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; requiring such registration
20	programs to be administered by the tax collector;
21	authorizing local governments or the tax collector to
22	charge a specified fee for processing registration
23	applications; authorizing local laws, ordinances, or
24	regulations to require annual renewal of a
25	registration and to charge a fee for such renewal;
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26 providing that a change in ownership may require a new 27 application for registration; authorizing local 28 governments to charge a specified fee to inspect a vacation rental and enforce certain laws and rules for 29 issues pertaining to uniform life safety requirements; 30 31 specifying requirements and procedures for, and 32 limitations on, local vacation rental registration 33 programs; authorizing local governments to fine 34 vacation rental operators under certain circumstances; specifying procedures related to the imposition of 35 36 fines; providing applicability relating to certain money judgment provisions; requiring local governments 37 38 to issue written notices of material violations under 39 certain circumstances; requiring the code enforcement 40 board or special magistrate to make certain 41 recommendations under specified circumstances; 42 authorizing local governments to suspend an owner's 43 vacation rental registration for specified periods of 44 time; prohibiting local governments from suspending an owner's vacation rental registration for violations 45 46 not directly related to the vacation rental premises; 47 requiring, within a specified timeframe, local 48 governments to provide notice of registration 49 suspension to vacation rental operators and the 50 Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department

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51 of Business and Professional Regulation; providing 52 requirements for such notice; authorizing local 53 governments to revoke or refuse to renew a vacation 54 rental registration of a specific vacation rental 55 under certain circumstances; requiring, within a 56 specified timeframe, local governments to provide 57 notice of termination of or refusal to renew a 58 vacation rental registration to vacation rental 59 operators and the division; providing that vacation rental owners may appeal a denial, suspension, or 60 61 termination of, or a refusal to renew, a vacation 62 rental registration; providing procedures for such 63 appeal; authorizing a vacation rental owner to apply for registration upon the sale of the vacation rental 64 premises or 6 months after revocation of or refusal to 65 66 renew the vacation rental registration; providing construction; amending s. 509.241, F.S.; requiring the 67 68 division to grant temporary licenses upon receiving 69 vacation rental license applications while such 70 applications are pending; providing that such licenses 71 become permanent upon final agency action; requiring 72 that any license issued by the division be 73 conspicuously displayed to the public inside the 74 licensed establishment; requiring that operators of 75 vacation rentals offered for transient occupancy

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76 through an advertising platform conspicuously display 77 the vacation rental's local registration number, if 78 applicable, inside the unit in a visible location; 79 requiring licensees or licensed agents managing a license classified as a vacation rental to submit 80 81 local vacation rental registration numbers, if 82 applicable, to the division through the division's 83 online system; requiring the division to include a 84 certain unique identifier on each vacation rental license issued which identifies each individual 85 86 vacation rental dwelling or unit; creating s. 509.243, 87 F.S.; requiring advertising platforms to require that 88 persons placing advertisements or listings for 89 vacation rentals include certain information in the advertisements or listings and attest to certain 90 91 information; requiring advertising platforms to 92 display certain information; requiring, as of a 93 specified date, advertising platforms to remove the 94 ability to book an advertisement or a listing under 95 certain circumstances and to provide to the division 96 on a quarterly basis, in a specified manner, a list of 97 all vacation rentals which are advertised on their 98 platforms, including other specified information; 99 requiring advertising platforms or designated operators listing vacation rentals with advertising 100

