a religious, nonprofit fraternal, 311 312 or nonprofit civic organization. 3. Any eating place maintained and operated by an 313 314 individual or entity at a food contest, cook-off, or a temporary 315 event lasting from 1 to 3 days which is hosted by a church or a 316 religious, nonprofit fraternal, or nonprofit civic organization. 317 Upon request by the division, the event host must provide the division documentation of its status as a church or a religious, 318 319 nonprofit fraternal, or nonprofit civic organization. 320 4. Any eating place located on an airplane, train, bus, or 321 watercraft that which is a common carrier.

5. Any eating place maintained by a facility certified or licensed and regulated by the Agency for Health Care Administration or the Department of Children and Families or other similar place that is regulated under s. 381.0072.

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326 6. Any place of business issued a permit or inspected by
327 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services under s.
328 500.12.

329 7. Any place of business where the food available for 330 consumption is limited to ice, beverages with or without 331 garnishment, popcorn, or prepackaged items sold without 332 additions or preparation.

333 8. Any theater, if the primary use is as a theater and if 334 patron service is limited to food items customarily served to 335 the admittees of theaters.

336 9. Any vending machine that dispenses any food or
337 beverages other than potentially hazardous foods, as defined by
338 division rule.

339 10. Any vending machine that dispenses potentially 340 hazardous <u>foods</u> food and which is located in a facility 341 regulated under s. 381.0072.

342 11. Any research and development test kitchen limited to 343 the use of employees and which is not open to the general 344 public.

345 <u>(2)(6)</u> "Director" means the Director of the Division of 346 Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and 347 Professional Regulation.

348 <u>(11) (7)</u> "Single complex of buildings" means all buildings 349 or structures that are owned, managed, controlled, or operated 350 under one business name and are situated on the same tract or

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351 plot of land that is not separated by a public street or 352 highway.

353 <u>(12) (8)</u> "Temporary food service event" means any event of 354 30 days or less in duration where food is prepared, served, or 355 sold to the general public.

356 <u>(13) (9)</u> "Theme park or entertainment complex" means a 357 complex comprised of at least 25 contiguous acres owned and 358 controlled by the same business entity and which contains 359 permanent exhibitions and a variety of recreational activities 360 and has a minimum of 1 million visitors annually.

361 <u>(14) (10)</u> "Third-party provider" means, for purposes of s.
362 509.049, any provider of an approved food safety training
363 program that provides training or such a training program to a
364 public food service establishment that is not under common
365 ownership or control with the provider.

366 <u>(16) (11)</u> "Transient establishment" means any public 367 lodging establishment that is rented or leased to guests by an 368 operator whose intention is that such guests' occupancy will be 369 temporary.

370 <u>(17) (12)</u> "Transient occupancy" means occupancy when it is 371 the intention of the parties that the occupancy will be 372 temporary. There is a rebuttable presumption that, when the 373 dwelling unit occupied is not the sole residence of the guest, 374 the occupancy is transient.

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(15) (13) "Transient" means a guest in transient occupancy.

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376 <u>(6) (14)</u> "Nontransient establishment" means any public 377 lodging establishment that is rented or leased to guests by an 378 operator whose intention is that the dwelling unit occupied will 379 be the sole residence of the guest.

380 <u>(7)(15)</u> "Nontransient occupancy" means occupancy when it 381 is the intention of the parties that the occupancy will not be 382 temporary. There is a rebuttable presumption that, when the 383 dwelling unit occupied is the sole residence of the guest, the 384 occupancy is nontransient.

385 <u>(5) (16)</u> "Nontransient" means a guest in nontransient 386 occupancy.

387 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) and subsection 388 (7) of section 509.032, Florida Statutes, are amended, and 389 subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

509.032 Duties.-

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391 (3) SANITARY STANDARDS; EMERGENCIES; TEMPORARY FOOD
 392 SERVICE EVENTS.—The division shall:

393 (c) Administer a public notification process for temporary 394 food service events and distribute educational materials that 395 address safe food storage, preparation, and service procedures.

1. Sponsors of temporary food service events shall notify the division not less than 3 days before the scheduled event of the type of food service proposed, the time and location of the event, a complete list of food service vendors participating in the event, the number of individual food service facilities each

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401 vendor will operate at the event, and the identification number 402 of each food service vendor's current license as a public food 403 service establishment or temporary food service event licensee. 404 Notification may be completed orally, by telephone, in person, 405 or in writing. A public food service establishment or food 406 service vendor may not use this notification process to 407 circumvent the license requirements of this chapter.

