1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to taxation; amending s. 125.0104,
3	F.S.; requiring specified ordinances to expire after a
4	certain amount of time; authorizing the adoption of a
5	new ordinance; requiring certain taxes to be renewed
6	by a certain date to remain in effect; providing
7	applicability; providing an exception; amending s.
8	192.001, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
9	"tangible personal property" to specify the conditions
10	under which certain work is deemed substantially
11	completed; providing applicability; providing for
12	retroactive operation; amending s. 193.624, F.S.;
13	revising the definition of the term "renewable energy
14	source device"; providing applicability; amending s.
15	194.037, F.S.; revising obsolete provisions; amending
16	s. 201.08, F.S.; providing applicability; defining the
17	term "principal limit"; requiring certain taxes to be
18	calculated based on the principal limit at a specified
19	event; providing retroactive operation; providing
20	construction; amending s. 212.0306, F.S.; specifying
21	the type of vote necessary for a certain tax levy;
22	amending s. 212.031, F.S.; providing a temporary
23	reduction in a specified tax rate; amending s. 212.05,
24	F.S.; providing a sales tax exemption for certain
25	leases and rentals; amending s. 212.055, F.S.;
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26 revising the number of years that certain taxes may be 27 levied; requiring approval of certain taxes in a 28 referendum; removing a restriction on counties that 29 may levy a specified tax; revising the date when a certain tax may expire; amending s. 212.11, F.S.; 30 31 authorizing an automatic extension for filing returns 32 and remitting sales and use tax when specified states 33 of emergency are declared; amending s. 212.20, F.S.; extending the date a certain distribution will be 34 repealed; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising the order 35 36 in which credits may be taken to include a specified 37 credit; amending s. 220.03, F.S.; revising the date of 38 adoption of the Internal Revenue Code and other 39 federal income tax statutes for purposes of the state 40 corporate income tax; providing retroactive operation; 41 creating s. 220.1992, F.S.; defining the terms "qualified employee" and "qualified taxpayer"; 42 43 establishing a credit against specified taxes for 44 taxpayers that employ specified individuals; providing the maximum amount of such credit; providing how such 45 46 credit is determined; providing application 47 requirements; requiring credits to be approved prior 48 to being used; requiring credits to be approved in a 49 specified manner; providing the maximum credit that may be claimed by a single taxpayer; authorizing 50

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51 carryforward of credits in a specified manner; 52 providing the maximum amount of credit that may be 53 granted during specified fiscal years; authorizing the 54 Department of Revenue to consult with specified entities for a certain purpose; authorizing 55 rulemaking; amending s. 220.222, F.S.; providing an 56 57 automatic extension of the due date for a specified 58 tax return in certain circumstances; amending s. 59 374.986, F.S.; revising obsolete provisions; amending s. 402.62, F.S.; increasing the Strong Families Tax 60 61 Credit cap; providing when applications may be 62 submitted to the Department of Revenue; amending s. 63 413.4021, F.S.; increasing the distribution for a 64 specified program; amending s. 571.265, F.S.; 65 extending the date of a future repeal; exempting from 66 sales and use tax specified disaster preparedness 67 supplies during specified timeframes; defining terms; specifying locations where the tax exemptions do not 68 69 apply; exempting from sales and use tax admissions to 70 certain events, performances, and facilities, certain 71 season tickets, and the retail sale of certain boating 72 and water activity, camping, fishing, general outdoor, 73 and residential pool supplies and sporting equipment 74 during specified timeframes; providing definitions; 75 specifying locations where the tax exemptions do not

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76 apply; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt 77 emergency rules; exempting from sales and use tax the 78 retail sale of certain clothing, wallets, bags, school 79 supplies, learning aids and jigsaw puzzles, and personal computers and personal computer-related 80 81 accessories during specified timeframes; providing 82 definitions; specifying locations where the tax 83 exemptions do not apply; authorizing certain dealers 84 to opt out of participating in the tax holiday, subject to certain requirements; authorizing the 85 86 Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; exempting from the sales and use tax the retail sale 87 88 of certain tools during a specified timeframe; 89 specifying locations where the tax exemptions do not 90 apply; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt 91 emergency rules; requiring certain counties to use 92 specified tax revenue for affordable housing; providing requirements for housing financed with such 93 94 revenue; providing for distribution of such funds; 95 authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt 96 emergency rules for specified provisions; providing 97 for future repeal; providing effective dates. 98 99 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 100

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101	Section 1. Paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) are added to
102	subsection (4) of section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, to read:
103	125.0104 Tourist development tax; procedure for levying;
104	authorized uses; referendum; enforcement
105	(4) ORDINANCE LEVY TAX; PROCEDURE.—
106	(f) An ordinance that levies and imposes a tax pursuant to
107	this section expires 6 years after the date the ordinance is
108	approved in a referendum, but may be renewed for subsequent 6-
109	year periods if each 6-year period is approved in a referendum
110	held pursuant to subsection (6).
111	(g) Any tax imposed pursuant to this section and in effect
112	on June 30, 2024, must be renewed by an ordinance approved in a
113	referendum held pursuant to subsection (6) on or before July 1,
114	2029, in order to remain in effect after July 1, 2029.
115	(h) The state covenants with holders of bonds or other
116	instruments of indebtedness issued by counties before July 1,
117	2024, that it will not impair or materially alter the rights of
118	those holders or relieve counties of the duty to meet their
119	obligations as a result of previous pledges or assignments
120	entered into under this section as it existed before July 1,
121	2024. Therefore, paragraph (g) does not apply in any case in
122	which the proceeds of a tax levied pursuant to this section on
123	or before June 30, 2024, have been pledged to secure and
124	liquidate revenue bonds or revenue refunding bonds as authorized
125	by this section, unless such bonds are retired before July 1,
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126 2029. If the bonds are not retired on July 1, 2029, paragraph 127 (g) shall apply as though July 1, 2029, was instead replaced 128 with July 1 of the year following the retirement of such bonds. Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (11) of section 129 130 192.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 131 192.001 Definitions.-All definitions set out in chapters 1 132 and 200 that are applicable to this chapter are included herein. In addition, the following definitions shall apply in the 133 134 imposition of ad valorem taxes: 135 "Personal property," for the purposes of ad valorem (11)136 taxation, shall be divided into four categories as follows: 137 "Tangible personal property" means all goods, (d) chattels, and other articles of value (but does not include the 138 139 vehicular items enumerated in s. 1(b), Art. VII of the State 140 Constitution and elsewhere defined) capable of manual possession 141 and whose chief value is intrinsic to the article itself. 142 "Construction work in progress" consists of those items of 143 tangible personal property commonly known as fixtures, 144 machinery, and equipment when in the process of being installed 145 in new or expanded improvements to real property and whose value 146 is materially enhanced upon connection or use with a 147 preexisting, taxable, operational system or facility. 148 Construction work in progress shall be deemed substantially 149 completed when connected with the preexisting, taxable, operational system or facility. For the purpose of tangible 150

