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## CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Albritton at 2:00 p.m. A quorum present—36:

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Leek	Truenow
Burton	Martin	Trumbull
Calatayud	McClain	Wright
Collins	Osgood	Yarborough

Excused: Senator Jones

## PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Pastor Terry Collins, Southpoint Baptist Church, Jacksonville:

Our Heavenly Father, maker of us all. Lord, today I begin by thanking you for allowing our elected leaders and choice servants of the people of the great State of Florida to meet here today. They are tasked today to oversee and assist in the needs and concerns and, in great part, the hopes and dreams of our citizens who live here. Lord, I also know that their job today and other days is not always easy in these times, but what they do is a noble calling and a good endeavor in life. Our state needs these good servants to serve others for a greater good.

Lord, we'll always draw attention and be blessed by you. For that, Lord, I also thank you. They have sought knowledge and counsel and wisdom from many sources that will help us forge ahead into the future; and, no doubt many have sought guidance from you as we do today. Give them what they need, and impress upon their hearts and minds the direction these sessions need to go for this state of over 23 million precious souls. Some in our state need someone fighting for them as they may not have the means and strength others have. May they know when they help the ones unable to help themselves, that they echo the words of our Lord Jesus Christ when he said, "When you have done it unto the least of these my brothers, you have done it unto me."

Also, Father, be with the families of each one here, who too have sacrificed and been there for them along the way. May these families feel your blessings and give them divine protection as they support their family members, and give them encouragement. And Lord, grant them your grace and peace.

Father God, I give this moment in time, and this place in time, and these servants made for this time, to you. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen.

## PLEDGE

Senate Pages, Aidan Barnett of Tampa; Dane Turnbull of Tallahassee; and Avishai Zieper of Weston, led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

## DOCTOR OF THE DAY

The President recognized Dr. Michael Swartzon of Plantation, sponsored by Senator Calatayud, as the doctor of the day. Dr. Swartzon specializes in family medicine and sports medicine and is joined by resident physician Maria Bernal.

## ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

At the request of Senator Calatayud—

By Senator Calatayud—

**SR 1564**—A resolution expressing appreciation for the sister state relationship and bilateral economic and cultural ties between the State of Florida and Taiwan and encouraging the Governor or his appointed designee to lead a trade and economic delegation meeting in Taiwan in 2025.

WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act was signed into United States law in 1979, formally establishing the basis for the continued commercial and cultural relations between the people of the United States and Taiwan, and

WHEREAS, the new administration of Taiwan launched its signature Integrated Diplomacy in 2024 as proposed by President Lai Ching-te, demonstrating that Taiwan is a pivotal force for stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific, and

WHEREAS, China frequently misrepresents the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 2758, which was never intended to address Taiwan's political status, in the international community by conflating the resolution with China's "one China principle" and falsely claiming that Taiwan is an inseparable part of the People's Republic of China, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of State, while stating that China was using the UNGA Resolution 2758 as a tool to falsely portray Taiwan's status as illegitimate as a means to suppress Taiwan in September 2024, also reaffirmed the unwavering United States commitment to Taiwan and the long-standing efforts to preserve peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton made landfall in Florida in September and October 2024, respectively, impacting vast areas and causing casualties and damage, and the Government of Taiwan donated \$300,000 through the Taipei Economic and Culture Office in Miami to the Florida Disaster Fund, and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' seventh-largest trading partner, as well as Florida's fourth-largest bilateral merchandise trading partner in the Asia-Pacific region, and

WHEREAS, the economy of Taiwan has benefited from the rising global demand for high-performance computing and artificial intelligence, reaching a growth rate exceeding 4 percent in 2024, and

WHEREAS, a Florida high-tech delegation led by SelectFlorida visited Taiwan in May 2024 to explore the feasibility of Taiwan-Florida semiconductor industry cooperation, successfully establishing another connection between Taiwan and Florida, and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and Florida signed the Memorandum of Understanding on bilateral economic and trade cooperation on January 8, 2025, embodying the determination of both sides to advance toward a stronger partnership on mutual trade, industry, and investment activities, and

WHEREAS, in November 2024, the Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce of North America for the first time held its annual meeting in Fort Lauderdale with more than 500 global delegates in attendance, an indication of the global recognition of Florida's role as a hub for trade and investment in the Western Hemisphere, and

WHEREAS, since November 1, 2012, Taiwan has been a member of the United States Visa Waiver Program, which enhances the convenience of two-way travel for business and tourism, reflecting the cooperation between the United States and Taiwan, and

WHEREAS, the launch of FORMOSAT-7/COSMIC-2 on June 25, 2019, a joint United States-Taiwan collaborative space mission consisting of a constellation of six satellites designed to enhance the accuracy of atmospheric weather prediction, has demonstrated the mutual benefit born from the relations between Florida and Taiwan, and

WHEREAS, Taiwan actively participates in international organizations, including the World Health Assembly, the United Nations, the International Criminal Police Organization, and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, while also maintaining its membership status in both the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and the World Trade Organization, as well as participating, observing, and cooperating with more than 50 additional international organizations, and

WHEREAS, the economic bonds between the United States and Taiwan continue to flourish, embodied by the signing of the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act in August 2023; the extension of the Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue Memorandum of Understanding for an additional 5 years; Taiwan's inclusion in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity; and the introduction of the U.S.-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act in Congress in January 2025, and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami in 1988, Taiwan has developed multiple sister state and sister city relations with Florida, and this state is proud of its 33-year-long sister state relationship with Taiwan, NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:*

That the Senate expresses its appreciation for the sister state relationship and bilateral economic and cultural ties between the State of Florida and Taiwan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to further fortify the significant friendship between Taiwan and Florida, the Governor of Florida, or a designee of his choosing, is encouraged to lead a trade and economic delegation meeting in Taiwan in 2025, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to President Lai Ching-te through the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami and to the Executive Office of the Governor as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Calatayud recognized Director-General Charles Chi-Yu Chou and Deputy Director Jia-xiang You of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami who were present in the gallery in support of SR 1564.

At the request of Senator Martin—

By Senator Martin—

**SR 1880**—A resolution encouraging financial institutions in Florida to commit to fighting human trafficking.

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a serious violation of human rights which impacts individuals in Florida and throughout the United States, exploiting victims through forced labor, sexual exploitation, and other forms of coercion, and

WHEREAS, human trafficking can impact anyone, but certain populations, such as those experiencing abuse, violence, poverty, housing instability, or social isolation, are at greater risk, and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is closely connected to other forms of violence and exploitation, often sharing common risk factors such as limited access to resources and unsafe environments, and

WHEREAS, Florida has taken proactive measures to combat human trafficking through legislation, public awareness campaigns, task forces, and partnerships with organizations dedicated to eradicating human trafficking and supporting survivors, and

WHEREAS, financial institutions, including credit unions, banks, and other financial institutions, by facilitating financial access, enabling growth, and playing a critical role in the detection and prevention of illicit activities, benefit all aspects of society, including economic development, community well-being, and public safety, and

WHEREAS, credit unions and banks in Florida are distinctively qualified to partner with law enforcement, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations to strengthen efforts in identifying, reporting, and preventing human trafficking activities, and

WHEREAS, ongoing education, collaboration, and investment in public and private anti-trafficking measures enhance the ability of financial institutions to contribute meaningfully to combatting human trafficking, and

WHEREAS, financial institutions are uniquely positioned to support survivors of human trafficking in rebuilding their lives and preventing further exploitation by providing access to survivor-centered financial resources, such as financial education, credit repair, and no-fee accounts, which foster stability and independence, NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:*

That the Florida Senate encourages financial institutions to commit to fighting human trafficking and commends all credit unions, banks, and other financial institutions in Florida that commit to enhancing training, community partnerships, and investments to support law enforcement efforts in combatting human trafficking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate encourages Florida's financial institutions to take a proactive stance by dedicating resources and expertise not only to combat human trafficking but also to support survivors in achieving long-term stability and independence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate formally recognizes Financial Institutions Against Human Trafficking (F.I.G.H.T.) for its commitment to combatting human trafficking by raising awareness within the financial sector, fostering partnerships with key stakeholders, and implementing strategies that disrupt trafficking networks while supporting survivors in their journey to rebuild their lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate encourages F.I.G.H.T. to act as a liaison between financial institutions and other anti-trafficking organizations, facilitating collaboration, information sharing, and the development of innovative solutions to address human trafficking more effectively.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Senator Brodeur recognized the University of Florida Basketball Coach Todd Golden and Assistant Coach Taurean Green, who were present in the chamber to celebrate the Florida Gator men's basketball team's third national championship title.

By direction of the President, the Senate proceeded to—

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

SENATOR BRODEUR PRESIDING

CS for SB 806—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Trust Code; amending s. 736.0110, F.S.; specifying circumstances in which the Attorney General has the exclusive authority to represent certain interests relating to a charitable trust having its principal place of administration in this state; prohibiting certain public officers of another state from asserting such rights; amending s. 736.0106, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 736.0405, F.S.; providing construction; reenacting s. 738.303(2)(b) and (d), F.S., relating to authority of a fiduciary, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 736.0110, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of CS for SB 806, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, CS for CS for HB 1173 was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Yarborough—

CS for CS for HB 1173—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Trust Code; amending s. 736.0110, F.S.; specifying circumstances in which the Attorney General has exclusive authority to represent certain interests relating to a charitable trust having its principal place of administration in this state; prohibiting certain public officers of another state from asserting such rights; amending s. 736.0106, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 736.0405, F.S.; providing construction; reenacting s. 738.303(2)(b) and (d), F.S., relating to authority of a fiduciary, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 736.0110, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for CS for SB 806 and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Yarborough, by two-thirds vote, CS for CS for HB 1173 was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—32

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Gaetz, Passidomo, Arrington, Garcia, Polsky, Avila, Grall, Rodriguez, Bernard, Gruters, Rouson, Boyd, Harrell, Sharief, Brodeur, Hooper, Simon, Burgess, Ingoglia, Truenow, Burton, Leek, Trumbull, Calatayud, Martin, Wright, Collins, McClain, Yarborough, DiCeglie, Osgood

Nays—4

Table with 3 columns: Berman, Bradley, Pizzo, Smith

On motion by Senator Yarborough, by unanimous consent—

CS for SB 1374—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school district reporting requirements; amending s. 435.12, F.S.; authorizing specified entities to conduct a background screening on a volunteer; amending s.

1012.22, F.S.; requiring district school boards to adopt a policy temporarily removing instructional personnel under specified circumstances; amending s. 1012.797, F.S.; revising requirements for law enforcement to notify specified entities when an employee is arrested for certain offenses; amending s. 1012.799, F.S.; requiring instructional personnel and administrative personnel to self-report certain arrests or judgments within specified timeframes; requiring school districts to comply with confidentiality provisions; providing an effective date.