408 2. The division shall keep a record of all notifications 409 received for proposed temporary food service events and shall 410 provide appropriate educational materials to the event sponsors 411 and notify the event sponsors of the availability of the food-412 recovery brochure developed under s. 595.420.

413 3.a. Unless excluded under s. $509.013(5)(b)_r$ A public food 414 service establishment or other food service vendor must obtain 415 one of the following classes of license from the division: an 416 individual license, for a fee of no more than \$105, for each 417 temporary food service event in which it participates; or an 418 annual license, for a fee of no more than \$1,000, which that entitles the licensee to participate in an unlimited number of 419 420 food service events during the license period. The division 421 shall establish license fees, by rule, and may limit the number of food service facilities a licensee may operate at a 422 423 particular temporary food service event under a single license.

b. Public food service establishments holding currentlicenses from the division may operate under the regulations of

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426 such a license at temporary food service events.

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(7) PREEMPTION AUTHORITY.-

428 The regulation of public lodging establishments and (a) public food service establishments, including, but not limited 429 430 to, sanitation standards, licensing, inspections, training and 431 testing of personnel, and matters related to the nutritional 432 content and marketing of foods offered in such establishments, 433 is preempted to the state. This paragraph does not preempt the 434 authority of a local government or local enforcement district to 435 conduct inspections of public lodging and public food service 436 establishments for compliance with the Florida Building Code and 437 the Florida Fire Prevention Code, pursuant to ss. 553.80 and 438 633.206.

439 A local law, ordinance, or regulation may not prohibit (b) 440 vacation rentals or regulate the duration or frequency of rental 441 of vacation rentals. This paragraph and subsection (8) do does 442 not apply to any local law, ordinance, or regulation adopted on 443 or before June 1, 2011, including such a law, ordinance, or regulation that is amended to be less restrictive or to comply 444 445 with the local registration requirements provided in subsection (8), or when a law, ordinance, or regulation adopted after June 446 447 1, 2011, regulates vacation rentals, if such law, ordinance, or 448 regulation is less restrictive than a law, ordinance, or 449 regulation that was in effect on June 1, 2011. 450 (c) Paragraph (b) and subsection (8) do does not apply to

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451 any local law, ordinance, or regulation exclusively relating to 452 property valuation as a criterion for vacation rental if the 453 local law, ordinance, or regulation is required to be approved 454 by the state land planning agency pursuant to an area of 455 critical state concern designation. 456 (d) The regulation of advertising platforms is preempted 457 to the state. 458 (8) LOCAL REGISTRATION OF VACATION RENTALS; SUSPENSION; 459 REVOCATIONS; FINES.-Notwithstanding paragraph (7)(a), a local 460 law, ordinance, or regulation may require the registration of 461 vacation rentals with a local vacation rental registration 462 program. Local governments may implement a vacation rental 463 registration program pursuant to this subsection and may impose 464 a fine for failure to register under the local program. 465 (a) A local government may charge a fee of no more than 466 \$150 per unit for processing a registration application. A local 467 law, ordinance, or regulation may require annual renewal of a 468 registration and may charge a renewal fee of no more than \$50 469 per unit for processing of a registration renewal. However, if there is a change of ownership, the new owner may be required to 470 submit a new application for registration. Subsequent to the 471 registration of a vacation rental, a local government may charge 472 473 a reasonable fee to inspect a vacation rental after registration 474 for compliance with the Florida Building Code and the Florida 475 Fire Prevention Code, described in ss. 553.80 and 633.206,