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

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126	revoked, not renewed, or suspended vacation rental
127	dwelling or unit; requiring the department to input
128	such status in the vacation rental information system;
129	requiring the division's vacation rental license
130	suspension to run concurrently with a local vacation
131	rental registration suspension; amending ss. 159.27,
132	212.08, 316.1955, 404.056, 477.0135, 509.221,
133	553.5041, 559.955, 561.20, 705.17, 705.185, 717.1355,
134	and 877.24, F.S.; conforming cross-references;
135	providing construction; authorizing the Department of
136	Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing
137	requirements and an expiration date for such emergency
138	rules; providing for the expiration of such rulemaking
139	authority; providing effective dates.
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141	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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143	Section 1. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (2) of
144	section 212.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
145	212.03 Transient rentals tax; rate, procedure,
146	enforcement, exemptions
147	(2) <u>(a)</u> The tax provided for <u>in this section is</u> herein
148	$rac{\mathrm{shall}}{\mathrm{be}}$ in addition to the total amount of the rental, $rac{\mathrm{must}}{\mathrm{must}}$
149	shall be charged by the lessor or person receiving the rent in
150	and by said rental arrangement to the lessee or person paying
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151	the rental, and <u>is</u> shall be due and payable at the time of the
152	receipt of such rental payment by the lessor or person, as
153	defined in this chapter, who receives <u>such</u> said rental or
154	payment. The owner, lessor, or person receiving the rent shall
155	remit the tax to the department at the times and in the manner
156	hereinafter provided for dealers to remit taxes under this
157	chapter. The same duties imposed by this chapter upon dealers in
158	tangible personal property respecting the collection and
159	remission of the tax; the making of returns; the keeping of
160	books, records, and accounts; and the compliance with the rules
161	and regulations of the department in the administration of this
162	chapter shall apply to and <u>are</u> be binding upon all persons who
163	manage or operate hotels, apartment houses, roominghouses,
164	tourist and trailer camps, and the rental of condominium units,
165	and to all persons who collect or receive such rents on behalf
166	of such owner or lessor taxable under this chapter.
167	(b) If a guest uses a payment system on or through an
168	advertising platform as defined in s. 509.013 to pay for the
169	rental of a vacation rental located in this state, the
170	advertising platform must collect and remit taxes as provided in
171	this paragraph.
172	1. An advertising platform that owns, operates, or manages
173	a vacation rental or that is related within the meaning of s.
174	267(b), s. 707(b), or s. 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code of
175	1986, as amended, to a person who owns, operates, or manages the
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176	vacation rental shall collect and remit all taxes due under this
177	section and ss. 125.0104, 125.0108, 205.044, 212.0305, and
178	212.055 which are related to the rental.
179	2. An advertising platform to which subparagraph 1. does
180	not apply shall collect and remit all taxes due from the owner,
181	operator, or manager under this section and ss. 125.0104,
182	125.0108, 205.044, 212.0305, and 212.055 which are related to
183	the rental. Of the total amount paid by the lessee or rentee,
184	the amount retained by the advertising platform for reservation
185	or payment services is not taxable under this section or ss.
186	125.0104, 125.0108, 205.044, 212.0305, and 212.055.
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188	In order to facilitate the remittance of such taxes, the
189	department and counties that have elected to self-administer the
190	taxes imposed under chapter 125 shall allow advertising
191	platforms to register, collect, and remit such taxes.
192	Section 2. Section 509.013, Florida Statutes, is reordered
193	and amended to read:
194	509.013 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, except as
195	provided in subsection (14), the term:
196	(1) "Advertising platform" means a person as defined in s.
197	1.01(3) which:
198	(a) Provides an online application, software, a website,
199	or a system through which a vacation rental located in this
200	state is advertised or held out to the public as available to
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201	rent for transient occupancy;
202	(b) Provides or maintains a marketplace for the renting of
203	a vacation rental for transient occupancy; and
204	(c) Provides a reservation or payment system that
205	facilitates a transaction for the renting of a vacation rental
206	for transient occupancy and for which the person collects or
207	receives, directly or indirectly, a fee in connection with the
208	reservation or payment service provided for the rental
209	transaction.
210	(3)(1) "Division" means the Division of Hotels and
211	Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional
212	Regulation.
213	(8)-(2) "Operator" means the owner, licensee, proprietor,
214	lessee, manager, assistant manager, or appointed agent of a
215	public lodging establishment or public food service
216	establishment.
217	(4)-(3) "Guest" means any patron, customer, tenant, lodger,
218	boarder, or occupant of a public lodging establishment or public
219	food service establishment.
220	<u>(10)(a)</u> (4)(a) "Public lodging establishment" includes a
221	transient public lodging establishment as defined in
222	subparagraph 2 \pm . and a nontransient public lodging
223	establishment as defined in subparagraph $1 - 2$.
224	2.1. "Transient public lodging establishment" means any
225	unit, group of units, dwelling, building, or group of buildings
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within a single complex of buildings which is rented to guests more than three times in a calendar year for periods of less 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.

231 <u>1.2.</u> "Nontransient public lodging establishment" means any 232 unit, group of units, dwelling, building, or group of buildings 233 within a single complex of buildings which is rented to guests 234 for periods of at least 30 days or 1 calendar month, whichever 235 is less, or which is advertised or held out to the public as a 236 place regularly rented to guests for periods of at least 30 days 237 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):

245 1. Any dormitory or other living or sleeping facility 246 maintained by a public or private school, college, or university 247 for the use of students, faculty, or visitors.

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

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251 381.0072.

3. Any place renting four rental units or less, unless the rental units are advertised or held out to the public to be places that are regularly rented to transients.

255 Any unit or group of units in a condominium, 4. 256 cooperative, or timeshare plan and any individually or 257 collectively owned one-family, two-family, three-family, or 258 four-family dwelling house or dwelling unit that is rented for 259 periods of at least 30 days or 1 calendar month, whichever is 260 less, and that is not advertised or held out to the public as a 261 place regularly rented for periods of less than 1 calendar 262 month, provided that no more than four rental units within a 263 single complex of buildings are available for rent.

264 5. Any migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing
265 permitted by the Department of Health under ss. 381.008266 381.00895.

267 6. Any establishment inspected by the Department of Health268 and regulated by chapter 513.

269 7. <u>A facility operated by a nonprofit which provides</u> Any 270 nonprofit organization that operates a facility providing 271 housing only to patients, patients' families, and patients' 272 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

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276 primarily as housing for persons at least 62 years of age. The 277 division may require the operator of the apartment building to 278 attest in writing that such building meets the criteria provided 279 in this subparagraph. The division may adopt rules to implement 280 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.