—was taken up out of order and read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Yarborough, by two-thirds vote, CS for SB 1374 was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, DiCeglie, Passidomo, Arrington, Gaetz, Pizzo, Avila, Garcia, Polsky, Berman, Grall, Rodriguez, Bernard, Gruters, Rouson, Boyd, Harrell, Sharief, Bradley, Hooper, Simon, Brodeur, Ingoglia, Smith, Burgess, Leek, Truenow, Burton, Martin, Trumbull, Calatayud, McClain, Wright, Collins, Osgood, Yarborough

Nays—None

CS for CS for SB 232—A bill to be entitled An act relating to debt collection; amending s. 559.72, F.S.; revising prohibited practices for a person attempting to collect consumer debt; providing applicability; making a technical change; reenacting ss. 559.565(2), 559.725(2), 559.77(1) and (2), 648.44(1)(o), and 817.7001(2)(b), F.S., relating to enforcement action against an out-of-state consumer debt collector, consumer complaints and administrative duties, civil remedies, prohibitions and penalties, and definitions, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 559.72, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Rodriguez, by two-thirds vote, CS for CS for SB 232 was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, DiCeglie, Passidomo, Arrington, Gaetz, Pizzo, Avila, Garcia, Polsky, Berman, Grall, Rodriguez, Bernard, Gruters, Rouson, Boyd, Harrell, Sharief, Brodeur, Hooper, Simon, Burgess, Leek, Truenow, Burton, Martin, Trumbull, Calatayud, McClain, Wright, Collins, Osgood, Yarborough

Nays—None

CS for SB 576—A bill to be entitled An act relating to service of process; amending s. 48.091, F.S.; expanding the hours during which registered agents are required to keep the designated registered office open for the purpose of process service; specifying that certain registered agents may be served process in a specified manner; providing that process may be served on an employee of the registered agent in accordance with applicable law; authorizing a person attempting to serve process to serve an employee of the registered agent present at the registered office; amending s. 48.101, F.S.; authorizing service of process by personally serving the receiver for specified domestic entities in

receivership during pendency of the receivership; amending s. 48.161, F.S.; requiring that a certain substituted service of process be issued in the name of the party to be served in care of the Secretary of State; deleting a provision requiring the Secretary of State to keep certain records; authorizing the use of a specified substituted service method under certain circumstances; requiring parties using such method to send the notice of service and a copy of the process to the last known physical and, if applicable, electronic addresses of the party being served; revising the information that must be contained in a certain affidavit of compliance; providing that a certain service of process is effectuated under specified circumstances; providing that the Secretary of State and the Department of State are not parties to lawsuits and may not be served additional court filings by reason of specified substituted service; amending s. 48.181, F.S.; specifying that registered agents must have been designated under a specified provision for a specified purpose; authorizing substituted service on the Secretary of State in specified circumstances; providing that certain individuals are deemed to have appointed the Secretary of State as their agents on whom all process may be served in certain actions and proceedings; providing retroactive application; providing applicability and construction; providing effective dates.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 576**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 157** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Leek—

**CS for HB 157**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to service of process; amending s. 48.091, F.S.; expanding the hours during which registered agents are required to keep the designated registered office open for the purpose of process service; specifying that certain registered agents may be served process in a specified manner; providing that process may be served on an employee of the registered agent in accordance with applicable law; authorizing a person attempting to serve process to serve an employee of the registered agent present at the registered office; amending s. 48.101, F.S.; authorizing service of process by personally serving the receiver for specified domestic entities in receivership during pendency of the receivership; amending s. 48.161, F.S.; requiring that a certain substituted service of process be issued in the name of the party to be served in care of the Secretary of State; removing a provision requiring the Secretary of State to keep certain records; authorizing the use of a specified substituted service method under certain circumstances; requiring parties using such method to send the notice of service and a copy of the process to the last known physical and, if applicable, electronic addresses of the party being served; revising the information that must be contained in a certain affidavit of compliance; providing that the Secretary of State and the Department of State are not parties to lawsuits and may not be served additional court filings by reason of specified substituted service; amending s. 48.181, F.S.; specifying that registered agents must have been designated under a specified provision for a specified purpose; authorizing substituted service on the Secretary of State in specified circumstances; providing that certain individuals are deemed to have appointed the Secretary of State as their agents on whom all process may be served in certain actions and proceedings; providing retroactive application; providing applicability and construction; providing effective dates.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 576** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Leek, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 157** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Mr. President	Brodeur	Garcia
Arrington	Burgess	Grall
Avila	Burton	Gruters
Berman	Calatayud	Harrell
Bernard	Collins	Hooper
Boyd	DiCeglie	Ingoglia
Bradley	Gaetz	Leek

Martin	Polsky	Smith
McClain	Rodriguez	Truenow
Osgood	Rouson	Trumbull
Passidomo	Sharief	Wright
Pizzo	Simon	Yarborough

Nays—None

**SB 606**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public lodging and food service establishments; amending s. 509.013, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 509.141, F.S.; revising the instances under which the operator of any public lodging establishment may remove a guest; providing requirements for the notice an operator of a public lodging establishment or public food service establishment may give to a guest under specified circumstances; making technical changes; requiring a law enforcement officer to remove a guest who remains on the premises of any public lodging establishment after an operator makes a specified request; authorizing a law enforcement officer to arrest and take into custody any guest under certain circumstances; reenacting ss. 196.1978(3)(k), 196.199(1)(a), 212.031(1)(a), 404.056(5), 413.08(1)(c), 480.043(14)(b), (c), and (e), and 559.955(5)(b), F.S., relating to affordable housing property exemption; government property exemption; taxes and fees for use of real property; environmental radiation standards and testing, and notification on real estate documents; rights and responsibilities of an individual with a disability, and penalties; massage establishments, requisites, licensure inspection, and human trafficking awareness training and policies; and home-based businesses, local government, and restrictions, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 509.013, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 721.13(14), F.S., relating to management, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 509.141, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Leek, by two-thirds vote, **SB 606** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Truenow
Burgess	Leek	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	McClain	Yarborough
Collins	Osgood	

Nays—1

Smith

Consideration of **CS for SB 626** was deferred.

**CS for SB 658**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to waiver or release of liens; amending s. 713.20, F.S.; requiring that waiver and release of lien forms include specific language; authorizing a lienor who executes such lien and release forms in exchange for payment, rather than a check, to condition such waiver and release on receipt of funds rather than payment of a check; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Truenow, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 658** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Leek	Truenow
Burton	Martin	Trumbull
Calatayud	McClain	Wright
Collins	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

**CS for SB 710**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for specified personal identifying and location information of employees of crime stoppers organizations and the board members and volunteers of such crime stoppers organizations; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing for retroactive application; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Osgood, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 710** was read the third time by title, passed by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Leek	Truenow
Burton	Martin	Trumbull
Calatayud	McClain	Wright
Collins	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

**CS for CS for SB 768**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlling business interests by persons with ties to foreign countries of concern; amending s. 408.810, F.S.; revising minimum health care provider licensure requirements relating to persons or entities possessing a specified controlling interest in the licensee; revising the definition of the terms “business relationship” and “foreign country of concern”; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Calatayud moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (510594) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 21-39 and insert:

*that who possesses a controlling interest does not hold, either directly or indirectly, regardless of ownership structure, an interest in an entity that has a business relationship with a foreign country of concern or that is subject to s. 287.135.*

(b) *The failure of a licensee to obtain assurances from a person or entity that indirectly owns a controlling interest in the licensee or indirectly holds an interest in an entity as specified in paragraph (a) does not:*

1. *Affect the license or insurability of the licensee; or*
2. *Subject the licensee to civil or criminal liability, unless the licensee has actual knowledge that an indirect interest holder is:*

- a. *A foreign principal from a foreign country of concern; and*
- b. *Not in compliance with the requirements of this section.*

(c) For purposes of this subsection, the term:

1. “Business relationship” means engaging in commerce in any form, including, ~~but not limited to,~~ acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal property, real property, or military equipment, ~~or any other apparatus of business or commerce.~~

2. “Foreign country of concern” means the People’s Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolas Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of such foreign country of concern ~~has the same meaning as in s. 692.201.~~

3. “Foreign principal” has the same meaning as in s. 692.201(4).

4. “Indirect interest holder” means, at the time of initial application or renewal, a person or an entity owning less than 5 percent of the licensee; owning less than 5 percent in the management company or other entity that contracts with the licensee to manage the provider; or owning equities in a publicly traded company that has a controlling interest or noncontrolling interest in the licensee.

5. “Interest” has the same meaning as in s. 286.101(1).

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 7-9 and insert: interest in the licensee; providing that the failure of the licensee to obtain certain assurances does not affect the license or insurability of the licensee and does not subject the licensee to civil or criminal liability under specified circumstances; defining terms and revising definitions; providing an effective date.

On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 768**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Truenow
Burgess	Leek	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	McClain	Yarborough
Collins	Osgood	

Nays—None

**CS for SB 772**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to diabetes management in schools; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing a school district or public school to acquire and maintain a supply of undesignated glucagon; requiring that undesignated glucagon be stored in a secure location that is immediately accessible; authorizing a school district or public school to enter into arrangements with a manufacturer or supplier to obtain glucagon free of charge or at a fair market or reduced price; authorizing a school district or public school to accept donated or transferred glucagon that meets certain requirements; authorizing a school district or public school to obtain monetary donations or apply for grants to purchase glucagon; authorizing a school district or public school to request a prescription for glucagon from a

county health department; authorizing a licensed health care practitioner to prescribe glucagon in the name of a school district or public school; authorizing a licensed pharmacist to dispense glucagon pursuant to such prescription; requiring a participating school to make available undesignated glucagon to be administered as ordered in a student's diabetes medical management plan or health care practitioner's orders; requiring an employee to call for emergency assistance and provide parental notification after the administration of glucagon; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing certain persons and entities with immunity from civil and criminal liability under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 772**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for CS for HB 597** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Calatayud—

**CS for CS for CS for HB 597**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to diabetes management in schools; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing a school district or public school to acquire and maintain a supply of undesignated glucagon; requiring that undesignated glucagon be stored in a secure location that is immediately accessible; authorizing a school district or public school to enter into arrangements with a manufacturer or supplier to obtain glucagon free of charge or at a fair market or reduced price; authorizing a school district or public school to accept donated or transferred glucagon that meets certain requirements; authorizing a school district or public school to obtain monetary donations or apply for grants to purchase glucagon; authorizing a school district or public school to request a prescription for glucagon from a county health department; authorizing a licensed health care practitioner to prescribe glucagon in the name of a school district or public school; authorizing a licensed pharmacist to dispense glucagon pursuant to such prescription; requiring a participating school to make available undesignated glucagon to be administered as ordered in a student's diabetes medical management plan or health care practitioner's orders; requiring an employee to call for emergency assistance and provide parental notification after the administration of glucagon; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing certain persons and entities with immunity from civil and criminal liability under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 772** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for HB 597** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Leek	Truenow
Burton	Martin	Trumbull
Calatayud	McClain	Wright
Collins	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

**CS for CS for CS for SB 784**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to platting; amending s. 177.071, F.S.; requiring that certain plat or replat submittals be administratively approved with no further action by certain entities under certain circumstances; requiring the governing body of such county or municipality to designate an administrative authority to receive, review, and process plat or replat submittals; providing requirements for such designation; defining the term “ad-

ministrative authority”; requiring the administrative authority to submit a certain notice to an applicant; providing requirements for such notice; requiring the administrative authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a plat or replat submittal in accordance with the timeframe in the initial written notice to the applicant; requiring the administrative authority to notify the applicant in writing if it declines to approve a plat or replat submittal; requiring that the written notification contain the reasons for denial and other information; prohibiting the administrative authority or other official, employee, agent, or designee from requesting or requiring that the applicant request an extension of time; amending s. 177.111, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Ingoglia, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for SB 784** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Leek	Truenow
Burton	Martin	Trumbull
Calatayud	McClain	Wright
Collins	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

**CS for CS for SB 1346**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fentanyl testing; creating s. 395.1042, F.S.; providing a short title; requiring hospitals and hospital-based off-campus emergency departments to test for fentanyl as part of any urine testing they conduct to treat individuals for possible drug overdose or poisoning; requiring such facilities to perform a confirmation test if the urine test results are positive for fentanyl; requiring that the results of such tests be retained as part of the patient's clinical record in accordance with the facility's current recordkeeping practices; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1346**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 1195** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Polsky, by two-thirds vote—

**CS for HB 1195**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fentanyl testing; creating s. 395.1042, F.S.; providing a short title; requiring hospitals or hospital-based off-campus emergency departments to test for fentanyl in a urine test and perform a confirmation test if the urine test results are positive for fentanyl; requiring specified results to be retained as part of the patient's clinical record for a certain timeframe; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 1346** and by two-thirds vote, read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Polsky, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 1195** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	Boyd	Calatayud
Arrington	Bradley	Collins
Avila	Brodeur	Davis
Berman	Burgess	DiCeglie
Bernard	Burton	Gaetz

Garcia	McClain	Simon
Grall	Osgood	Smith
Gruters	Passidomo	Truenow
Harrell	Pizzo	Trumbull
Hooper	Polsky	Wright
Ingoglia	Rodriguez	Yarborough
Leek	Rouson	
Martin	Sharief	

Nays—None

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Senator Polsky recognized Gretchin Murray, mother of Gage Taylor, and Megan LaDue, mother of Wade Green, who were present in the gallery in support of Gage’s Law.