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476	respectively.
477	(b) As a condition of registration or renewal of a
478	vacation rental, a local law, ordinance, or regulation
479	establishing a local vacation rental registration program may
480	require the operator of a vacation rental to do only the
481	following:
482	1. Submit identifying information about the owner and the
483	owner's operator, if applicable, and the subject vacation rental
484	premises.
485	2. Provide proof of a license with the unique identifier
486	issued by the division to operate as a vacation rental.
487	3. Obtain all required tax registrations, receipts, or
488	certificates issued by the Department of Revenue, a county, or a
489	municipality.
490	4. Update required information on a continuing basis to
491	ensure it is current.
492	5. Designate and maintain at all times a responsible party
493	who is capable of responding to complaints or emergencies
494	related to the vacation rental, including being available by
495	telephone at a provided contact telephone number 24 hours a day,
496	7 days a week, and receiving legal notice of violations on
497	behalf of the operator. The responsible party has until 9 a.m.
498	the next calendar day to respond to a complaint or emergency by
499	telephone or otherwise.
500	6. State the maximum occupancy of the vacation rental
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501 based on the number of sleeping accommodations for persons 502 staying overnight in the vacation rental. 503 7. Pay in full all recorded municipal or county code liens 504 against the subject vacation rental premises. 505 (c) Within 15 business days after receiving an application 506 for registration of a vacation rental, a local government must review the application for completeness and accept the 507 508 registration of the vacation rental or issue a written notice of 509 denial. 510 1. The vacation rental operator and the local government 511 may agree to a reasonable request to extend the timeframes 512 provided in this paragraph, particularly in the event of a force 513 majeure or other extraordinary circumstance. 514 2. If a local government fails to accept or deny the 515 registration within the timeframes provided in this paragraph, 516 the application is deemed accepted. (d) If a local government denies <u>a registration of a</u> 517 518 vacation rental, the local government must give written notice 519 to the applicant. Such notice may be provided by United States mail or electronically. The notice must specify with 520 particularity the factual reasons for the denial and include a 521 522 citation to the applicable portions of the ordinance, rule, 523 statute, or other legal authority for the denial of the 524 registration. A local government may not prohibit an applicant 525 from reapplying if the applicant cures the identified

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526 deficiencies. 527 (e)1. Upon an accepted vacation rental registration, a 528 local government shall assign a unique registration number to 529 the vacation rental unit and provide the registration number or 530 other indicia of registration to the vacation rental operator in 531 writing or electronically. 532 2. The vacation rental operator must provide the vacation 533 rental registration number to the division within 5 days after 534 receipt of the registration number. 535 (f) A local government may fine a vacation rental operator up to \$300 if he or she: 536 537 1. Fails to continue to meet the registration requirements 538 in paragraph (b); or 539 2. Is operating a vacation rental without registering with 540 the local government as a vacation rental. 541 (q) A certified copy of an order imposing a fine may be 542 recorded in the public records and thereafter constitutes a lien 543 against the real property on which the violation exists and upon 544 any other real or personal property owned by the violator. Upon petition to the circuit court, such order is enforceable in the 545 546 same manner as a court judgment by the sheriffs of this state, 547 including execution and levy against the personal property of 548 the violator, but such order may not be deemed to be a court 549 judgment except for enforcement purposes. A fine imposed pursuant to this subsection shall continue to accrue until the 550

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551	violator comes into compliance or until judgment is rendered in
552	a suit filed pursuant to this section, whichever occurs first. A
553	lien arising from a fine imposed pursuant to this subsection
554	runs in favor of the local government, and the local government
555	may execute a satisfaction or release of lien. Three months or
556	more after the filing of any such lien that remains unpaid, the
557	local government may foreclose on the lien against the real
558	property on which the violation exists or sue to recover a money
559	judgment for the amount of the lien, plus accrued interest. A
560	lien created pursuant to this part may not be foreclosed on real
561	property that is a homestead under s. 4, Art. X of the State
562	Constitution. The money judgment provisions of this section do
563	not apply to real property or personal property that is covered
564	under s. 4(a), Art. X of the State Constitution.
565	(h)1. If a vacation rental owner is found by the code
565 566	(h)1. If a vacation rental owner is found by the code enforcement board or special magistrate to have materially
566	enforcement board or special magistrate to have materially
566 567	enforcement board or special magistrate to have materially violated a local law, ordinance, or regulation that does not
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566 567 568 569 570	enforcement board or special magistrate to have materially violated a local law, ordinance, or regulation that does not solely apply to vacation rentals and the violation is directly related to the owner's vacation rental premises, the local government must issue a written notice of such violation.
566 567 568 569 570 571	enforcement board or special magistrate to have materially violated a local law, ordinance, or regulation that does not solely apply to vacation rentals and the violation is directly related to the owner's vacation rental premises, the local government must issue a written notice of such violation. 2. If the owner is found to have materially violated a
566 567 568 569 570 571 572	<pre>enforcement board or special magistrate to have materially violated a local law, ordinance, or regulation that does not solely apply to vacation rentals and the violation is directly related to the owner's vacation rental premises, the local government must issue a written notice of such violation. 2. If the owner is found to have materially violated a local law, ordinance, or regulation as described in subparagraph</pre>
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576 The code enforcement board or special magistrate must 3. 577 recommend the suspension of the owner's vacation rental 578 registration if the owner is found to have: 579 a. One or more violations on 5 separate days during a 60-580 day period; 581 b. One or more violations on 5 separate days during a 30-582 day period; or 583 c. One or more violations after two prior suspensions of 584 an owner's vacation rental registration. 585 4. If the code enforcement board or special magistrate 586 recommends suspension of an owner's vacation rental 587 registration, a local government may suspend such registration 588 for a period of: 589 a. Up to 30 days for one or more violations on 5 separate 590 days during a 60-day period; 591 b. Up to 60 days for one or more violations on 5 separate 592 days during a 30-day period; or 593 c. Up to 90 days for one or more violations after two 594 prior suspensions of an owner's vacation rental registration. 595 5. A local government may not suspend an owner's vacation 596 rental registration for violations of a local law, ordinance, or 597 regulation which are not directly related to the vacation rental 598 premises. 599 6. A local government must provide notice of the 600 suspension of a vacation rental registration to the operator and Page 24 of 42