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151 personal property constructed or installed by an electric 152 utility, construction work in progress shall not be deemed 153 substantially completed unless all permits or approvals required 154 for commercial operation have been received or approved. 155 Inventory and household goods are expressly excluded from this 156 definition. 157 Section 3. The amendment made by this act to s. 192.001, 158 Florida Statutes, first applies to the 2024 property tax roll, 159 and operates retroactively to January 1, 2024. 160 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 193.624, Florida 161 Statutes, is amended to read: 162 193.624 Assessment of renewable energy source devices.-(1) As used in this section, the term "renewable energy 163 164 source device" means any of the following equipment that 165 collects, transmits, stores, or uses solar energy, wind energy, 166 or energy derived from geothermal deposits or biogas, as defined 167 in s. 366.91: 168 (a) Solar energy collectors, photovoltaic modules, and 169 inverters. 170 Storage tanks and other storage systems, excluding (b) 171 swimming pools used as storage tanks. 172 (c) Rockbeds. 173 (d) Thermostats and other control devices. 174 (e) Heat exchange devices. 175 (f) Pumps and fans.

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176 (g) Roof ponds. 177 (h) Freestanding thermal containers. 178 (i) Pipes, ducts, wiring, structural supports, refrigerant 179 handling systems, and other components used as integral parts of 180 such systems; however, such equipment does not include 181 conventional backup systems of any type or any equipment or 182 structure that would be required in the absence of the renewable 183 energy source device. 184 (j) Windmills and wind turbines. 185 Wind-driven generators. (k) 186 (1) Power conditioning and storage devices that store or use solar energy, wind energy, or energy derived from geothermal 187 deposits to generate electricity or mechanical forms of energy. 188 189 Pipes and other equipment used to transmit hot (m) 190 geothermal water to a dwelling or structure from a geothermal deposit. 191 192 (n) Pipes, equipment, structural facilities, structural 193 support, and any other machinery integral to the 194 interconnection, production, storage, compression, transportation, processing, and conversion of biogas from 195 landfill waste, livestock farm waste, including manure, food 196 197 waste, or treated wastewater into renewable natural gas as defined in s. 366.91. 198 199 200 The term does not include equipment that is on the distribution Page 8 of 59

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201 or transmission side of the point at which a renewable energy 202 source device is interconnected to an electric utility's 203 distribution grid or transmission lines or a natural gas 204 pipeline or distribution system. 205 Section 5. The amendments made by this act to s. 193.624, 206 Florida Statutes, first apply to the 2025 property tax roll. 207 Section 6. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 208 194.037, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 209 194.037 Disclosure of tax impact.-210 After hearing all petitions, complaints, appeals, and (1)211 disputes, the clerk shall make public notice of the findings and results of the board as provided in chapter 50. If published in 212 213 the print edition of a newspaper, the notice must be in at least 214 a quarter-page size advertisement of a standard size or tabloid 215 size newspaper, and the headline shall be in a type no smaller 216 than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be placed in that 217 portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified 218 advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be published in a 219 newspaper in the county. The newspaper selected shall be one of 220 general interest and readership in the community pursuant to 221 chapter 50. For all advertisements published pursuant to this section, the headline shall read: TAX IMPACT OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT 222 223 BOARD. The public notice shall list the members of the value 224 adjustment board and the taxing authorities to which they are 225 elected. The form shall show, in columnar form, for each of the

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226 property classes listed under subsection (2), the following 227 information, with appropriate column totals: 228 (f) In the sixth column, the net change in taxable value from the property appraiser's assessor's initial roll which 229 230 results from board decisions. 231 Section 7. Subsections (6), (7), and (8) of section 232 201.08, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7), 233 (8), and (9), respectively, a new subsection (6) is added to 234 that section, and paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of that 235 section is republished, to read: 236 201.08 Tax on promissory or nonnegotiable notes, written 237 obligations to pay money, or assignments of wages or other 238 compensation; exception.-239 (1)240 On mortgages, trust deeds, security agreements, or (b) 241 other evidences of indebtedness filed or recorded in this state, 242 and for each renewal of the same, the tax shall be 35 cents on 243 each \$100 or fraction thereof of the indebtedness or obligation 244 evidenced thereby. Mortgages, including, but not limited to, 245 mortgages executed without the state and recorded in the state, 246 which incorporate the certificate of indebtedness, not otherwise 247 shown in separate instruments, are subject to the same tax at 248 the same rate. When there is both a mortgage, trust deed, or 249 security agreement and a note, certificate of indebtedness, or obligation, the tax shall be paid on the mortgage, trust deed, 250

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251 or security agreement at the time of recordation. A notation 252 shall be made on the note, certificate of indebtedness, or 253 obligation that the tax has been paid on the mortgage, trust 254 deed, or security agreement. If a mortgage, trust deed, security 255 agreement, or other evidence of indebtedness is subsequently filed or recorded in this state to evidence an indebtedness or 256 257 obligation upon which tax was paid under paragraph (a) or 258 subsection (2), tax shall be paid on the mortgage, trust deed, 259 security agreement, or other evidence of indebtedness on the 260 amount of the indebtedness or obligation evidenced which exceeds 261 the aggregate amount upon which tax was previously paid under 262 this paragraph and under paragraph (a) or subsection (2). If the 263 mortgage, trust deed, security agreement, or other evidence of 264 indebtedness subject to the tax levied by this section secures 265 future advances, as provided in s. 697.04, the tax shall be paid 266 at the time of recordation on the initial debt or obligation 267 secured, excluding future advances; at the time and so often as 268 any future advance is made, the tax shall be paid on all sums 269 then advanced regardless of where such advance is made. 270 Notwithstanding the aforestated general rule, any increase in 271 the amount of original indebtedness caused by interest accruing 272 under an adjustable rate note or mortgage having an initial 273 interest rate adjustment interval of not less than 6 months 274 shall be taxable as a future advance only to the extent such increase is a computable sum certain when the document is 275

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276 executed. Failure to pay the tax shall not affect the lien for 277 any such future advance given by s. 697.04, but any person who 278 fails or refuses to pay such tax due by him or her is guilty of 279 a misdemeanor of the first degree. The mortgage, trust deed, or 280 other instrument shall not be enforceable in any court of this 281 state as to any such advance unless and until the tax due 282 thereon upon each advance that may have been made thereunder has 283 been paid.