**CS for SB 940**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to third-party reservation platforms; providing a short title; creating s. 509.105, F.S.; defining the term “third-party reservation platform”; specifying that a third-party reservation platform does not include certain contractual designees; prohibiting a third-party reservation platform from listing, advertising, promoting, selling, or otherwise enabling a reservation at a public food service establishment; authorizing the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to impose a civil penalty not to exceed a specified amount for a violation of the act or of a division rule; providing a schedule and requirements for the accrual of such violations; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator McClain, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 940** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Arrington	Gaetz	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Grall	Rouson
Bernard	Gruters	Sharief
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hooper	Smith
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Truenow
Burgess	Leek	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	McClain	Yarborough
Collins	Osgood	
Davis	Passidomo	

Nays—None

Consideration of **CS for SB 1002** was deferred.

**CS for SB 1164**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic delivery of notices between landlords and tenants; creating s. 83.505, F.S.; authorizing a landlord or tenant to electronically deliver notices to the other party if certain conditions are met; requiring that an addendum to a rental agreement be in a specified form; authorizing a party to revoke its agreement to electronic delivery without invalidating notices previously sent by e-mail; specifying when such revocation takes effect; authorizing a party to update its e-mail address; specifying when such update takes effect; providing that a notice delivered by e-mail is deemed delivered at the time the e-mail is sent; providing an exception; requiring the sender of the e-mail to maintain certain information; providing construction; amending ss. 83.49, 83.50, 83.51, 83.56, and 83.575, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 1164**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for CS for HB 615** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Leek—

**CS for CS for CS for HB 615**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic delivery of notices between landlords and tenants; creating s. 83.505, F.S.; authorizing a landlord or tenant to electronically deliver notices to the other party if certain conditions are met; requiring an addendum to a rental agreement to be in a specified form; authorizing a party to revoke his or her agreement to electronic delivery without invalidating notices previously sent by e-mail; specifying when such revocation takes effect; authorizing a party to update his or her e-mail address; specifying when such update takes effect; providing that a notice delivered by e-mail is deemed delivered at the time the e-mail is sent; providing an exception; requiring the sender of the e-mail to maintain certain information; providing construction; amending ss. 83.49, 83.50, 83.51, 83.56, and 83.575, F.S.; conxforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 1164** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Leek, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for HB 615** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—1

Smith

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Burgess

**CS for SB 1378**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to leaving the scene of a crash involving only damage to vehicle or property; amending s. 316.061, F.S.; authorizing a court to order a driver convicted of leaving the scene of a crash to make restitution for specified damage; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 1378**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 479** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Arrington—

**CS for HB 479**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to leaving the scene of a crash involving only damage to vehicle or property; amending s. 316.061, F.S.; authorizing a court to order a driver convicted of leaving the scene of a crash to make restitution for specified damage; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 1378** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Arrington, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 479** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burton	Leek	Truenow
Calatayud	Martin	Trumbull
Collins	McClain	Wright
Davis	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Burgess

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**CS for CS for SB 1546**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to background screening of athletic coaches; amending s. 943.0438, F.S.; making a technical change; revising the date by which an independent sanctioning authority is required to conduct certain background screenings of athletic coaches; providing that an independent sanctioning authority shall be considered a qualified entity for the purpose of participating in the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse no later than a specified date; prohibiting an independent sanctioning authority from allowing certain persons to act as athletic coaches beginning on a specified date; authorizing a person who has not undergone certain background screening to act as an athletic coach if he or she is under the direct supervision of an athletic coach who meets certain background screening requirements; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Grall, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 1546** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burton	Leek	Truenow
Calatayud	Martin	Trumbull
Collins	McClain	Wright
Davis	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Burgess

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**SB 1690**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to surrendered infants; amending s. 383.50, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “infant”; defining the term “infant safety device”; authorizing certain hospitals, emergency medical services stations, and fire stations to use infant safety devices to accept surrendered infants if the device meets specified criteria; requiring such hospitals, emergency medical services stations, and fire stations to monitor the inside of the device 24 hours per day and physically check and test the devices at specified intervals; providing additional requirements for certain fire stations using such devices;

conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 63.0423, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 1690**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 791** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator McClain—

**CS for CS for HB 791**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to surrendered infants; amending s. 383.50, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “infant”; defining the term “infant safety device”; authorizing certain hospitals, emergency medical services stations, and fire stations to use infant safety devices to accept surrendered infants if the device meets specified criteria; requiring such hospitals, emergency medical services stations, and fire stations to monitor the inside of the device 24 hours per day and physically check and test the devices at specified intervals; providing additional requirements for certain fire stations using such devices; amending ss. 63.0423, 63.167, 383.51, and 827.035, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 1690** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator McClain, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 791** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—33

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Osgood
Arrington	Gaetz	Passidomo
Avila	Garcia	Pizzo
Bernard	Grall	Rodriguez
Boyd	Gruters	Rouson
Bradley	Harrell	Sharief
Brodeur	Hooper	Simon
Burgess	Ingoglia	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough

Nays—4

Berman	Davis	Polsky
Smith		

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**CS for CS for SB 1730**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to affordable housing; amending ss. 125.01055 and 166.04151, F.S.; requiring counties and municipalities, respectively, to authorize multi-family and mixed-use residential as allowable uses in portions of flexibly zoned areas under certain circumstances; prohibiting counties and municipalities from imposing certain requirements on proposed multi-family developments; prohibiting counties and municipalities from requiring that more than a specified percentage of a mixed-use residential project be used for certain purposes; revising the density, floor area ratio, or height below which counties and municipalities may not restrict certain developments; defining the term “story” for a proposed development located within a municipality within a certain area of critical state concern; requiring the administrative approval of certain proposed developments without further action by a quasi-judicial or administrative board or reviewing body under certain circumstances; requiring counties and municipalities to reduce parking requirements by a specified percentage for certain proposed developments under certain circumstances; requiring counties and municipalities to allow adjacent parcels of land to be included within certain proposed developments; revising applicability; requiring a court to give priority to and render expeditious decisions in certain civil actions; requiring a court to award reasonable attorney fees and costs to a prevailing party in certain civil actions; providing that such attorney fees or costs may not exceed a specified dollar amount; prohibiting the prevailing party from recovering certain other fees or costs; defining terms; prohibiting counties and



municipalities from imposing certain building moratoriums; providing an exception, subject to certain requirements; providing applicability; authorizing applicants for certain proposed developments to notify the county or municipality, as applicable, by a specified date of its intent to proceed under certain provisions; requiring counties and municipalities to allow certain applicants to submit revised applications, written requests, and notices of intent to account for changes made by the act; amending s. 380.0552, F.S.; revising the maximum hurricane evacuation clearance time for permanent residents, which time is an element for which amendments to local comprehensive plans in the Florida Keys Area must be reviewed for compliance; providing legislative intent; creating s. 420.5098, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; defining terms; providing that it is the policy of the state to support housing for certain employees and to permit developers in receipt of certain tax credits and funds to create a specified preference for housing certain employees; requiring that such preference conform to certain requirements; amending s. 760.26, F.S.; providing that it is unlawful to discriminate in land use decisions or in the permitting of development based on the specified nature of a development or proposed development; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pursuant to Rule 7.1, there being no objection, consideration of the following late-filed amendment was allowed:

Senator Calatayud moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (328892) (with title amendment)**—Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Effective upon becoming a law, paragraph (k) of subsection (7) of section 125.01055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.01055 Affordable housing.—

(7)

(k) This subsection does not apply to:

1. Airport-impacted areas as provided in s. 333.03.
2. Property defined as recreational and commercial working waterfront in s. 342.201(2)(b) in any area zoned as industrial.
3. *The Wekiva Study Area, as described in s. 369.316.*
4. *The Everglades Protection Area, as defined in s. 373.4592(2).*

Section 2. Present paragraphs (k) and (l) of subsection (7) of section 125.01055, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, are redesignated as paragraphs (l) and (p), respectively, present subsection (8) of that section is redesignated as subsection (9), a new paragraph (k) and paragraphs (m), (n), and (o) are added to subsection (7) of that section, a new subsection (8) and subsection (10) are added to that section, and paragraphs (a) through (f) of subsection (7) of that section are amended, to read:

125.01055 Affordable housing.—

(7)(a) A county must authorize multifamily and mixed-use residential as allowable uses in any area zoned for commercial, industrial, or mixed use, and in portions of any flexibly zoned area such as a planned unit development permitted for commercial, industrial, or mixed use, if at least 40 percent of the residential units in a proposed multifamily development are rental units that, for a period of at least 30 years, are affordable as defined in s. 420.0004. Notwithstanding any other law, local ordinance, or regulation to the contrary, a county may not require a proposed multifamily development to obtain a zoning or land use change, special exception, conditional use approval, variance, transfer of density or development units, amendment to a development of regional impact, or comprehensive plan amendment for the building height, zoning, and densities authorized under this subsection. For mixed-use residential projects, at least 65 percent of the total square footage must be used for residential purposes. *The county may not require that more than 10 percent of the total square footage of such mixed-use residential projects be used for nonresidential purposes.*

(b) A county may not restrict the density of a proposed development authorized under this subsection below the highest currently allowed, or allowed on July 1, 2023, density on any unincorporated land in the county where residential development is allowed under the county's land development regulations. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "highest currently allowed density" does not include the density of any building that met the requirements of this subsection or the density of any building that has received any bonus, variance, or other special exception for density provided in the county's land development regulations as an incentive for development.

(c) A county may not restrict the floor area ratio of a proposed development authorized under this subsection below 150 percent of the highest currently allowed, or allowed on July 1, 2023, floor area ratio on any unincorporated land in the county where development is allowed under the county's land development regulations. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "highest currently allowed floor area ratio" does not include the floor area ratio of any building that met the requirements of this subsection or the floor area ratio of any building that has received any bonus, variance, or other special exception for floor area ratio provided in the county's land development regulations as an incentive for development. For purposes of this subsection, the term "floor area ratio" includes floor lot ratio.

(d)1. A county may not restrict the height of a proposed development authorized under this subsection below the highest currently allowed, or allowed on July 1, 2023, height for a commercial or residential building located in its jurisdiction within 1 mile of the proposed development or 3 stories, whichever is higher. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "highest currently allowed height" does not include the height of any building that met the requirements of this subsection or the height of any building that has received any bonus, variance, or other special exception for height provided in the county's land development regulations as an incentive for development.