285 (9) (a) (5) (a) "Public food service establishment" means any 286 building, vehicle, place, or structure, or any room or division 287 in a building, vehicle, place, or structure where food is 288 prepared, served, or sold for immediate consumption on or in the 289 vicinity of the premises; called for or taken out by customers; 290 or prepared before prior to being delivered to another location 291 for consumption. The term includes a culinary education program, 292 as defined in s. 381.0072(2), which offers, prepares, serves, or 293 sells food to the general public, regardless of whether it is 294 inspected by another state agency for compliance with sanitation 295 standards.

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

298 1. Any place maintained and operated by a public or 299 private school, college, or university:

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a. For the use of students and faculty; or

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301 b. Temporarily, to serve such events as fairs, carnivals, 302 food contests, cook-offs, and athletic contests. 303 Any eating place maintained and operated by a church or 2. 304 a religious, nonprofit fraternal, or nonprofit civic 305 organization: 306 a. For the use of members and associates; or 307 Temporarily, to serve such events as fairs, carnivals, b. 308 food contests, cook-offs, or athletic contests. 309 Upon request by the division, a church or a religious, nonprofit 310 311 fraternal, or nonprofit civic organization claiming an exclusion under this subparagraph must provide the division documentation 312 of its status as a church or a religious, nonprofit fraternal, 313 314 or nonprofit civic organization. 315 3. Any eating place maintained and operated by an 316 individual or entity at a food contest, cook-off, or a temporary 317 event lasting from 1 to 3 days which is hosted by a church or a 318 religious, nonprofit fraternal, or nonprofit civic organization. Upon request by the division, the event host must provide the 319 320 division documentation of its status as a church or a religious, nonprofit fraternal, or nonprofit civic organization. 321 322 4. Any eating place located on an airplane, train, bus, or 323 watercraft that which is a common carrier. Any eating place maintained by a facility certified or 324 5. 325 licensed and regulated by the Agency for Health Care

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Administration or the Department of Children and Families or other similar place that is regulated under s. 381.0072.

328 6. Any place of business issued a permit or inspected by
329 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services under s.
330 500.12.

331 7. Any place of business where the food available for 332 consumption is limited to ice, beverages with or without 333 garnishment, popcorn, or prepackaged items sold without 334 additions or preparation.

335 8. Any theater, if the primary use is as a theater and if 336 patron service is limited to food items customarily served to 337 the admittees of theaters.

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

341 10. Any vending machine that dispenses potentially 342 hazardous <u>foods</u> food and which is located in a facility 343 regulated under s. 381.0072.

344 11. Any research and development test kitchen limited to 345 the use of employees and which is not open to the general 346 public.

347 <u>(2)(6)</u> "Director" means the Director of the Division of 348 Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and 349 Professional Regulation.

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(11) (7) "Single complex of buildings" means all buildings

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351 or structures that are owned, managed, controlled, or operated 352 under one business name and are situated on the same tract or 353 plot of land that is not separated by a public street or 354 highway.

355 <u>(12)(8)</u> "Temporary food service event" means any event of 356 30 days or less in duration where food is prepared, served, or 357 sold to the general public.

358 <u>(13)(9)</u> "Theme park or entertainment complex" means a 359 complex comprised of at least 25 contiguous acres owned and 360 controlled by the same business entity and which contains 361 permanent exhibitions and a variety of recreational activities 362 and has a minimum of 1 million visitors annually.

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

368 <u>(16) (11)</u> "Transient establishment" means any public 369 lodging establishment that is rented or leased to guests by an 370 operator whose intention is that such guests' occupancy will be 371 temporary.

372 <u>(17) (12)</u> "Transient occupancy" means occupancy when it is 373 the intention of the parties that the occupancy will be 374 temporary. There is a rebuttable presumption that, when the 375 dwelling unit occupied is not the sole residence of the guest,

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376 the occupancy is transient.

377 <u>(15) (13)</u> "Transient" means a guest in transient occupancy.
378 <u>(6) (14)</u> "Nontransient establishment" means any public
379 lodging establishment that is rented or leased to guests by an
380 operator whose intention is that the dwelling unit occupied will
381 be the sole residence of the guest.

382 <u>(7)(15)</u> "Nontransient occupancy" means occupancy when it 383 is the intention of the parties that the occupancy will not be 384 temporary. There is a rebuttable presumption that, when the 385 dwelling unit occupied is the sole residence of the guest, the 386 occupancy is nontransient.

387 <u>(5) (16)</u> "Nontransient" means a guest in nontransient 388 occupancy.

389 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) and subsection 390 (7) of section 509.032, Florida Statutes, are amended, and 391 subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

509.032 Duties.-

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

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

398 1. Sponsors of temporary food service events shall notify 399 the division not less than 3 days before the scheduled event of 400 the type of food service proposed, the time and location of the

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401 event, a complete list of food service vendors participating in 402 the event, the number of individual food service facilities each 403 vendor will operate at the event, and the identification number 404 of each food service vendor's current license as a public food 405 service establishment or temporary food service event licensee. 406 Notification may be completed orally, by telephone, in person, 407 or in writing. A public food service establishment or food 408 service vendor may not use this notification process to 409 circumvent the license requirements of this chapter.

410 2. The division shall keep a record of all notifications 411 received for proposed temporary food service events and shall 412 provide appropriate educational materials to the event sponsors 413 and notify the event sponsors of the availability of the food-414 recovery brochure developed under s. 595.420.