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601	the division within 5 days after the suspension. The notice must
602	include the start date of the suspension, which must be at least
603	21 days after the suspension notice is sent to the operator and
604	the division. Effective January 1, 2026, a local government must
605	use the vacation rental information system described in s.
606	509.244 to provide notice of the suspension of a vacation rental
607	registration to the division.
608	(i)1. A local government may revoke or refuse to renew a
609	vacation rental registration if:
610	a. An owner's vacation rental registration has been
611	suspended three times pursuant to paragraph (h);
612	b. There is an unsatisfied recorded municipal lien or
613	county lien on the real property of the vacation rental.
614	However, the local government must allow the vacation rental
615	owner at least 60 days before the termination of a registration
616	to satisfy the recorded municipal lien or county lien; or
617	c. The vacation rental premises and its owner are the
618	subject of a final order or judgment by a court of competent
619	jurisdiction lawfully directing the termination of the premises'
620	use as a vacation rental.
621	2. A local government must provide notice of the
622	termination of or refusal to renew a vacation rental
623	registration to the operator and the division within 5 days
624	after the termination or refusal to renew. The notice must
625	include the date of termination or nonrenewal, which must be at
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626 least 21 days after the notice is sent to the operator and the 627 division. Effective January 1, 2026, a local government must use 628 the vacation rental information system described in s. 509.244 629 to provide notice of the termination of or refusal to renew a 630 vacation rental registration to the division. 631 (j) A vacation rental owner may appeal a denial, 632 suspension, or termination of a vacation rental registration, or a refusal to renew such registration, to the circuit court. An 633 634 appeal must be filed within 30 days after the issuance of the 635 denial, suspension, or termination of, or refusal to renew, the vacation rental registration. The court may assess and award 636 637 reasonable attorney fees and costs and damages to a vacation 638 rental owner. 639 640 This subsection does not prohibit a local government from 641 establishing a local law, ordinance, or regulation if it is 642 uniformly applied without regard to whether the residential 643 property is used as a vacation rental. 644 Section 4. Effective January 1, 2025, present paragraph 645 (c) of subsection (4) of section 509.241, Florida Statutes, is 646 redesignated as paragraph (d), a new paragraph (c) is added to 647 that subsection, subsection (5) is added to that section, and 648 subsections (2) and (3) of that section are amended, to read: 649 509.241 Licenses required; exceptions; division online accounts and transactions.-650

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651 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.-Each person who plans to open (2) 652 a public lodging establishment or a public food service 653 establishment shall apply for and receive a license from the 654 division before prior to the commencement of operation. A 655 condominium association, as defined in s. 718.103, which does 656 not own any units classified as vacation rentals or timeshare 657 projects under s. 509.242(1)(c) or (g) is not required to apply 658 for or receive a public lodging establishment license. Upon 659 receiving an application for a vacation rental license, the 660 division may grant a temporary license that authorizes the vacation rental to begin operation while the application is 661 662 pending. The temporary license automatically expires upon final 663 agency action regarding the license application.