2. If the proposed development is adjacent to, on two or more sides, a parcel zoned for single-family residential use which is within a single-family residential development with at least 25 contiguous single-family homes, the county may restrict the height of the proposed development to 150 percent of the tallest building on any property adjacent to the proposed development, the highest currently allowed, or allowed on July 1, 2023, height for the property provided in the county's land development regulations, or 3 stories, whichever is higher, but not to exceed 10 stories. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "adjacent to" means those properties sharing more than one point of a property line, but does not include properties separated by a public road.

(e) A proposed development authorized under this subsection must be administratively approved ~~without and no~~ further action by the board of county commissioners or any quasi-judicial or administrative board or reviewing body ~~is required~~ if the development satisfies the county's land development regulations for multifamily developments in areas zoned for such use and is otherwise consistent with the comprehensive plan, with the exception of provisions establishing allowable densities, floor area ratios, height, and land use. Such land development regulations include, but are not limited to, regulations relating to setbacks and parking requirements. A proposed development located within one-quarter mile of a military installation identified in s. 163.3175(2) may not be administratively approved. Each county shall maintain on its website a policy containing procedures and expectations for administrative approval pursuant to this subsection. *For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "allowable density" means the density prescribed for the property without additional requirements to procure and transfer density units or development units from other properties.*

(f)1. A county must, upon request of an applicant, reduce ~~consider reducing~~ parking requirements by 10 percent for a proposed development authorized under this subsection if the development:

a. Is located within one-quarter mile of a transit stop, as defined in the county's land development code, and the transit stop is accessible from the development;—

~~2. A county must reduce parking requirements by at least 20 percent for a proposed development authorized under this subsection if the development:~~

b.a. Is located within one-half mile of a major transportation hub that is accessible from the proposed development by safe, pedestrian-friendly means, such as sidewalks, crosswalks, elevated pedestrian or bike paths, or other multimodal design features; or ~~and~~

c.b. Has available parking within 600 feet of the proposed development which may consist of options such as on-street parking, parking lots, or parking garages available for use by residents of the proposed development. However, a county may not require that the available parking compensate for the reduction in parking requirements.

2.3. A county must eliminate parking requirements for a proposed mixed-use residential development authorized under this subsection within an area recognized by the county as a transit-oriented development or area, as provided in paragraph (h).

3.4. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “major transportation hub” means any transit station, whether bus, train, or light rail, which is served by public transit with a mix of other transportation options.

(k) Notwithstanding any other law or local ordinance or regulation to the contrary, a county may allow an adjacent parcel of land to be included within a proposed multifamily development authorized under this subsection.

(m) The court shall give any civil action filed against a county for a violation of this subsection priority over other pending cases and render a preliminary or final decision as expeditiously as possible.

(n) If a civil action is filed against a county for a violation of this subsection, the court must assess and award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party. An award of reasonable attorney fees or costs pursuant to this subsection may not exceed \$200,000. In addition, a prevailing party may not recover any attorney fees or costs directly incurred by or associated with litigation to determine an award of reasonable attorney fees or costs.

(o) As used in this subsection, the term:

1. “Commercial use” means activities associated with the sale, rental, or distribution of products or the performance of services related thereto. The term includes, but is not limited to, such uses or activities as retail sales; wholesale sales; rentals of equipment, goods, or products; offices; restaurants; public lodging establishments as described in s. 509.242(1)(a); food service vendors; sports arenas; theaters; tourist attractions; and other for-profit business activities. A parcel zoned to permit such uses by right without the requirement to obtain a variance or waiver is considered commercial use for the purposes of this section, irrespective of the local land development regulation’s listed category or title. The term does not include home-based businesses or cottage food operations undertaken on residential property, public lodging establishments as described in s. 509.242(1)(c), or uses that are accessory, ancillary, incidental to the allowable uses, or allowed only on a temporary basis.

2. “Industrial use” means activities associated with the manufacture, assembly, processing, or storage of products or the performance of services related thereto. The term includes, but is not limited to, such uses or activities as automobile manufacturing or repair, boat manufacturing or repair, junk yards, meat packing facilities, citrus processing and packing facilities, produce processing and packing facilities, electrical generating plants, water treatment plants, sewage treatment plants, and solid waste disposal sites. A parcel zoned to permit such uses by right without the requirement to obtain a variance or waiver is considered industrial use for the purposes of this section, irrespective of the local land development regulation’s listed category or title. The term does not include uses that are accessory, ancillary, incidental to the allowable uses, or allowed only on a temporary basis.

3. “Mixed use” means any use that combines multiple types of approved land uses from at least two of the residential use, commercial use, and industrial use categories. The term does not include uses that are accessory, ancillary, incidental to the allowable uses, or allowed only on a temporary basis.

4. “Planned unit development” has the same meaning as provided in s. 163.3202(5)(b).

(8)(a) A proposed development on a parcel of land primarily developed and maintained as a golf course, a tennis court, or a swimming pool, regardless of the zoning category assigned to such parcel, may use the approval process provided in subsection (7).

(b) If the proposed development is on a parcel that is adjacent to, on two or more sides, a parcel zoned for single-family residential use, the county may restrict the height of the proposed development to 150 percent of the tallest residential building on any property adjacent to the proposed development, the highest currently allowed, or allowed on July 1, 2023, height for the property provided in the county’s land development regulations, or 3 stories, whichever is higher. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term “adjacent to” means those properties sharing more than one point of a property line, but does not include properties separated by a public road or body of water, including manmade lakes or ponds.

(10)(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (d), a county may not enforce a building moratorium that has the effect of delaying the permitting or construction of a multifamily residential or mixed-use residential development authorized under subsection (7).

(b) A county may, by ordinance, impose or enforce such a building moratorium for no more than 90 days in any 3-year period. Before adoption of such a building moratorium, the county shall prepare or cause to be prepared an assessment of the county’s need for affordable housing at the extremely-low-income, very-low-income, low-income, or moderate-income limits specified in s. 420.0004, including projections of such need for the next 5 years. This assessment must be posted on the county’s website by the date the notice of proposed enactment is published, and presented at the same public meeting at which the proposed ordinance imposing the building moratorium is adopted by the board of county commissioners. This assessment must be included in the business impact estimate for the ordinance imposing such a moratorium required by s. 125.66(3).

(c) If a civil action is filed against a county for a violation of this subsection, the court must assess and award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party. An award of reasonable attorney fees or costs pursuant to this subsection may not exceed \$200,000. In addition, a prevailing party may not recover any attorney fees or costs directly incurred by or associated with litigation to determine an award of reasonable attorney fees or costs.

(d) This subsection does not apply to moratoria imposed or enforced to address stormwater or flood water management, to address the supply of potable water, or due to the necessary repair of sanitary sewer systems, if such moratoria apply equally to all types of multifamily or mixed-use residential development.

Section 3. Effective upon becoming a law, paragraph (k) of subsection (7) of section 166.04151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

166.04151 Affordable housing.—

(7)

(k) This subsection does not apply to:

1. Airport-impacted areas as provided in s. 333.03.
2. Property defined as recreational and commercial working waterfront in s. 342.201(2)(b) in any area zoned as industrial.
3. The Wekiva Study Area, as described in s. 369.316.
4. The Everglades Protection Area, as defined in s. 373.4592(2).

Section 4. Present paragraphs (k) and (l) of subsection (7) of section 166.04151, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, are redesignated as paragraphs (l) and (p), respectively, present subsection (8) of that section is redesignated as subsection (9), a new paragraph (k) and paragraphs (m), (n), and (o) are added to subsection (7) of that section, a new subsection (8) and subsection (10) are added to that section, and paragraphs (a) through (f) of subsection (7) of that section are amended, to read:

## 166.04151 Affordable housing.—

(7)(a) A municipality must authorize multifamily and mixed-use residential as allowable uses in any area zoned for commercial, industrial, or mixed use, *and in portions of any flexibly zoned area such as a planned unit development permitted for commercial, industrial, or mixed use*, if at least 40 percent of the residential units in a proposed multifamily development are rental units that, for a period of at least 30 years, are affordable as defined in s. 420.0004. Notwithstanding any other law, local ordinance, or regulation to the contrary, a municipality may not require a proposed multifamily development to obtain a zoning or land use change, special exception, conditional use approval, variance, *transfer of density or development units, amendment to a development of regional impact, or comprehensive plan amendment for the building height, zoning, and densities authorized under this subsection.* For mixed-use residential projects, at least 65 percent of the total square footage must be used for residential purposes. *The municipality may not require that more than 10 percent of the total square footage of such mixed-use residential projects be used for nonresidential purposes.*

(b) A municipality may not restrict the density of a proposed development authorized under this subsection below the highest currently allowed, *or allowed on July 1, 2023*, density on any land in the municipality where residential development is allowed under the municipality's land development regulations. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "highest currently allowed density" does not include the density of any building that met the requirements of this subsection or the density of any building that has received any bonus, variance, or other special exception for density provided in the municipality's land development regulations as an incentive for development.

(c) A municipality may not restrict the floor area ratio of a proposed development authorized under this subsection below 150 percent of the highest currently allowed, *or allowed on July 1, 2023*, floor area ratio on any land in the municipality where development is allowed under the municipality's land development regulations. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "highest currently allowed floor area ratio" does not include the floor area ratio of any building that met the requirements of this subsection or the floor area ratio of any building that has received any bonus, variance, or other special exception for floor area ratio provided in the municipality's land development regulations as an incentive for development. For purposes of this subsection, the term "floor area ratio" includes floor lot ratio.

(d)1. A municipality may not restrict the height of a proposed development authorized under this subsection below the highest currently allowed, *or allowed on July 1, 2023*, height for a commercial or residential building located in its jurisdiction within 1 mile of the proposed development or 3 stories, whichever is higher. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "highest currently allowed height" does not include the height of any building that met the requirements of this subsection or the height of any building that has received any bonus, variance, or other special exception for height provided in the municipality's land development regulations as an incentive for development.

2. If the proposed development is adjacent to, on two or more sides, a parcel zoned for single-family residential use that is within a single-family residential development with at least 25 contiguous single-family homes, the municipality may restrict the height of the proposed development to 150 percent of the tallest building on any property adjacent to the proposed development, the highest currently allowed, *or allowed on July 1, 2023*, height for the property provided in the municipality's land development regulations, or 3 stories, whichever is higher, *not to exceed 10 stories*. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "adjacent to" means those properties sharing more than one point of a property line, but does not include properties separated by a public road or body of water, *including manmade lakes or ponds*. *For a proposed development located within a municipality within an area of critical state concern as designated by s. 380.0552 or chapter 28-36, Florida Administrative Code, the term "story" includes only the habitable space above the base flood elevation as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the most current Flood Insurance Rate Map. A story may not exceed 10 feet in height measured from finished floor to finished floor, including space for mechanical equipment. The highest story may not exceed 10 feet from finished floor to the top plate.*

(e) A proposed development authorized under this subsection must be administratively approved ~~and no~~ further action by the

governing body of the municipality *or any quasi-judicial or administrative board or reviewing body is required* if the development satisfies the municipality's land development regulations for multifamily developments in areas zoned for such use and is otherwise consistent with the comprehensive plan, with the exception of provisions establishing allowable densities, floor area ratios, height, and land use. Such land development regulations include, but are not limited to, regulations relating to setbacks and parking requirements. A proposed development located within one-quarter mile of a military installation identified in s. 163.3175(2) may not be administratively approved. Each municipality shall maintain on its website a policy containing procedures and expectations for administrative approval pursuant to this subsection. *For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "allowable density" means the density prescribed for the property without additional requirements to procure and transfer density units or development units from other properties.*

(f)1. A municipality must, *upon request of an applicant, reduce* ~~consider reducing~~ parking requirements for a proposed development authorized under this subsection *by 10 percent* if the development:

a. Is located within one-quarter mile of a transit stop, as defined in the municipality's land development code, and the transit stop is accessible from the development;

~~2. A municipality must reduce parking requirements by at least 20 percent for a proposed development authorized under this subsection if the development:~~

~~b.a.~~ Is located within one-half mile of a major transportation hub that is accessible from the proposed development by safe, pedestrian-friendly means, such as sidewalks, crosswalks, elevated pedestrian or bike paths, or other multimodal design features; *or-*

~~c.b.~~ Has available parking within 600 feet of the proposed development which may consist of options such as on-street parking, parking lots, or parking garages available for use by residents of the proposed development. However, a municipality may not require that the available parking compensate for the reduction in parking requirements.