284 (6) For a home equity conversion mortgage as defined in 12 285 CFR s. 1026.33(a), only the principal limit available to the 286 borrower is subject to the tax imposed in this section. The 287 maximum claim amount and the stated mortgage amount are not 288 subject to the tax imposed in this section. As used in this 289 subsection, the term "principal limit" means the gross amount of 290 loan proceeds available to the borrower without consideration of 291 any use restrictions. For purposes of this subsection, the tax 292 must be calculated based on the principal limit amount 293 determined at the time of closing as evidenced by the recorded 294 mortgage or any supporting documents attached thereto. 295 Section 8. The amendment to s. 201.08, Florida Statutes, made by this act is intended to be remedial in nature and shall 296 297 apply retroactively, but does not create a right to a refund or 298 credit of any tax paid before the effective date of this act. 299 For any home equity conversion mortgage recorded before the

300 <u>effective date of this act</u>, the taxpayer may evidence the

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301 principal limit using related loan documents. 302 Section 9. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 303 212.0306, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 212.0306 Local option food and beverage tax; procedure for 304 305 levying; authorized uses; administration.-306 (2) 307 (d) Sales in cities or towns presently imposing a municipal resort tax as authorized by chapter 67-930, Laws of 308 309 Florida, are exempt from the taxes authorized by subsection (1); 310 however, the tax authorized by paragraph (1)(b) may be levied in such city or town if the governing authority of the city or town 311 312 adopts an ordinance that is subsequently approved by a majority of the registered electors in such city or town voting in at a 313 314 referendum held at a general election as defined in s. 97.021. 315 Any tax levied in a city or town pursuant to this paragraph 316 takes effect on the first day of January following the general 317 election in which the ordinance was approved. A referendum to 318 reenact an expiring tax authorized under this paragraph must be 319 held at a general election occurring within the 48-month period 320 immediately preceding the effective date of the reenacted tax, 321 and the referendum may appear on the ballot only once within the 48-month period. 322 323 Section 10. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (1) of 324 section 212.031, Florida Statutes, to read:

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212.031 Tax on rental or license fee for use of real

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327	(1)
328	(f) From July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, the tax rate
329	under paragraphs (c) and (d) shall be 1.25 percent.
330	Section 11. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
331	212.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
332	212.05 Sales, storage, use tax.—It is hereby declared to
333	be the legislative intent that every person is exercising a
334	taxable privilege who engages in the business of selling
335	tangible personal property at retail in this state, including
336	the business of making or facilitating remote sales; who rents
337	or furnishes any of the things or services taxable under this
338	chapter; or who stores for use or consumption in this state any
339	item or article of tangible personal property as defined herein
340	and who leases or rents such property within the state.
341	(1) For the exercise of such privilege, a tax is levied on
342	each taxable transaction or incident, which tax is due and
343	payable as follows:
344	(c) At the rate of 6 percent of the gross proceeds derived
345	from the lease or rental of tangible personal property, as
346	defined herein; however, the following special provisions apply
347	to the lease or rental of motor vehicles and to peer-to-peer
348	car-sharing programs:
349	1. When a motor vehicle is leased or rented by a motor
350	vehicle rental company or through a peer-to-peer car-sharing
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351 program as those terms are defined in s. 212.0606(1) for a 352 period of less than 12 months:

a. If the motor vehicle is rented in Florida, the entire
amount of such rental is taxable, even if the vehicle is dropped
off in another state.

b. If the motor vehicle is rented in another state anddropped off in Florida, the rental is exempt from Florida tax.

358 c. If the motor vehicle is rented through a peer-to-peer 359 car-sharing program, the peer-to-peer car-sharing program shall 360 collect and remit the applicable tax due in connection with the 361 rental.

2. Except as provided in subparagraph 3., for the lease or rental of a motor vehicle for a period of not less than 12 months, sales tax is due on the lease or rental payments if the vehicle is registered in this state; provided, however, that no tax shall be due if the taxpayer documents use of the motor vehicle outside this state and tax is being paid on the lease or rental payments in another state.

369 3. The tax imposed by this chapter does not apply to the 370 lease or rental of a commercial motor vehicle as defined in s. 371 316.003(14)(a) to one lessee or rentee, or of a motor vehicle as 372 defined in s. 316.003 which is to be used primarily in the trade 373 or established business of the lessee or rentee, for a period of 374 not less than 12 months when tax was paid on the purchase price 375 of such vehicle by the lessor. To the extent tax was paid with

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376 respect to the purchase of such vehicle in another state, 377 territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, the 378 Florida tax payable shall be reduced in accordance with s. 379 212.06(7). This subparagraph shall only be available when the 380 lease or rental of such property is an established business or 381 part of an established business or the same is incidental or 382 germane to such business.

383 Section 12. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1), paragraphs 384 (a) and (d) of subsection (3), paragraph (a) of subsection (4), 385 subsection (5), paragraph (f) of subsection (9), and subsection 386 (10) of section 212.055, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

387 212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent; 388 authorization and use of proceeds.-It is the legislative intent 389 that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales 390 surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a 391 subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the 392 levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties 393 authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the 394 maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the 395 procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if 396 required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended; 397 and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide. Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as 398 399 provided in s. 212.054.

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(1) CHARTER COUNTY AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

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401 SURTAX.-

402 (f) Any discretionary sales surtax levied under this
403 subsection pursuant to a referendum held on or after July 1,
404 <u>2024</u> <del>2020</del>, may not be levied for more than <u>10</u> <del>30</del> years.

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(3) SMALL COUNTY SURTAX.-

406 The governing authority in each county that has a (a) 407 population of 50,000 or less on April 1, 1992, may levy a discretionary sales surtax of 0.5 percent or 1 percent. The levy 408 409 of the surtax shall be pursuant to ordinance enacted by an extraordinary vote of the members of the county governing 410 authority and if the surtax revenues are expended for operating 411 412 purposes. If the surtax revenues are expended for the purpose of servicing bond indebtedness, the surtax shall be approved by a 413 414 majority of the electors of the county voting in a referendum on 415 the surtax.