415 3.a. Unless excluded under s. 509.013(5)(b), A public food 416 service establishment or other food service vendor must obtain 417 one of the following classes of license from the division: an 418 individual license, for a fee of no more than \$105, for each temporary food service event in which it participates; or an 419 420 annual license, for a fee of no more than \$1,000, which that 421 entitles the licensee to participate in an unlimited number of 422 food service events during the license period. The division 423 shall establish license fees, by rule, and may limit the number 424 of food service facilities a licensee may operate at a 425 particular temporary food service event under a single license.

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b. Public food service establishments holding current
licenses from the division may operate under the regulations of
such a license at temporary food service events.

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(7) PREEMPTION AUTHORITY.-

430 The regulation of public lodging establishments and (a) public food service establishments, including, but not limited 431 432 to, sanitation standards, licensing, inspections, training and 433 testing of personnel, and matters related to the nutritional 434 content and marketing of foods offered in such establishments, 435 is preempted to the state. This paragraph does not preempt the authority of a local government or local enforcement district to 436 437 conduct inspections of public lodging and public food service establishments for compliance with the Florida Building Code and 438 439 the Florida Fire Prevention Code, pursuant to ss. 553.80 and 440 633.206.

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

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451 effect on June 1, 2011. 452 Paragraph (b) and subsection (8) do does not apply to (C) 453 any local law, ordinance, or regulation exclusively relating to 454 property valuation as a criterion for vacation rental if the 455 local law, ordinance, or regulation is required to be approved 456 by the state land planning agency pursuant to an area of 457 critical state concern designation. 458 (d) The regulation of advertising platforms is preempted 459 to the state. 460 (8) LOCAL REGISTRATION OF VACATION RENTALS; SUSPENSION; 461 REVOCATIONS; FINES.-Notwithstanding paragraph (7)(a), a local 462 law, ordinance, or regulation may require the registration of 463 vacation rentals with a local vacation rental registration 464 program. Local governments may implement a vacation rental 465 registration program pursuant to this subsection and may impose 466 a fine for failure to register under the local program. Any such 467 registration program implemented by a local government shall be 468 administered by the tax collector. 469 (a) A local government or tax collector may charge a fee 470 of no more than \$150 per unit for processing a registration application. A local law, ordinance, or regulation may require 471 annual renewal of a registration and may charge a renewal fee of 472 473 no more than \$50 per unit for processing of a registration 474 renewal. However, if there is a change of ownership, the new 475 owner may be required to submit a new application for

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476 registration. Subsequent to the registration of a vacation 477 rental, a local government may charge a fee, not to exceed \$150, 478 for a person authorized by s. 633.118 to inspect the vacation 479 rental and enforce the laws and rules of the State Fire Marshall 480 for issues pertaining to the uniform firesafety standards. 481 (b) As a condition of registration or renewal of a 482 vacation rental, a local law, ordinance, or regulation 483 establishing a local vacation rental registration program may 484 require the operator of a vacation rental to do only the 485 following: 486 1. Submit identifying information about the owner and the 487 owner's operator, if applicable, and the subject vacation rental 488 premises. 489 2. Provide proof of a license with the unique identifier 490 issued by the division to operate as a vacation rental. 491 3. Obtain all required tax registrations, receipts, or 492 certificates issued by the Department of Revenue, a county, or a 493 municipality. 494 4. Update required information on a continuing basis to ensure it is current. 495 5. Designate and maintain at all times a responsible party 496 497 who is capable of responding to complaints or emergencies related to the vacation rental, including being available by 498 499 telephone at a provided contact telephone number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and receiving legal notice of violations on 500

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501 behalf of the operator. The responsible party has until 9 a.m. 502 the next calendar day to respond to a complaint or emergency by 503 telephone or otherwise. 504 6. State the maximum occupancy of the vacation rental 505 based on the number of sleeping accommodations for persons 506 staying overnight in the vacation rental. 507 7. Pay in full all recorded municipal or county code liens 508 against the subject vacation rental premises. 509 (c) Within 15 business days after receiving an application 510 for registration of a vacation rental, a local government must review the application for completeness and accept the 511 512 registration of the vacation rental or issue a written notice of 513 denial. 514 1. The vacation rental operator and the local government 515 may agree to a reasonable request to extend the timeframes 516 provided in this paragraph, particularly in the event of a force 517 majeure or other extraordinary circumstance. 518 2. If a local government fails to accept or deny the 519 registration within the timeframes provided in this paragraph, 520 the application is deemed accepted. 521 (d) If a local government denies a registration of a vacation rental, the local government must give written notice 522 523 to the applicant. Such notice may be provided by United States 524 mail or electronically. The notice must specify with 525 particularity the factual reasons for the denial and include a