~~2.3.~~ A municipality must eliminate parking requirements for a proposed mixed-use residential development authorized under this subsection within an area recognized by the municipality as a transit-oriented development or area, as provided in paragraph (h).

3.4. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "major transportation hub" means any transit station, whether bus, train, or light rail, which is served by public transit with a mix of other transportation options.

(k) *Notwithstanding any other law or local ordinance or regulation to the contrary, a municipality may allow an adjacent parcel of land to be included within a proposed multifamily development authorized under this subsection.*

(m) *The court shall give any civil action filed against a municipality for a violation of this subsection priority over other pending cases and render a preliminary or final decision as expeditiously as possible.*

(n) *If a civil action is filed against a municipality for a violation of this subsection, the court must assess and award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party. An award of reasonable attorney fees or costs pursuant to this subsection may not exceed \$200,000. In addition, a prevailing party may not recover any attorney fees or costs directly incurred by or associated with litigation to determine an award of reasonable attorney fees or costs.*

(o) *As used in this subsection, the term:*

1. "Commercial use" means activities associated with the sale, rental, or distribution of products or the performance of services related thereto. The term includes, but is not limited to, such uses or activities as retail sales; wholesale sales; rentals of equipment, goods, or products; offices; restaurants; public lodging establishments as described in s. 509.242(1)(a); food service vendors; sports arenas; theaters; tourist attractions; and other for-profit business activities. A parcel zoned to permit such uses by right without the requirement to obtain a variance or waiver is considered commercial use for the purposes of this section, irrespective of the local land development regulation's listed category or title. The term does not include home-based businesses or cottage food

operations undertaken on residential property, public lodging establishments as described in s. 509.242(1)(c), or uses that are accessory, ancillary, incidental to the allowable uses, or allowed only on a temporary basis.

2. “Industrial use” means activities associated with the manufacture, assembly, processing, or storage of products or the performance of services related thereto. The term includes, but is not limited to, such uses or activities as automobile manufacturing or repair, boat manufacturing or repair, junk yards, meat packing facilities, citrus processing and packing facilities, produce processing and packing facilities, electrical generating plants, water treatment plants, sewage treatment plants, and solid waste disposal sites. A parcel zoned to permit such uses by right without the requirement to obtain a variance or waiver is considered industrial use for the purposes of this section, irrespective of the local land development regulation’s listed category or title. The term does not include uses that are accessory, ancillary, incidental to the allowable uses, or allowed only on a temporary basis.

3. “Mixed-use” means any use that combines multiple types of approved land uses from at least two of the residential use, commercial use, and industrial use categories. The term does not include uses that are accessory, ancillary, incidental to the allowable uses, or allowed only on a temporary basis.

4. “Planned unit development” has the same meaning as provided in s. 163.3202(5)(b).

(8)(a) A proposed development on a parcel of land primarily developed and maintained as a golf course, a tennis court, or a swimming pool, regardless of the zoning category assigned to such parcel, may use the approval process provided in subsection (7).

(b) If the proposed development is on a parcel that is adjacent to, on two or more sides, a parcel zoned for single-family residential use, the municipality may restrict the height of the proposed development to 150 percent of the tallest residential building on any property adjacent to the proposed development, the highest currently allowed, or allowed on July 1, 2023, height for the property provided in the municipality’s land development regulations, or 3 stories, whichever is higher. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term “adjacent to” means those properties sharing more than one point of a property line, but does not include properties separated by a public road or body of water, including manmade lakes or ponds.

(10)(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (d), a municipality may not enforce a building moratorium that has the effect of delaying the permitting or construction of a multifamily residential or mixed-use residential development authorized under subsection (7).

(b) A municipality may, by ordinance, impose or enforce such a building moratorium for no more than 90 days in any 3-year period. Before adoption of such a building moratorium, the municipality shall prepare or cause to be prepared an assessment of the municipality’s need for affordable housing at the extremely-low-income, very-low-income, low-income, or moderate-income limits specified in s. 420.0004, including projections of such need for the next 5 years. This assessment must be posted on the municipality’s website by the date the notice of proposed enactment is published and must be presented at the same public meeting at which the proposed ordinance imposing the building moratorium is adopted by the governing body of the municipality. This assessment must be included in the business impact estimate for the ordinance imposing such a moratorium required by s. 166.041(4).

(c) If a civil action is filed against a municipality for a violation of this subsection, the court must assess and award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party. An award of reasonable attorney fees or costs pursuant to this subsection may not exceed \$200,000. In addition, a prevailing party may not recover any attorney fees or costs directly incurred by or associated with litigation to determine an award of reasonable attorney fees or costs.

(d) This subsection does not apply to moratoria imposed or enforced to address stormwater or flood water management, to address the supply of potable water, or due to the necessary repair of sanitary sewer systems, if such moratoria apply equally to all types of multifamily or mixed-use residential development.

Section 5. An applicant for a proposed development authorized under s. 125.01055(7), Florida Statutes, or s. 166.04151(7), Florida Statutes, who submitted an application, a written request, or a notice of intent to use such provisions to the county or municipality and which application, written request, or notice of intent has been received by the county or municipality, as applicable, before July 1, 2025, may notify the county or municipality by July 1, 2025, of its intent to proceed under the provisions of s. 125.01055(7), Florida Statutes, or s. 166.04151(7), Florida Statutes, as they existed at the time of submittal. A county or municipality, as applicable, shall allow an applicant who submitted such application, written request, or notice of intent before July 1, 2025, the opportunity to submit a revised application, written request, or notice of intent to account for the changes made by this act.

Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (9) of section 380.0552, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

380.0552 Florida Keys Area; protection and designation as area of critical state concern.—

(9) MODIFICATION TO PLANS AND REGULATIONS.—

(a) Any land development regulation or element of a local comprehensive plan in the Florida Keys Area may be enacted, amended, or rescinded by a local government, but the enactment, amendment, or rescission becomes effective only upon approval by the state land planning agency. The state land planning agency shall review the proposed change to determine if it is in compliance with the principles for guiding development specified in chapter 27F-8, Florida Administrative Code, as amended effective August 23, 1984, and must approve or reject the requested changes within 60 days after receipt. Amendments to local comprehensive plans in the Florida Keys Area must also be reviewed for compliance with the following:

1. Construction schedules and detailed capital financing plans for wastewater management improvements in the annually adopted capital improvements element, and standards for the construction of wastewater treatment and disposal facilities or collection systems that meet or exceed the criteria in s. 403.086(11) for wastewater treatment and disposal facilities or s. 381.0065(4)(l) for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems.

2. Goals, objectives, and policies to protect public safety and welfare in the event of a natural disaster by maintaining a hurricane evacuation clearance time for permanent residents of no more than 26 24 hours. The hurricane evacuation clearance time shall be determined by a hurricane evacuation study conducted in accordance with a professionally accepted methodology and approved by the state land planning agency. For purposes of hurricane evacuation clearance time:

a. Mobile home residents are not considered permanent residents.

b. The City of Key West Area of Critical State Concern established by chapter 28-36, Florida Administrative Code, shall be included in the hurricane evacuation study and is subject to the evacuation requirements of this subsection.

Section 7. It is the intent of the Legislature that the amendment made by this act to s. 380.0552, Florida Statutes, will accommodate the building of additional developments within the Florida Keys to ameliorate the acute affordable housing and building permit allocation shortage. The Legislature also intends that local governments subject to the hurricane evacuation clearance time restrictions on residential buildings manage growth with a heightened focus on long-term stability and affordable housing for the local workforce.

Section 8. Section 420.5098, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

420.5098 Public sector and hospital employer-sponsored housing policy.—

(1) The Legislature finds that it is in the best interests of the state and the state’s economy to provide affordable housing to state residents employed by hospitals, health care facilities, and governmental entities in order to attract and maintain the highest quality labor by incentivizing such employers to sponsor affordable housing opportunities. Section 42(g)(9)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code provides that a qualified low-income housing project does not fail to meet the general public use requirement solely because of occupancy restrictions or preferences

that favor tenants who are members of a specified group under a state program or policy that supports housing for such specified group. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish a policy that supports the development of affordable workforce housing for employees of hospitals, health care facilities, and governmental entities.

(2) For purposes of this section, the term:

(a) “Governmental entity” means any state, regional, county, local, or municipal governmental entity of this state, whether executive, judicial, or legislative; any department, division, bureau, commission, authority, or political subdivision of the state; any public school, state university, or Florida College System institution; or any special district as defined in s. 189.012.

(b) “Health care facility” has the same meaning as provided in s. 159.27(16).

(c) “Hospital” means a hospital under chapter 155, a hospital district created pursuant to chapter 189, or a hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 395, including corporations not for profit that are qualified as charitable under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and for-profit entities.

(3) It is the policy of the state to support housing for employees of hospitals, health care facilities, and governmental entities and to allow developers in receipt of federal low-income housing tax credits allocated pursuant to s. 420.5099, local or state funds, or other sources of funding available to finance the development of affordable housing to create a preference for housing for such employees. Such preference must conform to the requirements of s. 42(g)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 9. Section 760.26, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

760.26 Prohibited discrimination in land use decisions and in permitting of development.—It is unlawful to discriminate in land use decisions or in the permitting of development based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, familial status, religion, or, except as otherwise provided by law, the source of financing of a development or proposed development or the nature of a development or proposed development as affordable housing.

Section 10. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to affordable housing; amending ss. 125.01055 and 166.04151, F.S.; revising applicability; requiring counties and municipalities, respectively, to authorize multifamily and mixed-use residential as allowable uses in portions of flexibly zoned areas under certain circumstances; prohibiting counties and municipalities from imposing certain requirements on proposed multifamily developments; prohibiting counties and municipalities from requiring that more than a specified percentage of a mixed-use residential project be used for certain purposes; revising the density, floor area ratio, or height below which counties and municipalities may not restrict certain developments; defining the term “story” for a proposed development located within a municipality within a certain area of critical state concern; requiring the administrative approval of certain proposed developments without further action by a quasi-judicial or administrative board or reviewing body under certain circumstances; requiring counties and municipalities to reduce parking requirements by a specified percentage for certain proposed developments under certain circumstances; requiring counties and municipalities to allow adjacent parcels of land to be included within certain proposed developments; requiring a court to give priority to and render expeditious decisions in certain civil actions; requiring a court to award reasonable attorney fees and costs to a prevailing party in certain civil actions; providing that such attorney fees or costs may not exceed a specified dollar amount; prohibiting the prevailing party from recovering certain other fees or costs; defining terms; authorizing the use of a specified approval process for a proposed development on a parcel of land primarily developed and maintained for specified facilities; authorizing counties and municipalities to restrict the height of such proposed developments under certain circumstances; prohibiting counties and municipalities from imposing certain building moratoriums; providing an exception, subject to certain requirements; providing applicability; authorizing applicants for certain proposed de-

velopments to notify the county or municipality, as applicable, by a specified date of its intent to proceed under certain provisions; requiring counties and municipalities to allow certain applicants to submit revised applications, written requests, and notices of intent to account for changes made by the act; amending s. 380.0552, F.S.; revising the maximum hurricane evacuation clearance time for permanent residents, which time is an element for which amendments to local comprehensive plans in the Florida Keys Area must be reviewed for compliance; providing legislative intent; creating s. 420.5098, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; defining terms; providing that it is the policy of the state to support housing for certain employees and to permit developers in receipt of certain tax credits and funds to create a specified preference for housing certain employees; requiring that such preference conform to certain requirements; amending s. 760.26, F.S.; providing that it is unlawful to discriminate in land use decisions or in the permitting of development based on the specified nature of a development or proposed development; providing effective dates.