416 (d)1. If the surtax is levied pursuant to a referendum, 417 The proceeds of the surtax and any interest accrued thereto may 418 be expended by the school district or within the county and municipalities within the county, or, in the case of a 419 420 negotiated joint county agreement, within another county, for 421 the purpose of servicing bond indebtedness to finance, plan, and 422 construct infrastructure and to acquire land for public recreation or conservation or protection of natural resources. 423 424 However, if the surtax is levied pursuant to an ordinance 425 approved by an extraordinary vote of the members of the county

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426 governing authority, The proceeds and any interest accrued 427 thereto may <u>also</u> be used for operational expenses of any 428 infrastructure or for any public purpose authorized in the 429 ordinance under which the surtax is levied.

430 2. For the purposes of this paragraph, "infrastructure" 431 means any fixed capital expenditure or fixed capital costs 432 associated with the construction, reconstruction, or improvement 433 of public facilities that have a life expectancy of 5 or more 434 years and any land acquisition, land improvement, design, and 435 engineering costs related thereto.

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(4) INDIGENT CARE AND TRAUMA CENTER SURTAX.-

437 The governing body in each county that the (a)1. government of which is not consolidated with that of one or more 438 439 municipalities, which has a population of at least 800,000 440 residents and is not authorized to levy a surtax under 441 subsection (5), may levy, pursuant to an ordinance either 442 approved by an extraordinary vote of the governing body or 443 conditioned to take effect only upon approval by a majority vote 444 of the electors of the county voting in a referendum, a 445 discretionary sales surtax at a rate that may not exceed 0.5 446 percent.

447 2. If the ordinance is conditioned on a referendum, A 448 statement that includes a brief and general description of the 449 purposes to be funded by the surtax and that conforms to the 450 requirements of s. 101.161 shall be placed on the ballot by the

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451 governing body of the county. The following questions shall be 452 placed on the ballot: 453 FOR THE. . . . CENTS TAX 454 AGAINST THE. . . . CENTS TAX 455 The ordinance adopted by the governing body providing 3. 456 for the imposition of the surtax shall set forth a plan for 457 providing health care services to qualified residents, as 458 defined in subparagraph 4. Such plan and subsequent amendments 459 to it shall fund a broad range of health care services for both 460 indigent persons and the medically poor, including, but not 461 limited to, primary care and preventive care as well as hospital 462 care. The plan must also address the services to be provided by 463 the Level I trauma center. It shall emphasize a continuity of 464 care in the most cost-effective setting, taking into 465 consideration both a high quality of care and geographic access. 466 Where consistent with these objectives, it shall include, 467 without limitation, services rendered by physicians, clinics, 468 community hospitals, mental health centers, and alternative 469 delivery sites, as well as at least one regional referral 470 hospital where appropriate. It shall provide that agreements negotiated between the county and providers, including hospitals 471 with a Level I trauma center, will include reimbursement 472 473 methodologies that take into account the cost of services 474 rendered to eligible patients, recognize hospitals that render a 475 disproportionate share of indigent care, provide other

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476 incentives to promote the delivery of charity care, promote the 477 advancement of technology in medical services, recognize the 478 level of responsiveness to medical needs in trauma cases, and 479 require cost containment including, but not limited to, case 480 management. It must also provide that any hospitals that are 481 owned and operated by government entities on May 21, 1991, must, 482 as a condition of receiving funds under this subsection, afford 483 public access equal to that provided under s. 286.011 as to 484 meetings of the governing board, the subject of which is 485 budgeting resources for the rendition of charity care as that 486 term is defined in the Florida Hospital Uniform Reporting System 487 (FHURS) manual referenced in s. 408.07. The plan shall also 488 include innovative health care programs that provide cost-489 effective alternatives to traditional methods of service 490 delivery and funding.

491 4. For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "qualified492 resident" means residents of the authorizing county who are:

493 a. Qualified as indigent persons as certified by the494 authorizing county;

b. Certified by the authorizing county as meeting the definition of the medically poor, defined as persons having insufficient income, resources, and assets to provide the needed medical care without using resources required to meet basic needs for shelter, food, clothing, and personal expenses; or not being eligible for any other state or federal program, or having

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501 medical needs that are not covered by any such program; or 502 having insufficient third-party insurance coverage. In all 503 cases, the authorizing county is intended to serve as the payor 504 of last resort; or

505 c. Participating in innovative, cost-effective programs 506 approved by the authorizing county.

507 5. Moneys collected pursuant to this paragraph remain the 508 property of the state and shall be distributed by the Department 509 of Revenue on a regular and periodic basis to the clerk of the 510 circuit court as ex officio custodian of the funds of the 511 authorizing county. The clerk of the circuit court shall:

a. Maintain the moneys in an indigent health care trustfund;

514 b. Invest any funds held on deposit in the trust fund 515 pursuant to general law;

516 с. Disburse the funds, including any interest earned, to 517 any provider of health care services, as provided in 518 subparagraphs 3. and 4., upon directive from the authorizing 519 county. However, if a county has a population of at least 800,000 residents and has levied the surtax authorized in this 520 521 paragraph, notwithstanding any directive from the authorizing county, on October 1 of each calendar year, the clerk of the 522 523 court shall issue a check in the amount of \$6.5 million to a 524 hospital in its jurisdiction that has a Level I trauma center or 525 shall issue a check in the amount of \$3.5 million to a hospital

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526 in its jurisdiction that has a Level I trauma center if that 527 county enacts and implements a hospital lien law in accordance 528 with chapter 98-499, Laws of Florida. The issuance of the checks 529 on October 1 of each year is provided in recognition of the 530 Level I trauma center status and shall be in addition to the 531 base contract amount received during fiscal year 1999-2000 and 532 any additional amount negotiated to the base contract. If the 533 hospital receiving funds for its Level I trauma center status 534 requests such funds to be used to generate federal matching 535 funds under Medicaid, the clerk of the court shall instead issue 536 a check to the Agency for Health Care Administration to 537 accomplish that purpose to the extent that it is allowed through 538 the General Appropriations Act; and

539 d. Prepare on a biennial basis an audit of the trust fund 540 specified in sub-subparagraph a. Commencing February 1, 2004, 541 such audit shall be delivered to the governing body and to the 542 chair of the legislative delegation of each authorizing county.

543 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a 544 county shall not levy local option sales surtaxes authorized in 545 this paragraph and subsections (2) and (3) in excess of a 546 combined rate of 1 percent.

547 (5) COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL SURTAX. - Any county as defined
548 in s. 125.011(1) may levy the surtax authorized in this
549 subsection pursuant to an ordinance either approved by
550 extraordinary vote of the county commission or conditioned to

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take effect only upon approval by a majority vote of the electors of the county voting in a referendum. In a county as defined in s. 125.011(1), for the purposes of this subsection, "county public general hospital" means a general hospital as defined in s. 395.002 which is owned, operated, maintained, or governed by the county or its agency, authority, or public health trust.