664 DISPLAY OF LICENSE.-A Any license issued by the (3) 665 division must shall be conspicuously displayed to the public 666 inside in the office or lobby of the licensed establishment. 667 Public food service establishments that which offer catering 668 services must shall display their license number on all 669 advertising for catering services. The operator of a vacation 670 rental offered for transient occupancy through an advertising platform must also conspicuously display the vacation rental's 671 local registration number, if applicable. 672

673 (4) ONLINE ACCOUNT AND TRANSACTIONS.—Each person who plans
674 to open a public lodging establishment or a public food service
675 establishment and each licensee or licensed agent must create

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676 and maintain a division online account and provide an e-mail 677 address to the division to function as the primary contact for 678 all communication from the division. 679 (c) Each licensee or licensed agent managing a license 680 classified as a vacation rental as defined in s. 509.242(1)(c) must submit to the division, through the division's online 681 682 system, any applicable local vacation rental registration number 683 within 5 days after registration. 684 (5) UNIQUE IDENTIFIER. — The division shall include a unique 685 identifier on each vacation rental license it issues which identifies each individual vacation rental dwelling or unit. 686 687 Section 5. Effective January 1, 2025, section 509.243, 688 Florida Statutes, is created to read: 689 509.243 Advertising platforms.-690 (1) An advertising platform shall require that a person 691 who places an advertisement or listing of a vacation rental 692 which offers it for rent do all of the following: 693 (a) Include in the advertisement or listing the vacation 694 rental license number with the associated unique identifier and, 695 if applicable, the local registration number. 696 (b) Attest to the best of the person's knowledge that the 697 vacation rental's license and, if applicable, its local 698 registration are current and valid and that all related 699 information is accurately stated in the advertisement. 700 (2) An advertising platform shall display the vacation

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701 rental license number with the associated unique identifier, 702 and, if applicable, the local registration number. 703 (3) Effective January 1, 2026, an advertising platform 704 shall: 705 (a) Use the vacation rental information system described 706 in s. 509.244 to verify that the vacation rental license number 707 with the associated unique identifier, and, if applicable, the 708 local registration number, are current, valid, and apply to the 709 subject vacation rental before publishing an advertisement or 710 listing on its platform. (b) Remove from public view an advertisement or a listing 711 712 from its online application, software, website, or system within 713 15 business days after notification that a vacation rental 714 license, or if applicable, a local registration: 715 1. Has been suspended, revoked, or not renewed; or 716 2. Fails to display a valid vacation rental license number 717 with the associated unique identifier or, if applicable, a local 718 registration number. 719 (4) If a guest uses a payment system on or through an 720 advertising platform to pay for the rental of a vacation rental located in this state, the advertising platform must collect and 721 remit all taxes due under ss. 125.0104, 125.0108, 205.044, 722 723 212.03, 212.0305, and 212.055 related to the rental as provided 724 in s. 212.03(2)(b). 725 (5) If the division has probable cause to believe that a

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726	person not licensed by the division has violated this chapter or
727	any rule adopted pursuant thereto, the division may issue and
728	deliver to such person a notice to cease and desist from the
729	violation. The issuance of a notice to cease and desist does not
730	constitute agency action for which a hearing under s. 120.569 or
731	s. 120.57 may be sought. For the purpose of enforcing a cease
732	and desist notice, the division may file a proceeding in the
733	name of the state seeking the issuance of an injunction or a
734	writ of mandamus against any person who violates any provision
735	of the notice. If the division is required to seek enforcement
736	of the notice for a penalty pursuant to s. 120.69, it is
737	entitled to collect attorney fees and costs, together with any
738	cost of collection.
739	(6) The division may fine an advertising platform an
740	amount not to exceed \$1,000 per offense for each violation of
741	this section or of division rule. For the purposes of this
742	subsection, the division may regard as a separate offense each
743	day or portion of a day in which an advertising platform is
744	operated in violation of this section or rules of the division.
745	The division shall issue to the advertising platform a written
746	notice of any violation and provide it 15 days to cure the
747	violation before commencing any legal proceeding under
748	subsection (5).
749	(7) An advertising platform shall adopt an
750	antidiscrimination policy to help prevent discrimination by its
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751	users and shall inform all users that it is illegal to refuse
752	accommodation to an individual based on race, creed, color, sex,
753	pregnancy, physical disability, or national origin, as provided
754	<u>in s. 509.092.</u>
755	(8) This section does not create a private cause of action
756	against advertising platforms. An advertising platform may not
757	be held liable for any action that it takes voluntarily and in
758	good faith in relation to its users in compliance with this
759	chapter or the advertising platform's terms of service.
760	Section 6. Section 509.244, Florida Statutes, is created
761	to read:
762	509.244 Vacation rental information system
763	(1) As used in this section, the term "application program
764	interface" means a predefined protocol for reading or writing
765	data across a network using a file system or a database.
766	(2) By July 1, 2025, the division shall create and
767	maintain a vacation rental information system readily accessible
768	through an application program interface. At a minimum, the
769	system must do all of the following:
770	(a) Facilitate prompt compliance with this chapter by a
771	licensee or an advertising platform.
772	(b) Allow advertising platforms to search by vacation
773	rental license number with the associated unique identifier,
774	applicable local registration number, and a listing status field
775	that indicates whether the premises is compliant with applicable