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526 citation to the applicable portions of the ordinance, rule, 527 statute, or other legal authority for the denial of the 528 registration. A local government may not prohibit an applicant 529 from reapplying if the applicant cures the identified 530 deficiencies. 531 (e)1. Upon an accepted vacation rental registration, a local government shall immediately assign a unique registration 532 533 number to the vacation rental unit and provide the registration 534 number or other indicia of registration to the vacation rental 535 operator in writing or electronically. 2. The vacation rental operator must provide the vacation 536 537 rental registration number to the division. 538 (f) A local government may fine a vacation rental operator 539 up to \$300 if he or she: 540 1. Fails to continue to meet the registration requirements 541 in paragraph (b); or 542 2. Is operating a vacation rental without registering with 543 the local government as a vacation rental. 544 (g) A certified copy of an order imposing a fine may be 545 recorded in the public records and thereafter constitutes a lien 546 against the real property on which the violation exists. Upon 547 petition to the circuit court, such order is enforceable in the 548 same manner as a court judgment by the sheriffs of this state, 549 including execution and levy against the personal property of 550 the violator, but such order may not be deemed to be a court

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551 judgment except for enforcement purposes. A fine imposed 552 pursuant to this subsection shall continue to accrue until the 553 violator comes into compliance or until judgment is rendered in 554 a suit filed pursuant to this section, whichever occurs first. A 555 lien arising from a fine imposed pursuant to this subsection 556 runs in favor of the local government, and the local government 557 may execute a satisfaction or release of lien. Three months or 558 more after the filing of any such lien that remains unpaid, the 559 local government may foreclose on the lien against the real 560 property on which the violation exists or sue to recover a money 561 judgment for the amount of the lien, plus accrued interest. A 562 lien created pursuant to this part may not be foreclosed on real property that is a homestead under s. 4, Art. X of the State 563 564 Constitution. The money judgment provisions of this section do 565 not apply to real property or personal property that is covered 566 under s. 4(a), Art. X of the State Constitution. 567 (h)1. If a vacation rental owner is found by the code 568 enforcement board or special magistrate to have materially 569 violated a local law, ordinance, or regulation that does not 570 solely apply to vacation rentals and the violation is directly related to the owner's vacation rental premises, the local 571 572 government must issue a written notice of such violation. 573 2. If the owner is found to have materially violated a 574 local law, ordinance, or regulation as described in subparagraph 575 1., the code enforcement board or special magistrate must make a

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576 recommendation to the local government as to whether an owner's 577 vacation rental registration should be suspended. 578 3. The code enforcement board or special magistrate must 579 recommend the suspension of the owner's vacation rental 580 registration if the owner is found to have: 581 a. One or more material violations on 5 separate days 582 during a 60-day period; 583 b. One or more material violations on 5 separate days 584 during a 30-day period; or 585 c. One or more material violations after two prior 586 suspensions of an owner's vacation rental registration during a 587 6-month period. 588 4. If the code enforcement board or special magistrate 589 recommends suspension of an owner's vacation rental registration, a local government may suspend such registration 590 591 for a period of: 592 a. Up to 15 days for one or more material violations on 5 593 separate days during a 60-day period; 594 b. Up to 30 days for one or more material violations on 5 595 separate days during a 30-day period; or 596 c. Up to 60 days for one or more material violations after 597 two prior suspensions of an owner's vacation rental registration 598 during a 6-month period. 599 5. A local government may not suspend an owner's vacation 600 rental registration for violations of a local law, ordinance, or

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601	regulation which are not directly related to the vacation rental
602	premises.
603	6. A local government must provide notice of the
604	suspension of a vacation rental registration to the operator and
605	the division within 5 days after the suspension. The notice must
606	include the start date of the suspension, which must be at least
607	21 days after the suspension notice is sent to the operator and
608	the division. Effective January 1, 2026, a local government must
609	use the vacation rental information system described in s.
610	509.244 to provide notice of the suspension of a vacation rental
611	registration to the division.
612	(i)1. A local government may revoke or refuse to renew a
613	vacation rental registration of a specific vacation rental if:
614	a. The code enforcement board or special magistrate has
615	found that the vacation rental owner has habitually committed
616	material violations pursuant to paragraph (h) and has imposed
617	the strictest penalty thereunder;
618	b. There is an unsatisfied recorded municipal lien or
619	county lien on the real property of the vacation rental;
620	however, the local government must allow the vacation rental
621	owner at least 60 days before the termination of a registration
622	to satisfy the recorded municipal lien or county lien and must
623	immediately and automatically reinstate or renew the
624	registration upon satisfaction of such lien; or
625	c. The vacation rental premises and its owner are the

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626	subject of a final order or judgment by a court of competent
627	jurisdiction lawfully directing the termination of the premises'
628	use as a vacation rental.
629	2. A local government must provide notice of the
630	termination of or refusal to renew a vacation rental
631	registration to the operator and the division within 5 days
632	after the termination or refusal to renew. The notice must
633	include the date of termination or nonrenewal, which must be at
634	least 21 days after the notice is sent to the operator and the
635	division.
636	(j) A vacation rental owner may appeal a denial,
637	suspension, or termination of a vacation rental registration, or
638	a refusal to renew such registration, to the circuit court. An
639	appeal must be filed within 30 days after the issuance of the
640	denial, suspension, or termination of, or refusal to renew, the
641	vacation rental registration. The court may assess and award
642	reasonable attorney fees and costs and damages to a vacation
643	rental owner.
644	(k) A vacation rental owner may apply for registration
645	upon the sale of the vacation rental premises to a new owner or
646	6 months after revocation of or refusal to renew the vacation
647	rental registration pursuant to paragraph (i).
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649	This subsection does not prohibit a local government from
650	establishing a local law, ordinance, or regulation if it is
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uniformly applied without regard to whether the residential property is used as a vacation rental. Section 4. Effective January 1, 2025, present paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 509.241, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (d), a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, subsection (5) is added to that section, and subsections (2) and (3) of that section are amended, to read: 509.241 Licenses required; exceptions; division online accounts and transactions.-(2) APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.-Each person who plans to open a public lodging establishment or a public food service establishment shall apply for and receive a license from the division before prior to the commencement of operation. A condominium association, as defined in s. 718.103, which does