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(a) The rate shall be 0.5 percent.

(b) If the ordinance is conditioned on a referendum, The proposal to adopt the county public hospital surtax shall be placed on the ballot in accordance with subsection (10). The referendum question on the ballot shall include a brief general description of the health care services to be funded by the surtax.

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(c) Proceeds from the surtax shall be:

566 1. Deposited by the county in a special fund, set aside 567 from other county funds, to be used only for the operation, 568 maintenance, and administration of the county public general 569 hospital; and

2. Remitted promptly by the county to the agency,
authority, or public health trust created by law which
administers or operates the county public general hospital.

(d) Except as provided in subparagraphs 1. and 2., the county must continue to contribute each year an amount equal to at least 80 percent of that percentage of the total county

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576 budget appropriated for the operation, administration, and 577 maintenance of the county public general hospital from the 578 county's general revenues in the fiscal year of the county 579 ending September 30, 1991:

1. Twenty-five percent of such amount must be remitted to a governing board, agency, or authority that is wholly independent from the public health trust, agency, or authority responsible for the county public general hospital, to be used solely for the purpose of funding the plan for indigent health care services provided for in paragraph (e);

2. However, in the first year of the plan, a total of \$10 million shall be remitted to such governing board, agency, or authority, to be used solely for the purpose of funding the plan for indigent health care services provided for in paragraph (e), and in the second year of the plan, a total of \$15 million shall be so remitted and used.

592 A governing board, agency, or authority shall be (e) 593 chartered by the county commission upon this act becoming law. 594 The governing board, agency, or authority shall adopt and 595 implement a health care plan for indigent health care services. 596 The governing board, agency, or authority shall consist of no 597 more than seven and no fewer than five members appointed by the 598 county commission. The members of the governing board, agency, 599 or authority shall be at least 18 years of age and residents of the county. No member may be employed by or affiliated with a 600

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601 health care provider or the public health trust, agency, or 602 authority responsible for the county public general hospital. 603 The following community organizations shall each appoint a 604 representative to a nominating committee: the South Florida 605 Hospital and Healthcare Association, the Miami-Dade County 606 Public Health Trust, the Dade County Medical Association, the 607 Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, and the Mayor of Miami-Dade 608 County. This committee shall nominate between 10 and 14 county 609 citizens for the governing board, agency, or authority. The slate shall be presented to the county commission and the county 610 611 commission shall confirm the top five to seven nominees, 612 depending on the size of the governing board. Until such time as 613 the governing board, agency, or authority is created, the funds 614 provided for in subparagraph (d)2. shall be placed in a 615 restricted account set aside from other county funds and not 616 disbursed by the county for any other purpose.

617 1. The plan shall divide the county into a minimum of four 618 and maximum of six service areas, with no more than one 619 participant hospital per service area. The county public general 620 hospital shall be designated as the provider for one of the 621 service areas. Services shall be provided through participants' 622 primary acute care facilities.

623 2. The plan and subsequent amendments to it shall fund a
624 defined range of health care services for both indigent persons
625 and the medically poor, including primary care, preventive care,

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626 hospital emergency room care, and hospital care necessary to 627 stabilize the patient. For the purposes of this section, 628 "stabilization" means stabilization as defined in s. 397.311. 629 Where consistent with these objectives, the plan may include 630 services rendered by physicians, clinics, community hospitals, 631 and alternative delivery sites, as well as at least one regional 632 referral hospital per service area. The plan shall provide that 633 agreements negotiated between the governing board, agency, or 634 authority and providers shall recognize hospitals that render a 635 disproportionate share of indigent care, provide other 636 incentives to promote the delivery of charity care to draw down 637 federal funds where appropriate, and require cost containment, including, but not limited to, case management. From the funds 638 639 specified in subparagraphs (d)1. and 2. for indigent health care 640 services, service providers shall receive reimbursement at a 641 Medicaid rate to be determined by the governing board, agency, 642 or authority created pursuant to this paragraph for the initial 643 emergency room visit, and a per-member per-month fee or 644 capitation for those members enrolled in their service area, as 645 compensation for the services rendered following the initial 646 emergency visit. Except for provisions of emergency services, 647 upon determination of eligibility, enrollment shall be deemed to 648 have occurred at the time services were rendered. The provisions 649 for specific reimbursement of emergency services shall be repealed on July 1, 2001, unless otherwise reenacted by the 650

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651 Legislature. The capitation amount or rate shall be determined 652 before program implementation by an independent actuarial 653 consultant. In no event shall such reimbursement rates exceed 654 the Medicaid rate. The plan must also provide that any hospitals 655 owned and operated by government entities on or after the 656 effective date of this act must, as a condition of receiving 657 funds under this subsection, afford public access equal to that 658 provided under s. 286.011 as to any meeting of the governing 659 board, agency, or authority the subject of which is budgeting 660 resources for the retention of charity care, as that term is defined in the rules of the Agency for Health Care 661 662 Administration. The plan shall also include innovative health 663 care programs that provide cost-effective alternatives to 664 traditional methods of service and delivery funding.

3. The plan's benefits shall be made available to all county residents currently eligible to receive health care services as indigents or medically poor as defined in paragraph (4)(d).

669 4. Eligible residents who participate in the health care 670 plan shall receive coverage for a period of 12 months or the 671 period extending from the time of enrollment to the end of the 672 current fiscal year, per enrollment period, whichever is less.

5. At the end of each fiscal year, the governing board, agency, or authority shall prepare an audit that reviews the budget of the plan, delivery of services, and quality of

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676 services, and makes recommendations to increase the plan's 677 efficiency. The audit shall take into account participant 678 hospital satisfaction with the plan and assess the amount of 679 poststabilization patient transfers requested, and accepted or 680 denied, by the county public general hospital.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a county may not levy local option sales surtaxes authorized in this subsection and subsections (2) and (3) in excess of a combined rate of 1 percent.

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(9) PENSION LIABILITY SURTAX.-

686 (f) A pension liability surtax imposed pursuant to this 687 subsection shall terminate on December 31 of the year in which 688 the actuarial funding level is expected to reach or exceed 100 689 percent for the defined benefit retirement plan or system for which the surtax was levied or December  $31_{\tau}$  of the tenth year 690 691 after the surtax was approved in a referendum under this 692 subsection <del>2060</del>, whichever occurs first. The most recent 693 actuarial report submitted to the Department of Management 694 Services pursuant to s. 112.63 must be used to establish the 695 level of actuarial funding.

