

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator McClain

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to third-party reservation platforms;
3 providing a short title; creating s. 509.105, F.S.;
4 defining the term "third-party reservation platform";
5 specifying that a third-party reservation platform
6 does not include certain contractual designees;
7 prohibiting a third-party reservation platform from
8 listing, advertising, promoting, selling, or otherwise
9 enabling a reservation at a public food service
10 establishment; authorizing the Division of Hotels and
11 Restaurants of the Department of Business and
12 Professional Regulation to impose a civil penalty not
13 to exceed a specified amount for a violation of the
14 act or of a division rule; providing a schedule and
15 requirements for the accrual of such violations;
16 providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. This act may be cited to as the "Restaurant
21 Reservation Anti-Piracy Act."

22 Section 2. Section 509.105, Florida Statutes, is created to
23 read:

24 509.105 Third-party reservation platforms prohibited.-

25 (1) As used in this section, the term "third-party
26 reservation platform" means a website, mobile application, or
27 other Internet service that satisfies all of the following:

28 (a) Offers or arranges for a reservation at a public food
29 service establishment for on-premises service.

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30 (b) Is owned and operated by a person other than the owner
31 of the public food service establishment.

32 (c) Does not have a contractual relationship or agreement
33 with the public food service establishment, or its contractual
34 designee, to offer or arrange for a reservation at the public
35 food service establishment for on-premises service.

36 (2) A third-party reservation platform does not include a
37 contractual designee of an individual customer which arranges
38 for a personal and nontransferable reservation at a food service
39 establishment at the request of the customer and at no cost to
40 the customer, provided that the designee shares the individual
41 customer's contact information with the food service
42 establishment, allows the food service establishment to confirm
43 the reservation with the individual customer, and honors
44 requests from the food service establishment to opt out of
45 future reservations created by the designee.

46 (3) A third-party reservation platform may not list,
47 advertise, promote, facilitate, sell, or otherwise enable a
48 reservation at a public food service establishment.

49 (4) The division may impose a civil penalty on a third-
50 party reservation platform in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for
51 each violation of this section or of a division rule. Violations
52 under this subsection shall accrue on a daily basis for each day
53 and each reservation for each food service establishment in
54 which there has been a violation of this section or rules of the
55 division.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.