664 665 not own any units classified as vacation rentals or timeshare 666 projects under s. 509.242(1)(c) or (g) is not required to apply 667 for or receive a public lodging establishment license. Upon 668 receiving an application for a vacation rental license, the 669 division shall grant a temporary license that authorizes the vacation rental to begin operation while the application is 670 pending. The temporary license becomes permanent upon final 671 agency action regarding the license application that grants the 672 673 vacation rental license.

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DISPLAY OF LICENSE.-A Any license issued by the (3) 675 division must shall be conspicuously displayed to the public

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676 inside in the office or lobby of the licensed establishment. 677 Public food service establishments that which offer catering 678 services must shall display their license number on all advertising for catering services. The operator of a vacation 679 680 rental offered for transient occupancy through an advertising platform must conspicuously display the vacation rental's local 681 682 registration number, if applicable, inside the unit in a visible 683 location. 684 (4) ONLINE ACCOUNT AND TRANSACTIONS.-Each person who plans 685 to open a public lodging establishment or a public food service 686 establishment and each licensee or licensed agent must create 687 and maintain a division online account and provide an e-mail 688 address to the division to function as the primary contact for 689 all communication from the division. (c) Each licensee or licensed agent managing a license 690 691 classified as a vacation rental as defined in s. 509.242(1)(c) 692 must submit to the division, through the division's online 693 system, any applicable local vacation rental registration 694 number. 695 (5) UNIQUE IDENTIFIER. - The division shall include a unique 696 identifier expressed as a series of letters or numbers at the 697 end of the vacation rental license number on each vacation 698 rental license it issues which identifies each individual 699 vacation rental dwelling or unit. 700 Section 5. Effective January 1, 2025, section 509.243, Page 28 of 42

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701	Florida Statutes, is created to read:
702	509.243 Advertising platforms
703	(1) An advertising platform shall require that a person
704	who places an advertisement or listing for a vacation rental
705	which offers it for rent do all of the following:
706	(a) Include in the advertisement or listing the vacation
707	rental license number with the associated unique identifier.
708	(b) Attest to the best of the person's knowledge that the
709	vacation rental's license and, if applicable, its local
710	registration are current and valid and that all related
711	information is accurately stated in the advertisement.
712	(2) An advertising platform shall display the vacation
713	rental license number with the associated unique identifier.
714	(3) Effective January 1, 2026, an advertising platform
715	shall:
716	(a) Remove the ability to book an advertisement or a
717	listing from its online application, software, website, or
718	system within 15 business days after notification through the
719	vacation rental information system as established in s. 509.244
720	that a vacation rental license:
721	1. Has been suspended, revoked, or not renewed; or
722	2. Fails to display a valid vacation rental license number
723	with the associated unique identifier.
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725	The notification shall identify the nature of the deficiency.
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726 (b) Provide to the division on a quarterly basis, in a 727 manner compatible with the vacation rental information system as 728 established in s. 509.244, a list of all vacation rentals in the 729 state which are advertised on its platform, including the 730 uniform resource locator for the Internet address of the 731 vacation rental advertisement and the vacation rental license 732 number associated with the vacation rental. 733 (4) If a guest uses a payment system on or through an 734 advertising platform to pay for the rental of a vacation rental 735 located in this state, the advertising platform or the 736 designated operator listing a vacation rental with an 737 advertising platform must collect and remit all taxes due under 738 ss. 125.0104, 125.0108, 205.044, 212.03, 212.0305, and 212.055 739 related to the rental as provided in s. 212.03(2)(b). 740 (5) If the division has probable cause to believe that a 741 person not licensed by the division has violated this chapter or 742 any rule adopted pursuant thereto, the division may issue and 743 deliver to such person a notice to cease and desist from the 744 violation. The issuance of a notice to cease and desist does not 745 constitute agency action for which a hearing under s. 120.569 or 746 s. 120.57 may be sought. For the purpose of enforcing a cease 747 and desist notice, the division may file a proceeding in the 748 name of the state seeking the issuance of an injunction or a 749 writ of mandamus against any person who violates any provision of the notice. If the division is required to seek enforcement 750