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(10) DATES FOR REFERENDA; LIMITATIONS ON LEVY.-

697 (a) A referendum to adopt, amend, or reenact a local
698 government discretionary sales surtax under this section must be
699 held at a general election as defined in s. 97.021. A referendum
700 to reenact an expiring surtax must be held at a general election

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701	occurring within the 48-month period immediately preceding the
702	effective date of the reenacted surtax. Such a referendum may
703	appear on the ballot only once within the 48-month period.
704	(b) Except as provided in paragraph (4)(b), any new or
705	reenacted discretionary sales surtax levied pursuant to a
706	referendum held on or after July 1, 2024, may not be levied for
707	more than 10 years, unless reenacted by ordinance subject to
708	approval by a majority of the electors voting in a subsequent
709	referendum.
710	Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph
711	(b) of subsection (4) of section 212.11, Florida Statutes, are
712	amended to read:
713	212.11 Tax returns and regulations
714	(1)
715	(b) <u>1.</u> For the purpose of ascertaining the amount of tax
716	payable under this chapter, it shall be the duty of all dealers
717	to file a return and remit the tax, on or before the 20th day of
718	the month, to the department, upon forms prepared and furnished
719	by it or in a format prescribed by it. Such return must show the
720	rentals, admissions, gross sales, or purchases, as the case may
721	be, arising from all leases, rentals, admissions, sales, or
722	purchases taxable under this chapter during the preceding
723	calendar month.
724	2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1. and in addition to any
725	extension or waiver ordered pursuant to s. 213.055, a dealer is

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726 granted an automatic 10 calendar day extension from the due date 727 for filing a return and remitting the tax if all of the 728 following conditions are met: 729 a. The Governor has ordered or proclaimed a declaration of 730 a state of emergency pursuant to s. 252.36. 731 b. The declaration is the first declaration for the event 732 giving rise to the state of emergency, or expands the counties 733 covered by the initial state of emergency without extending or 734 renewing the period of time covered by the first declaration of 735 a state of emergency. 736 c. The first day of the period covered by the first 737 declaration for the event giving rise to the state of emergency is within 5 business days before the 20th day of the month. 738 739 (4) 740 (b)1. The amount of any estimated tax shall be due, 741 payable, and remitted by electronic funds transfer by the 20th 742 day of the month for which it is estimated. The difference 743 between the amount of estimated tax paid and the actual amount 744 of tax due under this chapter for such month shall be due and 745 payable by the first day of the following month and remitted by 746 electronic funds transfer by the 20th day thereof. 747 2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1. and in addition to any 748 extension or waiver ordered pursuant to s. 213.055, a dealer

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engage in or conduct business in a county to which an emergency

with a certificate of registration issued under s. 212.18 to

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751 declaration applies in sub-subparagraph b. is granted an 752 automatic 10 calendar day extension from the due date for filing 753 a return and remitting the tax if all of the following 754 conditions are met: 755 The Governor has ordered or proclaimed a declaration of a. 756 a state of emergency pursuant to s. 252.36. 757 b. The declaration is the first declaration for the event 758 giving rise to the state of emergency, or expands the counties 759 covered by the initial state of emergency without extending or 760 renewing the period of time covered by the first declaration of 761 a state of emergency. 762 c. The first day of the period covered by the first declaration for the event giving rise to the state of emergency 763 764 is within 5 business days before the 20th day of the month. 765 Section 14. Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section 766 212.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 767 212.20 Funds collected, disposition; additional powers of 768 department; operational expense; refund of taxes adjudicated 769 unconstitutionally collected.-770 Distribution of all proceeds under this chapter and (6) 771 ss. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) and 203.01(1)(a)3. is as follows: 772 The proceeds of all other taxes and fees imposed (d) 773 pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) 774 and (2) (b) shall be distributed as follows: 775 In any fiscal year, the greater of \$500 million, minus 1.

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an amount equal to 4.6 percent of the proceeds of the taxes collected pursuant to chapter 201, or 5.2 percent of all other taxes and fees imposed pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be deposited in monthly installments into the General Revenue Fund.

781 After the distribution under subparagraph 1., 8.9744 2. 782 percent of the amount remitted by a sales tax dealer located 783 within a participating county pursuant to s. 218.61 shall be 784 transferred into the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax 785 Clearing Trust Fund. Beginning July 1, 2003, the amount to be 786 transferred shall be reduced by 0.1 percent, and the department 787 shall distribute this amount to the Public Employees Relations 788 Commission Trust Fund less \$5,000 each month, which shall be 789 added to the amount calculated in subparagraph 3. and 790 distributed accordingly.

3. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1. and 2.,
0.0966 percent shall be transferred to the Local Government
Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund and distributed pursuant
to s. 218.65.

After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., and
3., 2.0810 percent of the available proceeds shall be
transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for
Counties pursuant to s. 218.215.

799 5. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., and800 3., 1.3653 percent of the available proceeds shall be

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801 transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for 802 Municipalities pursuant to s. 218.215. If the total revenue to 803 be distributed pursuant to this subparagraph is at least as 804 great as the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for 805 Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance 806 Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, no municipality shall 807 receive less than the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial 808 809 Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000. If the total proceeds to be distributed are less than the amount 810 811 received in combination from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for 812 Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance 813 Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, each municipality 814 shall receive an amount proportionate to the amount it was due 815 in state fiscal year 1999-2000.

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6. Of the remaining proceeds:

817 In each fiscal year, the sum of \$29,915,500 shall be a. 818 divided into as many equal parts as there are counties in the 819 state, and one part shall be distributed to each county. The 820 distribution among the several counties must begin each fiscal 821 year on or before January 5th and continue monthly for a total 822 of 4 months. If a local or special law required that any moneys 823 accruing to a county in fiscal year 1999-2000 under the then-824 existing provisions of s. 550.135 be paid directly to the 825 district school board, special district, or a municipal

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826 government, such payment must continue until the local or 827 special law is amended or repealed. The state covenants with 828 holders of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness issued by local governments, special districts, or district school boards 829 830 before July 1, 2000, that it is not the intent of this 831 subparagraph to adversely affect the rights of those holders or 832 relieve local governments, special districts, or district school 833 boards of the duty to meet their obligations as a result of 834 previous pledges or assignments or trusts entered into which 835 obligated funds received from the distribution to county governments under then-existing s. 550.135. This distribution 836 837 specifically is in lieu of funds distributed under s. 550.135 838 before July 1, 2000.