On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 1730**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Mr. President	Davis	Osgood
Arrington	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Avila	Gaetz	Polsky
Berman	Garcia	Rodriguez
Bernard	Grall	Rouson
Boyd	Gruters	Sharief
Bradley	Harrell	Simon
Brodeur	Hooper	Smith
Burgess	Ingolia	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough

Nays—None

Consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 1828**, **CS for CS for SB 1624**, **CS for SB 1696**, **CS for CS for SB 1666**, **CS for SB 1400**, **SB 952**, **CS for CS for SB 736**, **SB 726**, **CS for CS for SB 656**, and **CS for CS for SB 44** was deferred.

By direction of the President, the Senate reverted to—

**BILLS ON THIRD READING**

**CS for CS for CS for SB 700**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 110.205, F.S.; providing that certain positions in the department are exempt from the Career Service System; amending s. 163.3162, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting governmental entities from adopting or enforcing any legislation that inhibits the construction of housing for legally verified agricultural workers on agricultural land operated as a bona fide farm; requiring that the construction or installation of such housing units on agricultural lands satisfies certain criteria; requiring that local ordinances comply with certain regulations; authorizing governmental entities to adopt local land use regulations that are less restrictive; requiring property owners to maintain certain records for a specified timeframe; requiring that use of a housing site be discontinued and authorizing the removal of such a site under certain circumstances; specifying applicability of permit allocation systems in certain areas of critical state concern; authorizing the continued use of housing sites constructed before the effective date of the act if certain conditions are met; requiring the department to adopt certain rules; providing for enforcement; requiring the department to submit certain information to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement on a certain schedule; amending s. 201.25, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 253.0341, F.S.; authorizing the department to surplus certain lands determined to be suitable for bona fide agricultural production; requiring the department to consult with the Department of Environmental Protection before making such determina-

tion; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to retain a rural-lands-protection easement for all surplus lands and deposit all proceeds into a specified trust fund; requiring the department to provide a report of lands surplus to the board of trustees; providing that certain lands are ineligible to be surplus; providing for retroactive applicability; amending s. 330.41, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a person from knowingly or willfully performing certain actions on lands classified as agricultural; providing criminal penalties; providing applicability; prohibiting a person from knowingly or willfully performing certain actions on private property, state wildlife management lands, or a sport shooting and training range; providing criminal penalties; providing applicability; creating s. 366.20, F.S.; requiring that certain lands acquired or owned by an electric utility by a certain date be offered for fee simple acquisition by the department before the land may be offered for sale or transfer to a private individual or entity; requiring an electric utility to issue a written intent to sell through certified mail to the Commissioner of Agriculture within a specified timeframe before offering to sell or transferring certain lands; authorizing the commissioner to issue a written intent to purchase via certified mail within a specified timeframe after receipt of such written intent to sell; requiring the electric utility to be released from certain provisions under certain circumstances; requiring that certain offers accepted and received by the department within a specified timeframe be executed no later than a certain date; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 366.94, F.S.; defining the term "electric vehicle charging station"; authorizing the department to adopt rules; requiring local governmental entities to issue permits for electric vehicle charging stations based on specified standards and provisions of law; requiring that an electric vehicle charger be registered with the department before being placed into service for use by the public; providing the department with certain authority relating to electric vehicle charging stations; providing a penalty; authorizing the department to issue an immediate final order to an electric vehicle charging station under certain circumstances; providing that the department may bring an action to enjoin a violation of specified provisions or rules; requiring the court to issue a temporary or permanent injunction under certain circumstances; amending s. 388.011, F.S.; revising the definition of the terms "board of commissioners" and "district"; defining the term "program"; amending s. 388.021, F.S.; making a technical change; amending s. 388.181, F.S.; authorizing programs to perform specified actions; amending s. 388.201, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; requiring that the tentative work plan budget covering the proposed operations and requirements for arthropod control measures show the estimated amount to be raised by county, municipality, or district taxes; requiring that county commissioners' or a similar governing body's mosquito control budget be made and adopted pursuant to specified provisions and requiring that summary figures be incorporated into the county budgets as prescribed by the department; amending s. 388.241, F.S.; providing that certain rights, powers, and duties be vested in the board of county commissioners or similar governing body of a county, or municipality; amending s. 388.261, F.S.; increasing the maximum annual amount that a county, municipality, or district may receive, without contributing matching funds, in state funds, supplies, services, or equipment for a certain number of years for any new program for the control of mosquitos and other arthropods which serves an area not previously served by a county, municipality, or district; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.271, F.S.; requiring each program participating in arthropod control activities to file a tentative integrated arthropod management plan with the department by a specified date; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.281, F.S.; requiring that all funds, supplies, and services released to programs be used in accordance with the integrated arthropod management plan and certified budget; requiring that such integrated arthropod management plan and certified budget be approved by both the department and the board of county commissioners or an appropriate representative; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.291, F.S.; providing that a program may perform certain source reduction measures in any area providing that the department has approved the operating or construction plan as outlined in the integrated arthropod management plan; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.301, F.S.; revising the schedule by which state funds for the control of mosquitos and other arthropods may be paid; conforming provisions

to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.311, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.321, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.322, F.S.; requiring the department to maintain a record and inventory of certain property purchased with state funds for arthropod control use; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.323, F.S.; requiring that certain equipment no longer needed by a program be first offered for sale to other programs engaged in arthropod control at a specified price; requiring that all proceeds from the sale of certain property owned by a program and purchased using state funds be deposited in the program's state fund account; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.341, F.S.; requiring a program receiving state aid to submit a monthly report of all expenditures from all funds for arthropod control by a specified timeframe as may be required by the department; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.351, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.361, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.3711, F.S.; revising the department's enforcement powers; amending s. 388.381, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.391, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.401, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.46, F.S.; revising the composition of the Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control; amending s. 403.067, F.S.; providing an exception for inspection requirements for certain agricultural producers; authorizing the department to adopt rules establishing an enrollment in best management practices by rule process; authorizing the department to identify best management practices for specified landowners; requiring the department to perform onsite inspections annually of a certain percentage of all enrollments that meet specified qualifications within a specified area; providing requirements for such inspections; requiring agricultural producers enrolled by rule in a best management practice to submit nutrient records annually to the department; requiring the department to collect and retain such records; amending s. 403.852, F.S.; defining the term "water quality additive"; amending s. 403.859, F.S.; prohibiting the use of certain additives in a water system which do not meet specified requirements; amending s. 482.111, F.S.; revising requirements for the renewal of a pest control operator's certificate; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; amending s. 482.141, F.S.; requiring the department to provide in-person and remote testing for the examination through a third-party vendor for an individual seeking pest control operator certification; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; amending s. 482.155, F.S.; requiring the department to provide in-person and remote testing for the examination through a third-party vendor for an individual seeking limited certification for a governmental pesticide applicator or a private applicator; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; deleting provisions requiring the department to make such examination readily accessible and available to all applicants on a specified schedule; amending s. 482.156, F.S.; requiring the department to provide in-person and remote testing for the examination through a third-party vendor for an individual seeking a limited certification for commercial landscape maintenance; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; deleting provisions requiring the department to make such examination readily accessible and available to all applicants on a specified schedule; amending s. 482.157, F.S.; revising requirements for issuance of a limited certification for commercial wildlife management personnel; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; deleting provisions requiring the department to make an examination readily accessible and available to all applicants on a specified schedule; amending s. 482.161, F.S.; authorizing the department to take specified disciplinary action upon the issuance of a final order imposing civil penalties or a criminal conviction pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; amending s. 487.044, F.S.; requiring the department to provide in-person and remote testing through a third-party vendor for the examination of an individual seeking a limited certification for pesticide application; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; amending s. 487.175, F.S.; providing that the department may suspend, revoke, or deny licensure of a pesticide applicator upon issuance of a final order to a licensee which imposes civil penalties or a criminal conviction under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and

Rodenticide Act; amending s. 496.404, F.S.; defining the terms “foreign country of concern” and “foreign source of concern”; amending s. 496.405, F.S.; revising which documents a charitable organization or sponsor must file before engaging in specified activities; requiring that any changes to such documents be reported to the department on a specified form in a specified timeframe; revising the requirements of the charitable organization’s initial registration statement; authorizing the department to investigate or refer to the Florida Elections Commission certain violations of the charitable organization or sponsor; amending s. 496.415, F.S.; prohibiting specified persons from soliciting or accepting anything of value from a foreign source of concern; providing penalties; amending s. 496.417, F.S.; authorizing the department to investigate or refer to the Florida Elections Commission certain violations of a charitable organization or sponsor; amending s. 496.419, F.S.; providing discretionary penalties for a charitable organization or sponsor whose registration is denied or revoked for submitting a false attestation; creating s. 496.431, F.S.; requiring the department to create the Honest Services Registry to provide residents with information relating to charitable organizations; requiring a charitable organization included in the Honest Services Registry to submit an attestation statement to the department; requiring the department to publish the Honest Services Registry on the department’s website; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 500.03, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “cottage food product”; amending s. 500.12, F.S.; providing that the department requires a food permit from any person or business that operates a food establishment; revising exceptions; revising the schedule for renewing certain food permits; authorizing the department to establish a single permit renewal date for certain food establishments; amending s. 500.166, F.S.; requiring certain persons engaged in interstate commerce to retain all records that show certain information for a specified timeframe; amending s. 500.172, F.S.; authorizing the department to facilitate the destruction of certain articles that violate specified provisions; prohibiting certain persons from certain actions without permission from, or in accord with a written agreement with, the department; creating s. 500.75, F.S.; providing that it is unlawful to transport or offer to transport, import into this state, sell or offer for sale, furnish, or give away certain spores or mycelium; providing a penalty; creating s. 500.93, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the department to adopt rules to enforce the Food and Drug Administration’s standard of identity for milk, meat, poultry, and poultry products, and eggs and egg products to prohibit the sale of plant-based products mislabeled as milk, meat, poultry, or poultry products, or egg or egg products; providing contingent effective dates; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing construction; repealing s. 501.135, F.S., relating to consumer unit pricing; amending s. 501.912, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “antifreeze”; creating s. 525.19, F.S.; requiring the department to create an annual petroleum registration program for petroleum owners or operators; requiring the department to adopt rules for such registration which include specified information; requiring that the registration program be free for all registrants; authorizing the department to require registrants to provide certain information during a state of emergency; creating s. 526.147, F.S.; creating the Florida Retail Fuel Transfer Switch Modernization Grant Program within the department; requiring the grant program to provide funds up to a certain amount to be used for installation and equipment costs related to installing or modernizing transfer switch infrastructure at retail fuel facilities; requiring the department to award funds based on specified criteria; requiring retail fuel facilities awarded grant funds to comply with specified provisions; requiring such facilities to install a transfer switch with specified capabilities; requiring retail fuel facilities to provide specified documentation before being awarded funding; prohibiting certain facilities from being awarded funding; requiring the department, in consultation with the Division of Emergency Management, to adopt rules; requiring that such rules include specified information; amending s. 531.48, F.S.; requiring that certain packages bear specified information on the outside of the package; amending s. 531.49, F.S.; revising requirements of the advertising of a packaged commodity; amending s. 564.06, F.S.; requiring that a certain percentage of revenues collected from certain excise taxes be deposited into the Florida Wine Trust Fund; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; requiring the department to foster and encourage the employment and retention of qualified veterinary pathologists; providing that the department may reimburse the educational expenses of certain veterinary pathologists who enter into a