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776 license and registration requirements to allow the operator to 777 determine whether the platform may advertise the vacation 778 rental. 779 (c) Allow local government users to notify the division of 780 a termination or failure to renew, or the period of suspension 781 of, a local registration, if applicable. 782 (d) Provide a system interface to allow local governments 783 and advertising platforms to verify the status of a vacation 784 rental license and a local registration of a vacation rental, if 785 applicable. 786 (e) Allow a registered user to subscribe to receive 787 automated notifications of changes to the license and 788 registration status of a vacation rental, including any license 789 revocation, local registration termination, period of suspension 790 imposed by the division or local government, or failure to renew 791 a license or local registration. 792 Section 7. Subsection (11) is added to section 509.261, 793 Florida Statutes, to read: 794 509.261 Revocation or suspension of licenses; fines; 795 procedure.-796 (11) (a) The division may revoke, refuse to issue or renew, 797 or suspend for a period of not more than 30 days a license of a vacation rental for any of the following reasons: 798 799 1. Operation of the subject premises violates the terms of 800 an applicable lease or property restriction, including any Page 32 of 42

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801 property restriction adopted pursuant to chapter 718, chapter 802 719, or chapter 720, as determined by a final order of a court 803 of competent jurisdiction or a written decision by an arbitrator 804 authorized to arbitrate a dispute relating to the subject 805 premises and a lease or property restriction. 806 2. Local registration of the vacation rental is suspended 807 or revoked by a local government as provided in s. 509.032(8). 808 3. The premises and its owner are the subject of a final 809 order or judgment lawfully directing the termination of the premises' use as a vacation rental. 810 The division must specify the license number with the 811 (b) 812 associated unique identifier of the vacation rental dwelling or unit which has been revoked, not renewed, or suspended and input 813 814 such status in the vacation rental information system described 815 in s. 509.244. 816 (c) If the division suspends a license for the reason 817 specified in subparagraph (a)2., the suspension must run 818 concurrently with the local registration suspension. 819 Section 8. Subsection (12) of section 159.27, Florida 820 Statutes, is amended to read: 821 159.27 Definitions.-The following words and terms, unless 822 the context clearly indicates a different meaning, shall have 823 the following meanings: 824 "Public lodging or restaurant facility" means (12)825 property used for any public lodging establishment as defined in Page 33 of 42

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826 s. 509.242 or public food service establishment as defined in <u>s.</u> 827 <u>509.013</u> s. 509.013(5) if it is part of the complex of, or 828 necessary to, another facility qualifying under this part. 829 Section 9. Paragraph (jj) of subsection (7) of section 830 212.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

831 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and 832 storage tax; specified exemptions.—The sale at retail, the 833 rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the 834 storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following 835 are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this 836 chapter.