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751 of the notice for a penalty pursuant to s. 120.69, it is 752 entitled to collect attorney fees and costs, together with any 753 cost of collection. 754 (6) The division may fine an advertising platform an 755 amount not to exceed \$1,000 per offense for each violation of 756 this section or of division rule. For the purposes of this 757 subsection, the division may regard as a separate offense each 758 day or portion of a day in which an advertising platform is 759 operated in violation of this section or rules of the division. 760 The division shall issue to the advertising platform a written 761 notice of any violation and provide it 15 days to cure the 762 violation before commencing any legal proceeding under 763 subsection (5). 764 (7) An advertising platform shall adopt an 765 antidiscrimination policy to help prevent discrimination by its 766 users and shall inform all users that it is illegal to refuse 767 accommodation to an individual based on race, creed, color, sex, 768 pregnancy, physical disability, or national origin, as provided 769 in s. 509.092. 770 This section does not create a private cause of action (8) against advertising platforms. An advertising platform may not 771 772 be held liable for any action that it takes voluntarily and in 773 good faith in relation to its users in compliance with this 774 chapter or the advertising platform's terms of service. 775 Section 6. Section 509.244, Florida Statutes, is created Page 31 of 42

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776	to read:
777	509.244 Vacation rental information system
778	(1) As used in this section, the term "application program
779	interface" means a predefined protocol for reading or writing
780	data across a network using a file system or a database.
781	(2) By July 1, 2025, the division shall create and
782	maintain a vacation rental information system readily accessible
783	through an application program interface. At a minimum, the
784	system must do all of the following:
785	(a) Facilitate prompt compliance with this chapter by a
786	licensee or an advertising platform.
787	(b) Provide a system interface to allow local governments
788	to verify the status of a vacation rental, if applicable.
789	(c) Allow a registered user to subscribe to receive
790	automated notifications of changes to the license and
791	registration status of a vacation rental, including any license
792	revocation, local registration termination, period of suspension
793	imposed by the division or local government, or failure to renew
794	a license or local registration.
795	Section 7. Subsection (11) is added to section 509.261,
796	Florida Statutes, to read:
797	509.261 Revocation or suspension of licenses; fines;
798	procedure
799	(11) (a) The division may revoke, refuse to issue or renew,
800	or suspend for a period of not more than 30 days a license of a

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

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826 the following meanings:

(12) "Public lodging or restaurant facility" means property used for any public lodging establishment as defined in s. 509.242 or public food service establishment as defined in <u>s.</u> <u>509.013</u> <u>s. 509.013(5)</u> if it is part of the complex of, or necessary to, another facility qualifying under this part.

832 Section 9. Paragraph (jj) of subsection (7) of section
833 212.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

840 MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS. - Exemptions provided to any (7) 841 entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is 842 otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a 843 representative or employee of the entity by any means, 844 including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even 845 when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by 846 847 this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is 848 otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has 849 obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as 850

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required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer this subsection.

858 (jj) Complimentary meals.-Also exempt from the tax imposed 859 by this chapter are food or drinks that are furnished as part of 860 a packaged room rate by any person offering for rent or lease 861 any transient public lodging establishments living 862 accommodations as described in s. 509.013(10)(a) s. 863 509.013(4)(a) which are licensed under part I of chapter 509 and 864 which are subject to the tax under s. 212.03, if a separate 865 charge or specific amount for the food or drinks is not shown. 866 Such food or drinks are considered to be sold at retail as part 867 of the total charge for the transient living accommodations. 868 Moreover, the person offering the accommodations is not 869 considered to be the consumer of items purchased in furnishing 870 such food or drinks and may purchase those items under conditions of a sale for resale. 871

872Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section873316.1955, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

874 316.1955 Enforcement of parking requirements for persons
875 who have disabilities.-

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876 (4) 877 Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a theme park or an (b) 878 entertainment complex as defined in s. 509.013 s. 509.013(9) which provides parking in designated areas for persons who have 879 880 disabilities may allow any vehicle that is transporting a person 881 who has a disability to remain parked in a space reserved for 882 persons who have disabilities throughout the period the theme 883 park is open to the public for that day. 884 Section 11. Subsection (5) of section 404.056, Florida 885 Statutes, is amended to read: 886 404.056 Environmental radiation standards and projects; 887 certification of persons performing measurement or mitigation 888 services; mandatory testing; notification on real estate 889 documents; rules.-890 (5) NOTIFICATION ON REAL ESTATE DOCUMENTS.-Notification 891 shall be provided on at least one document, form, or application 892 executed at the time of, or before prior to, contract for sale 893 and purchase of any building or execution of a rental agreement 894 for any building. Such notification must shall contain the 895 following language: 896 897 "RADON GAS: Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas 898 that, when it has accumulated in a building in sufficient 899 quantities, may present health risks to persons who are exposed to it over time. Levels of radon that exceed federal and state 900

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901 guidelines have been found in buildings in Florida. Additional 902 information regarding radon and radon testing may be obtained 903 from your county health department."

905 The requirements of this subsection do not apply to any 906 residential transient occupancy, as described in <u>s. 509.013</u> s. 907 $\frac{509.013(12)}{12}$, provided that such occupancy is 45 days or less in 908 duration.

909 Section 12. Subsection (6) of section 477.0135, Florida 910 Statutes, is amended to read:

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477.0135 Exemptions.-

912 (6) A license is not required of any individual providing 913 makeup or special effects services in a theme park or 914 entertainment complex to an actor, stunt person, musician, 915 extra, or other talent, or providing makeup or special effects 916 services to the general public. The term "theme park or 917 entertainment complex" has the same meaning as in <u>s. 509.013</u> s. 918 <u>509.013(9)</u>.