certain agreement with the department; requiring the department to adopt certain rules; requiring the department to extend certain opportunities to public school students enrolled in agricultural education to support Future Farmers of America programming; requiring the department to use contracts procured by agencies; defining the term “agency”; amending s. 570.544, F.S.; revising which provisions the director of the Division of Consumer Services must enforce; creating s. 570.546, F.S.; authorizing the department to create a process for the bulk renewal of licenses; authorizing the department to create a process that will allow licensees to align the expiration dates of licenses within a specified program; authorizing the department to change the expiration date for current licenses for a certain purpose; requiring the department to prorate the licensing fee for certain licenses; requiring the department to adopt rules; creating s. 570.694, F.S.; creating the Florida Aquaculture Foundation as a direct support organization within the department; providing the purpose of the foundation; providing governance for the foundation; authorizing the department to appoint an advisory committee adjunct to the foundation; amending s. 570.822, F.S.; defining the term “declared emergency,” rather than “declared natural disaster,” and revising the definition of the term “program”; providing that loan funds from the department may be used to restock aquaculture; authorizing the department to renew a loan application under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to defer or waive loan payments under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 570.823, F.S.; defining terms; establishing the silviculture emergency recovery program within the department to administer a grant program to assist certain timber landowners; requiring that such grants be used for certain purposes; requiring that only timber lands located on agricultural property are eligible for the program; requiring the department to coordinate with state agencies to provide financial assistance to timber landowners after a specified declared emergency; providing construction; authorizing the department to adopt rules to implement this section including emergency rules that may be effective for a specified timeframe; creating s. 570.831, F.S.; requiring, subject to appropriation of funds, the Cattle Enhancement Board, Inc., in coordination with the department, to establish a Florida beef marketing program; providing a purpose for such program; amending s. 581.1843, F.S.; deleting provisions that exclude certain citrus nurseries from certain requirements; deleting provisions relating to regulated areas around the perimeter of commercial citrus nurseries; repealing ss. 593.101, 593.102, 593.103, 593.104, 593.105, 593.106, 593.107, 593.108, 593.109, 593.11, 593.111, 593.112, 593.113, 593.114, 593.1141, 593.1142, 593.115, 593.116, and 593.117, F.S., relating to the Florida Boll Weevil Eradication Law; definitions; powers and duties of Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the entry of premises to carry out boll weevil eradication activities and inspections; reports by persons growing cotton; quarantine areas and the regulation of articles within a boll weevil eradication zone; the regulation of collection, transportation, distribution, and movement of cotton; cooperative programs for persons engaged in growing, processing, marketing, or handling cotton; the department’s authority to designate eradication zones, prohibit planting of cotton, and require participation in eradication program; regulation of the pasturage of livestock, entry by persons, and location of honeybee colonies in eradication zones and other areas; eligibility for certification of cotton growers’ organization; the certification of cotton growers’ organization; a referendum; an assessment; the department’s authority to enter agreements with the Farm Service Agency; liens; mandamus or injunction; penalty for violation; and the handling of moneys received, respectively; amending s. 595.404, F.S.; revising the department’s powers and duties regarding school nutrition programs; amending s. 599.002, F.S.; renaming the Viticulture Advisory Council as the Florida Wine Advisory Council; revising the membership of the Florida Wine Advisory Council; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 599.003, F.S.; renaming the State Viticulture Plan as the State Wine Plan; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 599.004, F.S.; making technical changes; providing that wineries that fail to recertify annually or pay a specified licensing fee are subject to certain actions and costs; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 599.012, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 616.12, F.S.; deleting provisions requiring a person who operates a minstrel show in connection with any certain public fairs to pay specified license taxes; de-

letting a provision that exempts such person from paying specified taxes; creating s. 687.16, F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; prohibiting a financial institution from discriminating in the provision of financial services to an agricultural producer based on an ESG factor; providing an inference with regard to a certain violation; providing that the financial institution may overcome the inference by making certain demonstrations regarding its denial or restriction of financial services to an agricultural producer; authorizing the Attorney General to enforce specified provisions; providing that a violation of specified provisions constitutes an unfair and deceptive trade practice; authorizing the Attorney General to investigate and seek remedies for such unfair trade practices; authorizing an aggrieved party to seek an action for damages; amending s. 741.0305, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which the department may temporarily suspend a person's license to carry a concealed weapon or concealed firearm or the processing of an application for such license; requiring the department to notify certain licensees or applicants of their right to a hearing; requiring the department to issue an order confirming the end of a suspension within a specified timeframe after an applicant or licensee submits a copy of a specified document to the department; requiring that such document be sent through electronic or certified mail to a specified location; requiring that the suspension remain in effect upon a certain disposition of a criminal case or injunction; providing construction; providing legislative findings; revising the duties of the department after the date of receipt of a completed application for a license to carry a concealed weapon or concealed firearm; requiring that a license issued under this section be temporarily suspended or revoked if the license was issued in error or if the licensee commits certain actions; amending s. 812.0151, F.S.; revising the elements of third degree and second degree felony retail fuel theft; creating s. 812.136, F.S.; defining terms; providing elements for the crime of mail theft; providing elements of theft of or unauthorized reproduction of a mail depository key or lock; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 934.50, F.S.; deleting certain exceptions from the prohibited uses of drones; providing that a drone may be used for certain purposes by a local governmental entity or person under contract with or acting under the direction of such entity; creating s. 1013.373, F.S.; prohibiting a local government from adopting any measure to limit the activities of public educational facilities or auxiliary facilities constructed by certain organizations; requiring that lands used for agricultural education or for the Future Farmers of America or 4-H activities be considered agricultural lands; reenacting s. 295.07(5)(a), F.S., relating to preference in appointment and retention, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 110.205, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 189.062(1)(a), F.S., relating to special procedures for inactive districts and state aid to counties, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 388.271, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 482.072(3)(b) and 482.163, F.S., relating to pest control customer contact centers and responsibility for pest control activities of employee, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 482.161, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 487.156, F.S., relating to governmental agencies, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 487.044, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 496.405(2) and 496.406(2) and (4), F.S., relating to charitable organization or sponsor board duties and exemption from registration, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 496.405, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 500.80(1)(a), F.S., relating to cottage food operations, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 500.12, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 500.121(6), F.S., relating to disciplinary procedures, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 500.172, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 790.061, F.S., relating to judges and justices, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 790.06, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing effective dates.

—as amended April 15, was read the third time by title.

On motion by Senator Truenow, **CS for CS for CS for SB 700**, as amended, was passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—27

Mr. President	Bradley	Burton
Avila	Brodeur	Calatayud
Boyd	Burgess	Collins

DiCeglie	Hooper	Rodriguez
Gaetz	Ingoglia	Simon
Garcia	Leek	Truenow
Grall	Martin	Trumbull
Gruters	McClain	Wright
Harrell	Passidomo	Yarborough

Nays—9

Arrington	Davis	Rouson
Berman	Osgood	Sharief
Bernard	Polsky	Smith

## MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Passidomo, by two-thirds vote, all bills passed this day were ordered immediately certified to the House.

## BILLS ON SPECIAL ORDERS

Pursuant to Rule 4.17(1), the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader submit the following bills to be placed on the Special Order Calendar for Wednesday, April 16, 2025: CS for CS for SB 232, CS for SB 576, SB 606, CS for SB 626, CS for SB 658, CS for SB 710, CS for CS for SB 768, CS for SB 772, CS for CS for CS for SB 784, CS for SB 940, CS for SB 7016, CS for SB 1002, CS for SB 1164, CS for SB 1374, CS for SB 1378, CS for CS for SB 1546, SB 1690, CS for CS for SB 1730.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathleen Passidomo*, Rules Chair  
*Jim Boyd*, Majority Leader  
*Jason W. B. Pizzo*, Minority Leader

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice recommends the following pass: CS for SB 468; CS for SB 612; CS for SB 716; SB 776; CS for SB 1360; CS for SB 1782; CS for SB 1838

The Appropriations Committee on Higher Education recommends the following pass: CS for SB 742; SB 892

The Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development recommends the following pass: SB 936

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy under the original reference.**

The Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice recommends the following pass: CS for SB 1450

The Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education recommends the following pass: CS for SB 822; CS for SB 1150; CS for SB 1708

The Committee on Finance and Tax recommends the following pass: SB 674

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Rules under the original reference.**

## INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

### FIRST READING

**Senate Bills 7000-7032**—Previously introduced.

By the Committee on Finance and Tax—

**SB 7034**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; amending s. 125.0104, F.S.; specifying an annual limit on the amount of tourist development tax revenues used for a specified purpose; amending s.



193.4516, F.S.; providing that tangible personal property owned and operated by a citrus packinghouse or processor is deemed to have a certain market value under certain circumstances and for certain purposes for a specified tax roll; defining terms; requiring an applicant for a certain assessment to file an application with the property appraiser on or before a specified date; authorizing applicants to file a certain petition with the value adjustment board under certain circumstances; specifying the timeframe in which such petition must be filed; providing retroactive applicability; amending s. 193.461, F.S.; revising the timeframe in which certain agricultural lands may be classified as agricultural lands when taken out of production by a state or federal eradication or quarantine program; requiring that such lands continue to be classified as agricultural lands and be assessed at a certain de minimis value pursuant to certain requirements; revising the timeframe in which certain agricultural lands continue to be classified as agricultural lands and be assessed at a certain de minimis value; providing applicability; amending s. 194.014, F.S.; revising the timeframe in which a refund of a certain overpayment of ad valorem taxes accrues interest; amending s. 194.032, F.S.; requiring that the notice for scheduled appearances before the value adjustment board provide certain information; requiring the board to allow petitioners to appear at a hearing using certain electronic or other communication equipment if such petitioners request in writing to do so within a specified timeframe; requiring the board to ensure that all communication equipment used at hearings is adequate and functional; requiring that the hearings remain open to the public through specified means; requiring the board to establish specified uniform methods for the hearings; requiring the petitioner to submit and transmit evidence to the board in a specified manner; authorizing certain counties to opt out of providing hearing using electronic or other communication equipment; amending s. 194.171, F.S.; authorizing certain taxpayers to bring a specified action; providing applicability; amending s. 196.151, F.S.; requiring property appraisers to notify applicants not entitled to a tax exemption in a specified manner; providing construction and applicability; amending s. 196.198, F.S.; exempting from ad valorem taxes any portion of property used as a child care facility that has achieved Gold Seal Quality status; requiring that the lessee child care facility operator be considered eligible to derive the benefit of the exemption upon a specified demonstration; requiring the owner of such property to make certain disclosures to the lessee child care facility operator; providing applicability; amending s. 202.19, F.S.; revising the date after which a specified tax may be increased; amending s. 202.34, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Revenue to respond to certain contact initiated by a taxpayer; authorizing taxpayers to provide certain information to the department; authorizing the department to examine certain information; specifying that such examination does not commence an audit if certain conditions are met; providing construction; requiring the taxpayer to object in writing before a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; requiring that a tolling period be considered lifted for a specified timeframe if certain conditions are met; authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 211.02535, F.S.; providing a credit against oil and gas production taxes under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit beginning on a specified date; prohibiting the combined credit allowed under certain provisions from exceeding a certain amount; requiring that a specified credit be taken in a certain order under certain provisions, as applicable; prohibiting any remaining liability from exceeding a certain amount; providing applicability; amending s. 212.02, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "sales" and "sales price"; amending s. 212.06, F.S.; defining the term "electronic database"; providing that a forwarding agent is not required to submit an application to register as a dealer under certain circumstances; requiring a forwarding agent to surrender its certificate to the department under certain circumstances; requiring the department to report the state sales tax rate and discretionary sales surtax rate in a specified system as zero for certain certified addresses; providing applicability; prohibiting certain dealers from collecting certain taxes under certain circumstances; revising the liability of a dealer under certain circumstances; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; exempting the sale of gold, silver, and platinum bullion from the state sales tax; exempting certain clothing from the state sales tax; defining the term "clothing"; providing construction and applicability; amending s. 212.13, F.S.; authorizing the department to respond to certain contact and authorizing the taxpayer to provide certain information to the department; authorizing the department to examine