837 MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS. - Exemptions provided to any (7)entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is 838 839 otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a 840 representative or employee of the entity by any means, 841 including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even 842 when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed 843 by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by 844 this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is 845 otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has 846 obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as 847 required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made 848 849 with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an 850

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851 exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict 852 compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and 853 shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer 854 this subsection. 855 (jj) Complimentary meals.-Also exempt from the tax imposed 856 by this chapter are food or drinks that are furnished as part of 857 a packaged room rate by any person offering for rent or lease 858 any transient public lodging establishments living 859 accommodations as described in s. 509.013(10)(a) s. 860 509.013(4)(a) which are licensed under part I of chapter 509 and 861 which are subject to the tax under s. 212.03, if a separate 862 charge or specific amount for the food or drinks is not shown. 863 Such food or drinks are considered to be sold at retail as part 864 of the total charge for the transient living accommodations. 865 Moreover, the person offering the accommodations is not 866 considered to be the consumer of items purchased in furnishing 867 such food or drinks and may purchase those items under 868 conditions of a sale for resale. 869 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 870 316.1955, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 871 316.1955 Enforcement of parking requirements for persons who have disabilities.-872 873 (4) 874 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a theme park or an entertainment complex as defined in s. 509.013 s. 509.013(9) 875

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which provides parking in designated areas for persons who have disabilities may allow any vehicle that is transporting a person who has a disability to remain parked in a space reserved for persons who have disabilities throughout the period the theme park is open to the public for that day.

881 Section 11. Subsection (5) of section 404.056, Florida882 Statutes, is amended to read:

404.056 Environmental radiation standards and projects; certification of persons performing measurement or mitigation services; mandatory testing; notification on real estate documents; rules.-

(5) NOTIFICATION ON REAL ESTATE DOCUMENTS.-Notification shall be provided on at least one document, form, or application executed at the time of, or <u>before</u> prior to, contract for sale and purchase of any building or execution of a rental agreement for any building. Such notification <u>must</u> shall contain the following language:

RADON GAS: Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that, when it has accumulated in a building in sufficient quantities, may present health risks to persons who are exposed to it over time. Levels of radon that exceed federal and state guidelines have been found in buildings in Florida. Additional information regarding radon and radon testing may be obtained from your county health department."

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902	The requirements of this subsection do not apply to any
903	residential transient occupancy, as described in <u>s. 509.013</u> s.
904	509.013(12), provided that such occupancy is 45 days or less in
905	duration.
906	Section 12. Subsection (6) of section 477.0135, Florida
907	Statutes, is amended to read:
908	477.0135 Exemptions
909	(6) A license is not required of any individual providing
910	makeup or special effects services in a theme park or
911	entertainment complex to an actor, stunt person, musician,
912	extra, or other talent, or providing makeup or special effects
913	services to the general public. The term "theme park or
914	entertainment complex" has the same meaning as in <u>s. 509.013</u> s.
915	509.013(9) .
916	Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
917	509.221, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
918	509.221 Sanitary regulations
919	(2)
920	(b) Within a theme park or entertainment complex as
921	defined in <u>s. 509.013</u> s. 509.013(9) , the bathrooms are not
922	required to be in the same building as the public food service
923	establishment, so long as they are reasonably accessible.
924	Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
925	553.5041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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926 553.5041 Parking spaces for persons who have 927 disabilities.-928 (5) Accessible perpendicular and diagonal accessible parking spaces and loading zones must be designed and located to 929 930 conform to ss. 502 and 503 of the standards. 931 If there are multiple entrances or multiple retail (b) 932 stores, the parking spaces must be dispersed to provide parking at the nearest accessible entrance. If a theme park or an 933 934 entertainment complex as defined in s. 509.013 s. 509.013(9) 935 provides parking in several lots or areas from which access to 936 the theme park or entertainment complex is provided, a single 937 lot or area may be designated for parking by persons who have 938 disabilities, if the lot or area is located on the shortest 939 accessible route to an accessible entrance to the theme park or entertainment complex or to transportation to such an accessible 940 941 entrance. 942 Section 15. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 943 559.955, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 944 559.955 Home-based businesses; local government 945 restrictions.-946 (5) The application of this section does not supersede: 947 Local laws, ordinances, or regulations related to (b) 948 transient public lodging establishments $_{ au}$ as defined in s. 949 509.013(10)(a)2. which s. 509.013(4)(a)1., that are not otherwise preempted under chapter 509. 950 Page 38 of 42