919 Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 920 509.221, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

921 509.221 Sanitary regulations.-

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923 (b) Within a theme park or entertainment complex as 924 defined in <u>s. 509.013</u> s. 509.013(9), the bathrooms are not 925 required to be in the same building as the public food service

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926 establishment, so long as they are reasonably accessible. 927 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 928 553.5041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 929 553.5041 Parking spaces for persons who have 930 disabilities.-931 (5) Accessible perpendicular and diagonal accessible 932 parking spaces and loading zones must be designed and located to 933 conform to ss. 502 and 503 of the standards. 934 (b) If there are multiple entrances or multiple retail 935 stores, the parking spaces must be dispersed to provide parking 936 at the nearest accessible entrance. If a theme park or an 937 entertainment complex as defined in s. 509.013 s. 509.013(9) 938 provides parking in several lots or areas from which access to 939 the theme park or entertainment complex is provided, a single 940 lot or area may be designated for parking by persons who have 941 disabilities, if the lot or area is located on the shortest accessible route to an accessible entrance to the theme park or 942 943 entertainment complex or to transportation to such an accessible 944 entrance. 945 Section 15. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 946 559.955, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 947 559.955 Home-based businesses; local government 948 restrictions.-949 (5) The application of this section does not supersede: 950 Local laws, ordinances, or regulations related to (b) Page 38 of 42

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951 transient public lodging establishments τ as defined in s. 509.013(10)(a)2. which s. 509.013(4)(a)1., that are not 952 953 otherwise preempted under chapter 509. 954 Section 16. Paragraph (d) of subsection (7) of section 955 561.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 956 561.20 Limitation upon number of licenses issued.-957 (7) 958 Any corporation, partnership, or individual operating (d) 959 a club which owns or leases and which maintains any bona fide 960 beach or cabana club consisting of beach facilities, swimming pool, locker rooms or bathroom facilities for at least 100 961 962 persons, and a public food service establishment as defined in 963 s. 509.013 s. 509.013(5)(a), comprising in all an area of at 964 least 5,000 square feet located on a contiguous tract of land of 965 in excess of 1 acre may be issued a license under s. 565.02(4). 966 The failure of such club to maintain the facilities shall be a 967 ground for revocation of the license. Section 17. Subsection (2) of section 705.17, Florida 968 969 Statutes, is amended to read: 970 705.17 Exceptions.-971 (2) Sections 705.1015-705.106 do not apply to any personal property lost or abandoned on premises located within a theme 972 973 park or entertainment complex, as defined in s. 509.013 s. 974 509.013(9), or operated as a zoo, a museum, or an aquarium, or 975 on the premises of a public food service establishment or a Page 39 of 42

976 public lodging establishment licensed under part I of chapter 977 509, if the owner or operator of such premises elects to comply 978 with s. 705.185.

979 Section 18. Section 705.185, Florida Statutes, is amended 980 to read:

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

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1001 the premises at any time before the disposal or donation of the 1002 property in accordance with this section and the established 1003 policies and procedures of the owner or operator of the 1004 premises. A charitable institution that accepts an electronic 1005 device, as defined in s. 815.03(9), access to which is not 1006 secured by a password or other personal identification 1007 technology, shall make a reasonable effort to delete all 1008 personal data from the electronic device before its sale or 1009 disposal.

1010 Section 19. Section 717.1355, Florida Statutes, is amended 1011 to read:

1012 717.1355 Theme park and entertainment complex tickets.-1013 This chapter does not apply to any tickets for admission to a 1014 theme park or entertainment complex as defined in <u>s. 509.013</u> s. 1015 509.013(9), or to any tickets to a permanent exhibition or 1016 recreational activity within such theme park or entertainment 1017 complex.

1018 Section 20. Subsection (8) of section 877.24, Florida 1019 Statutes, is amended to read:

1020 877.24 Nonapplication of s. 877.22.—Section 877.22 does 1021 not apply to a minor who is:

1022 (8) Attending an organized event held at and sponsored by 1023 a theme park or entertainment complex as defined in <u>s. 509.013</u> 1024 <u>s. 509.013(9)</u>.

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1026	any current or future declaration or declaration of condominium
1027	adopted pursuant to chapter 718, Florida Statutes; any
1028	cooperative document adopted pursuant to chapter 719, Florida
1029	Statutes; or any declaration or declaration of covenant adopted
1030	pursuant to chapter 720, Florida Statutes.
1031	Section 22. (1) The Department of Revenue is authorized,
1032	and all conditions are deemed to be met, to adopt emergency
1033	rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the
1034	purpose of implementing the amendments made by this act to s.
1035	212.03, Florida Statutes, including establishing procedures to
1036	facilitate the remittance of taxes.
1037	(2) Notwithstanding any other law, emergency rules adopted
1038	pursuant to subsection (1) are effective for 6 months after
1039	adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to
1040	adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of the emergency
1041	rules.
1042	(3) This section expires January 1, 2026.
1043	Section 23. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
1044	act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2024.
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