839 The department shall distribute \$166,667 monthly to b. 840 each applicant certified as a facility for a new or retained 841 professional sports franchise pursuant to s. 288.1162. Up to 842 \$41,667 shall be distributed monthly by the department to each 843 certified applicant as defined in s. 288.11621 for a facility 844 for a spring training franchise. However, not more than \$416,670 845 may be distributed monthly in the aggregate to all certified 846 applicants for facilities for spring training franchises. 847 Distributions begin 60 days after such certification and 848 continue for not more than 30 years, except as otherwise 849 provided in s. 288.11621. A certified applicant identified in this sub-subparagraph may not receive more in distributions than 850

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851 expended by the applicant for the public purposes provided in s. 852 288.1162(5) or s. 288.11621(3).

853 The department shall distribute up to \$83,333 monthly с. 854 to each certified applicant as defined in s. 288.11631 for a 855 facility used by a single spring training franchise, or up to 856 \$166,667 monthly to each certified applicant as defined in s. 857 288.11631 for a facility used by more than one spring training 858 franchise. Monthly distributions begin 60 days after such 859 certification or July 1, 2016, whichever is later, and continue 860 for not more than 20 years to each certified applicant as defined in s. 288.11631 for a facility used by a single spring 861 862 training franchise or not more than 25 years to each certified 863 applicant as defined in s. 288.11631 for a facility used by more 864 than one spring training franchise. A certified applicant 865 identified in this sub-subparagraph may not receive more in 866 distributions than expended by the applicant for the public 867 purposes provided in s. 288.11631(3).

868 d. The department shall distribute \$15,333 monthly to the869 State Transportation Trust Fund.

e.(I) On or before July 25, 2021, August 25, 2021, and
September 25, 2021, the department shall distribute \$324,533,334
in each of those months to the Unemployment Compensation Trust
Fund, less an adjustment for refunds issued from the General
Revenue Fund pursuant to s. 443.131(3) (e)3. before making the
distribution. The adjustments made by the department to the

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total distributions shall be equal to the total refunds made pursuant to s. 443.131(3)(e)3. If the amount of refunds to be subtracted from any single distribution exceeds the distribution, the department may not make that distribution and must subtract the remaining balance from the next distribution.

(II) Beginning July 2022, and on or before the 25th day of
each month, the department shall distribute \$90 million monthly
to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.

(III) If the ending balance of the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund exceeds \$4,071,519,600 on the last day of any month, as determined from United States Department of the Treasury data, the Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall certify to the department that the ending balance of the trust fund exceeds such amount.

(IV) This sub-subparagraph is repealed, and the department shall end monthly distributions under sub-sub-subparagraph (II), on the date the department receives certification under sub-subsubparagraph (III).

f. Beginning July 1, 2023, in each fiscal year, the department shall distribute \$27.5 million to the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Trust Fund under s. 571.26, for further distribution in accordance with s. 571.265. This sub-subparagraph is repealed June 30, 2027 <del>2025</del>.

899 7. All other proceeds must remain in the General Revenue900 Fund.

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901 Section 15. Subsection (8) of section 220.02, Florida 902 Statutes, is amended to read: 903 220.02 Legislative intent.-904 (8) It is the intent of the Legislature that credits 905 against either the corporate income tax or the franchise tax be 906 applied in the following order: those enumerated in s. 631.828, 907 those enumerated in s. 220.191, those enumerated in s. 220.181, those enumerated in s. 220.183, those enumerated in s. 220.182, 908 909 those enumerated in s. 220.1895, those enumerated in s. 220.195, 910 those enumerated in s. 220.184, those enumerated in s. 220.186, those enumerated in s. 220.1845, those enumerated in s. 220.19, 911 912 those enumerated in s. 220.185, those enumerated in s. 220.1875, those enumerated in s. 220.1876, those enumerated in s. 913 914 220.1877, those enumerated in s. 220.1878, those enumerated in 915 s. 220.193, those enumerated in former s. 288.9916, those 916 enumerated in former s. 220.1899, those enumerated in former s. 917 220.194, those enumerated in s. 220.196, those enumerated in s. 918 220.198, those enumerated in s. 220.1915, those enumerated in s. 919 220.199, and those enumerated in s. 220.1991, and those 920 enumerated in s. 220.1992. 921 Section 16. Effective upon this act becoming a law, 922 paragraph (n) of subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection 923 (2) of section 220.03, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 220.03 Definitions.-924 925 (1) SPECIFIC TERMS.-When used in this code, and when not Page 37 of 59

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926 otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible with 927 the intent thereof, the following terms shall have the following 928 meanings:

929 (n) "Internal Revenue Code" means the United States
930 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and in effect on
931 January 1, 2024 2023, except as provided in subsection (3).

932 (2) DEFINITIONAL RULES.—When used in this code and neither 933 otherwise distinctly expressed nor manifestly incompatible with 934 the intent thereof:

935 (c) Any term used in this code has the same meaning as 936 when used in a comparable context in the Internal Revenue Code 937 and other statutes of the United States relating to federal 938 income taxes, as such code and statutes are in effect on January 939 1, <u>2024</u> <del>2023</del>. However, if subsection (3) is implemented, the 940 meaning of a term shall be taken at the time the term is applied 941 under this code.

942 Section 17. (1) The amendments made by this act to s.
943 220.03, Florida Statutes, operate retroactively to January 1,
944 2024.
945 (2) This section shall take effect upon becoming a law.
946 Section 18. Section 220.1992, Florida Statutes, is created

947 to read:

948220.1992Individuals with Unique Abilities Tax Credit949Program.—

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

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951	(a) "Qualified employee" means an individual who has a
952	disability, as that term is defined in s. 413.801, and has been
953	employed for at least six months by a qualified taxpayer.
954	(b) "Qualified taxpayer" means a taxpayer who employs a
955	qualified employee at a business located in this state.
956	(2) For a taxable year beginning on or after January 1,
957	2024, a qualified taxpayer is eligible for a credit against the
958	tax imposed by this chapter in an amount up to \$1,000 for each
959	qualified employee such taxpayer employed during the taxable
960	year. The tax credit shall equal one dollar for each hour the
961	qualified employee worked during the taxable year, up to 1,000
962	hours.
963	(3)(a) The department may adopt rules governing the manner
964	and form of applications for the tax credit and establishing
965	requirements for the proper administration of the tax credit.
966	The form must include an affidavit certifying that all
967	information contained within the application is true and correct
968	and must require the taxpayer to specify the number of qualified
969	employees for whom a credit under this section is being claimed
970	and how many hours each qualified employee worked during the
971	taxable year.
972	(b) The department must approve the tax credit prior to
973	the taxpayer taking the credit on a return. The department must
974	approve credits on a first-come, first-served basis. If the
975	department determines that an application is incomplete, the