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951 Section 16. Paragraph (d) of subsection (7) of section 952 561.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 953 561.20 Limitation upon number of licenses issued.-954 (7) 955 Any corporation, partnership, or individual operating (d) 956 a club which owns or leases and which maintains any bona fide 957 beach or cabana club consisting of beach facilities, swimming 958 pool, locker rooms or bathroom facilities for at least 100 959 persons, and a public food service establishment as defined in 960 s. 509.013 s. 509.013(5)(a), comprising in all an area of at least 5,000 square feet located on a contiguous tract of land of 961 962 in excess of 1 acre may be issued a license under s. 565.02(4). 963 The failure of such club to maintain the facilities shall be a 964 ground for revocation of the license. 965 Section 17. Subsection (2) of section 705.17, Florida 966 Statutes, is amended to read: 967 705.17 Exceptions.-Sections 705.1015-705.106 do not apply to any personal 968 (2) 969 property lost or abandoned on premises located within a theme 970 park or entertainment complex, as defined in s. 509.013 s. 509.013(9), or operated as a zoo, a museum, or an aquarium, or 971 972 on the premises of a public food service establishment or a 973 public lodging establishment licensed under part I of chapter 974 509, if the owner or operator of such premises elects to comply 975 with s. 705.185.

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976 Section 18. Section 705.185, Florida Statutes, is amended 977 to read:

978 705.185 Disposal of personal property lost or abandoned on 979 the premises of certain facilities.-When any lost or abandoned 980 personal property is found on premises located within a theme 981 park or entertainment complex, as defined in s. 509.013 s. 982 509.013(9), or operated as a zoo, a museum, or an aquarium, or 983 on the premises of a public food service establishment or a 984 public lodging establishment licensed under part I of chapter 985 509, if the owner or operator of such premises elects to comply with this section, any lost or abandoned property must be 986 987 delivered to such owner or operator, who must take charge of the 988 property and make a record of the date such property was found. 989 If the property is not claimed by its owner within 30 days after 990 it is found, or a longer period of time as may be deemed 991 appropriate by the owner or operator of the premises, the owner 992 or operator of the premises may not sell and must dispose of the 993 property or donate it to a charitable institution that is exempt 994 from federal income tax under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal 995 Revenue Code for sale or other disposal as the charitable 996 institution deems appropriate. The rightful owner of the 997 property may reclaim the property from the owner or operator of the premises at any time before the disposal or donation of the 998 999 property in accordance with this section and the established policies and procedures of the owner or operator of the 1000

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1001 premises. A charitable institution that accepts an electronic 1002 device, as defined in s. 815.03(9), access to which is not 1003 secured by a password or other personal identification 1004 technology, shall make a reasonable effort to delete all 1005 personal data from the electronic device before its sale or 1006 disposal. 1007 Section 19. Section 717.1355, Florida Statutes, is amended 1008 to read: 1009 717.1355 Theme park and entertainment complex tickets.-This chapter does not apply to any tickets for admission to a 1010 1011 theme park or entertainment complex as defined in s. 509.013 s. 509.013(9), or to any tickets to a permanent exhibition or 1012 1013 recreational activity within such theme park or entertainment 1014 complex. 1015 Section 20. Subsection (8) of section 877.24, Florida 1016 Statutes, is amended to read: 877.24 Nonapplication of s. 877.22.-Section 877.22 does 1017 not apply to a minor who is: 1018 1019 (8) Attending an organized event held at and sponsored by 1020 a theme park or entertainment complex as defined in s. 509.013 1021 s. 509.013(9). 1022 Section 21. The application of this act does not supersede 1023 any current or future declaration or declaration of condominium 1024 adopted pursuant to chapter 718, Florida Statutes; any 1025 cooperative document adopted pursuant to chapter 719, Florida

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1026	Statutes; or any declaration or declaration of covenant adopted
1027	pursuant to chapter 720, Florida Statutes.
1028	Section 22. (1) The Department of Revenue is authorized,
1029	and all conditions are deemed to be met, to adopt emergency
1030	rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the
1031	purpose of implementing the amendments made by this act to s.
1032	212.03, Florida Statutes, including establishing procedures to
1033	facilitate the remittance of taxes.
1034	(2) Notwithstanding any other law, emergency rules adopted
1035	pursuant to subsection (1) are effective for 6 months after
1036	adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to
1037	adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of the emergency
1038	rules.
1039	(3) This section expires January 1, 2026.
1040	Section 23. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
1041	act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2024.
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