certain information provided by certain persons; specifying that examination of such information does not commence an audit under certain circumstances; providing construction; requiring the taxpayer to object in writing to the department before the issuance of an assessment or the objection is waived; specifying that the tolling period shall be considered lifted for a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 212.18345, F.S.; providing a credit against sales taxes payable by direct pay permit holders under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit beginning on a specified date; requiring that the amount of tax due used to calculate the credit include certain contributions; requiring the department to disregard certain tax credits for a specified reason; providing applicability; requiring a dealer to file tax returns and pay taxes electronically under certain circumstances; amending s. 213.053, F.S.; authorizing the department to provide state tax information under certain circumstances; amending s. 213.37, F.S.; revising the manner of verifying exemption applications, refund applications, and certain tax returns; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising legislative intent; amending s. 220.03, F.S.; revising the date of adoption of the Internal Revenue Code and other federal income tax statutes for purposes of the state corporate income tax; providing retroactive operation; creating s. 220.18775, F.S.; providing a credit against the corporate income tax under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit beginning on a specified date; requiring that an eligible contribution be made on or before a specified date; providing that such credit is reduced by a specified calculation; authorizing the credit on a consolidated return basis under certain circumstances, subject to a certain limitation; providing applicability; providing certain conditions if a taxpayer applies and is approved for a specified credit; amending s. 288.0001, F.S.; revising the schedule for the Office of Economic and Demographic Research and Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to provide a specified analysis; creating s. 288.062, F.S.; creating the Rural Community Investment Program within the Department of Commerce; defining terms; requiring, by a specified date, the Department of Commerce to begin accepting applications for approval as a rural fund; specifying requirements for such applications; requiring the department to review such applications in a specified manner; authorizing the department to ask the applicant for additional information; requiring the department to approve or deny such applications within a specified timeframe; requiring the department to deem applications received on the same day as having been received simultaneously; specifying, beginning in a specified fiscal year, the tax credit cap in each state fiscal year; prohibiting the department from approving a specified cumulative amount of tax credits; requiring the department to deny applications under certain circumstances; specifying that a tax credit certified under certain provisions cannot be taken against certain state tax liability until a specified time; requiring the department to provide a specified certification; specifying the contents of such certification; requiring the rural fund to collect investor contributions; requiring the rural fund's collected investor contributions to equal the investment authority; requiring the rural fund to send a specified notification to the department; specifying the contents of such notification; requiring the department to revoke the rural fund's certification under certain circumstances; specifying that the corresponding investment authority will not count toward certain tax credit limitation; requiring the department to distribute revoked investment authority among certain rural funds; requiring the department to issue a final order approving the tax credit upon receipt of certain documentation; specifying the contents of such final order; requiring that the amount of tax credits be equal to a certain amount; requiring the department to provide the final order to the rural fund and the Department of Revenue; specifying that taxpayers that receive a final order are vested with an earned credit against tax liability; specifying the manner the taxpayer may claim the credit; prohibiting the tax credit from being refunded, sold, or transferred; providing exceptions; providing requirements and procedures for transfers of the tax credit; requiring the Department of Revenue to recapture all or a portion of the tax credit if certain conditions are met; requiring that recaptured funds be deposited into the General Revenue Fund; requiring the department to provide notice to certain persons and the Department of Revenue of proposed recapture of tax credits; specifying that the rural fund has a specified timeframe to cure deficiencies and avoid recapture of the tax credit; requiring the department to issue a final order of recapture if certain conditions are met; requiring that

such final order be provided to certain persons and the Department of Revenue; specifying that only one correction is permitted for each rural fund during a specified period; specifying that certain persons who submit fraudulent information are liable to the department or the Department of Revenue for certain costs and penalties; specifying such penalty is in addition to other penalties; requiring the department to provide revoked tax credits in a specified manner; requiring the department to approve remaining tax credits in a specified manner; authorizing the department to waive certain requirements if certain conditions are met; authorizing a rural fund to request a written opinion from the department; requiring the department to provide the rural fund with a determination letter no later than a specified timeframe; authorizing a rural fund to apply to the department to exit the program; requiring the department to approve or deny such application within a specified period of time; specifying that certain facts are sufficient evidence that the rural fund is eligible for exit; specifying requirements for a notice of denial; prohibiting the department from revoking a tax credit certificate after the rural fund exits the program; authorizing the department to take certain actions to recapture tax credits; requiring the department to deposit recaptured tax credits into the General Revenue Fund; requiring a rural fund to submit specified reports to the department at a specified time; specifying the requirements of such reports; specifying that rural funds that issue eligible investments are deemed to be a recipient of state financial assistance; specifying that certain entities are not subrecipients for certain purposes; authorizing the department and the Department of Revenue to conduct examinations; requiring the department and the Department of Revenue to adopt rules; prohibiting the department from accepting new applications after a certain date; providing an expiration date; amending s. 402.62, F.S.; revising the responsibilities of eligible charitable organizations receiving a contribution under the Strong Families Tax Credit; creating s. 402.63, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the Department of Health to designate organizations that meet specified criteria as eligible charitable organizations for purposes of the Home Away From Home Tax Credit; prohibiting the department from designating certain organizations as eligible charitable organizations; specifying requirements for eligible charitable organizations that receive contributions; specifying responsibilities of the department; specifying a limitation on, and application procedures for, the tax credit; specifying requirements and procedures for, and restrictions on, the carryforward, conveyance, transfer, assignment, and rescindment of credits; specifying requirements and procedures for the Department of Revenue; providing construction; authorizing the Department of Revenue, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and the Department of Health to develop a cooperative agreement and adopt rules; authorizing certain interagency information sharing; amending s. 561.121, F.S.; revising the distribution of funds collected from certain excise taxes and state license taxes; revising the amount that such distributions may not exceed; creating s. 561.12135, F.S.; providing a credit against excise taxes on certain alcoholic beverages under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit beginning on a specified date; prohibiting the credit from exceeding a certain amount; requiring the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to disregard certain tax credits for a specified reason; providing applicability; amending s. 624.509, F.S.; revising the order of credits and deductions taken against a specified tax; creating s. 624.51059, F.S.; providing a credit against the insurance premium tax under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit for certain taxable years; specifying that certain insurers are not required to pay additional retaliatory tax; providing that a certain provision does not limit the credit; providing applicability; amending s. 1002.945, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; exempting from sales and use tax specified disaster preparedness supplies during a specified timeframe; providing applicability; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; exempting from sales and use tax admissions to certain events, performances, and facilities, certain season tickets, and the retail sale of certain boating and water activity supplies, camping supplies, fishing supplies, general outdoor supplies, residential pool supplies, and electric scooters during specified timeframes; defining terms; providing applicability; requiring the purchaser to collect tax on the full sales price of resold admissions; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; exempting from sales and use tax the retail sale of

certain wallets, bags, school supplies, learning aids and jigsaw puzzles, and personal computers and personal computer-related accessories during a specified timeframe; defining terms; providing applicability; requiring dealers choosing not to participate in the tax holiday to notify the department by a specified date in writing and post a copy of such notice at their places of business; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; exempting from sales and use tax the retail sale of certain tools during a specified timeframe; providing applicability; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; exempting from sales and use tax the retail sale of ammunition, firearms, certain firearm accessories, bows, and crossbows, and certain bow and crossbow accessories; defining terms; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; providing a one-time credit for certain motor vehicle registrations; specifying the value of such credits; defining the term "ancillary fees"; specifying that certain motor vehicle registrations are eligible for the credit; specifying when such credit shall be granted; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to apply the credits in a specified manner; requiring the department to adjust the total amount owed for a new or renewal registration under certain provisions to provide the credit; requiring the department to account for the credit against the first year of registration; providing construction; prohibiting the credit from being granted under certain circumstances; specifying that a registrant may only receive one credit for each vehicle registered during a specified timeframe; authorizing persons to elect to pay biennially and to pay a certain amount; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; specifying the timeframe in which such rules are effective; authorizing the renewal of such rules; authorizing, beginning on a specified date, the Chief Financial Officer to transfer certain funds to the department; specifying a limitation on such transfer during a specified timeframe; authorizing the department to request monthly transfers from the Chief Financial Officer; requiring the department to provide the Chief Financial Officer with certain information; requiring the department, beginning on a specified date, to transfer certain funds for a certain distribution; authorizing the department to retain certain revenues; prohibiting funds transferred by the Chief Financial officer from being held under certain provisions; providing an expiration date; providing legislative findings; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to conduct a specified study relating to property tax; specifying the purpose and requirements of such study; requiring the office to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the office to develop a series of findings and an array of policy options; specifying what such policy options may include; requiring that the policy options attempt to balance certain revenues and expenditures; authorizing the office to contract with certain universities, organizations, and experts; requiring the Department of Revenue to provide data or technical assistance; requiring the office to submit the report to the Legislature by a specified date; providing an appropriation; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules for a certain purpose related to the Home Away From Home Tax Credit, the Rural Community Investment Program, and the tax exemption of clothing; providing that such emergency rules are effective for a specified period of time; providing that such emergency rules may be renewed under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department of Commerce to adopt emergency rules related to the Rural Community Investment Program; providing that such emergency rules are effective for a specified period of time; providing that such emergency rules may be renewed under certain circumstances; providing an appropriation; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### FIRST READING

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 481 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By State Affairs Committee, Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee and Representative(s) Lopez, V.—

**CS for CS for HB 481**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to anchoring limitation areas; amending s. 327.60, F.S.; restricting local regulation of vessels outside the marked boundaries of mooring fields in certain counties; amending s. 327.4108, F.S.; designating specified sections of Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade County as grandfathered-in anchoring limitation areas; amending s. 327.4109, F.S.; increasing the prohibited anchoring and mooring distance of vessels and floating structures near public mooring fields; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/HB 1195 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee and Representative(s) Harris, Bankson, Bartleman, Benarroch, Campbell, Casello, Driskell, Eskamani, Hunschofsky, Kincart Jonsson, López, J., Steele, Tendrich—

**CS for HB 1195**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fentanyl testing; creating s. 395.1042, F.S.; providing a short title; requiring hospitals or hospital-based off-campus emergency departments to test for fentanyl in a urine test and perform a confirmation test if the urine test results are positive for fentanyl; requiring specified results to be retained as part of the patient's clinical record for a certain timeframe; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

**CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL**

The Journal of April 15 was corrected and approved.

**CO-INTRODUCERS**

Senators Bernard—CS for SB 80; Harrell—CS for SB 540; Leek—CS for CS for SB 1386; Pizzo—CS for SB 1160; Rouson—SB 890

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the Senate adjourned at 3:12 p.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 23 or upon call of the President.

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