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976	department shall notify the taxpayer in writing and the taxpayer
977	shall have 30 days after receiving such notification to correct
978	any deficiency. If corrected in a timely manner, the application
979	shall be deemed completed as of the date the application was
980	first submitted.
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	(c) A taxpayer may not claim a tax credit of more than
982	\$10,000 under this section in any one taxable year.
983	(d) A taxpayer may carry forward any unused portion of a
984	tax credit under this section for up to 5 taxable years. The
985	carryover may be used in a subsequent year when the tax imposed
986	by this chapter for such year exceeds the credit for such year
987	under this section after applying the other credits and unused
988	credit carryovers in the order provided in s. 220.02(8).
989	(4) The combined total amount of tax credits which may be
990	granted under this section is \$5 million in each of state fiscal
991	years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027.
992	(5) The department may consult with the Department of
993	Commerce and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to
994	determine if an individual is a qualified employee. The
995	Department of Commerce and Agency for Persons with Disabilities
996	shall provide technical assistance, when requested by the
997	department, on any such question.
998	Section 19. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of
999	section 220.222, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
1000	paragraphs (d) and (e), respectively, and a new paragraph (c) is
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1001 added to that subsection, to read: 1002 220.222 Returns; time and place for filing.-1003 (2)1004 (C) When a taxpayer has been granted an extension or 1005 extensions of time within which to file its federal income tax 1006 return for any taxable year due to a federally declared disaster 1007 that included locations within this state, and if the requirements of s. 220.32 are met, the due date of the return 1008 1009 required under this code is automatically extended to 15 1010 calendar days after the due date for such taxpayer's federal 1011 income tax return, including any extensions provided for such return for a federally declared disaster. Nothing in this 1012 1013 paragraph affects the authority of the executive director to 1014 order an extension or waiver pursuant to s. 213.055(2). Section 20. Section 374.986, Florida Statutes, is amended 1015 1016 to read: 374.986 Taxing authority.-1017 The property appraiser tax assessor, tax collector, 1018 (1)1019 and board of county commissioners of each and every county in

1020 said district, shall, when requested by the board, prepare from 1021 their official records and deliver any and all information that 1022 may be from time to time requested from him or her or them or 1023 either of them by the board regarding the tax valuation, 1024 assessments, collection, and any other information regarding the 1025 levy, assessment, and collection of taxes in each of said

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1026 counties.

1027 The board may annually assess and levy against the (2)1028 taxable property in the district a tax not to exceed one-tenth 1029 mill on the dollar for each year, and the proceeds from such tax 1030 shall be used by the district for all expenses of the district 1031 including the purchase price of right-of-way and other property. 1032 The board shall, on or before the 31st day of July of each year, 1033 prepare a tentative annual written budget of the district's 1034 expected income and expenditures. In addition, the board shall 1035 compute a proposed millage rate to be levied as taxes for that 1036 year upon the taxable property in the district for the purposes 1037 of said district. The proposed budget shall be submitted to the 1038 Department of Environmental Protection for its approval. Prior 1039 to adopting a final budget, the district shall comply with the 1040 provisions of s. 200.065, relating to the method of fixing 1041 millage, and shall fix the final millage rate by resolution of 1042 the district and shall also, by resolution, adopt a final budget 1043 pursuant to chapter 200. Copies of such resolutions executed in 1044 the name of the board by its chair, and attested by its 1045 secretary, shall be made and delivered to the county officials 1046 specified in s. 200.065 of each and every county in the 1047 district, to the Department of Revenue, and to the Chief 1048 Financial Officer. Thereupon, it shall be the duty of the 1049 property appraiser assessor of each of said counties to assess, and the tax collector of each of said counties to collect, a tax 1050

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1051 at the rate fixed by said resolution of the board upon all of 1052 the real and personal taxable property in said counties for said 1053 year (and such officers shall perform such duty) and said levy 1054 shall be included in the warrant of the tax assessors of each of 1055 said counties and attached to the assessment roll of taxes for 1056 each of said counties. The tax collectors of each of said 1057 counties shall collect such taxes so levied by the board in the 1058 same manner as other taxes are collected, and shall pay the same 1059 within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, to the 1060 treasurer of the board. It shall be the duty of the Chief 1061 Financial Officer to assess and levy on all railroad lines and railroad property and telegraph lines and telegraph property in 1062 1063 the district a tax at the rate prescribed by resolution of the 1064 board, and to collect the tax thereon in the same manner as he 1065 or she is required by law to assess and collect taxes for state 1066 and county purposes and to remit the same to the treasurer of 1067 the board. All such taxes shall be held by the treasurer of the 1068 district for the credit of the district and paid out by him or 1069 her as provided herein. The tax collector assessor and property 1070 appraiser of each of said counties shall be entitled to payment 1071 as provided for by general laws.

1072Section 21. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (5) of1073section 402.62, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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402.62 Strong Families Tax Credit.-

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(5) STRONG FAMILIES TAX CREDITS; APPLICATIONS, TRANSFERS,

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Beginning in fiscal year 2024-2025 <del>2023-2024</del>, the tax

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AND LIMITATIONS.-

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1078 credit cap amount is \$40 20 million in each state fiscal year. 1079 (b) Beginning October 1, 2021, A taxpayer may submit an 1080 application to the Department of Revenue for a tax credit or 1081 credits to be taken under one or more of s. 211.0253, s. 1082 212.1834, s. 220.1877, s. 561.1213, or s. 624.51057, beginning 1083 at 9 a.m. on the first day of the calendar year that is not a 1084 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. 1085 The taxpayer shall specify in the application each tax 1. 1086 for which the taxpayer requests a credit and the applicable 1087 taxable year for a credit under s. 220.1877 or s. 624.51057 or 1088 the applicable state fiscal year for a credit under s. 211.0253, 1089 s. 212.1834, or s. 561.1213. For purposes of s. 220.1877, a 1090 taxpayer may apply for a credit to be used for a prior taxable 1091 year before the date the taxpayer is required to file a return 1092 for that year pursuant to s. 220.222. For purposes of s. 1093 624.51057, a taxpayer may apply for a credit to be used for a 1094 prior taxable year before the date the taxpayer is required to 1095 file a return for that prior taxable year pursuant to ss. 1096 624.509 and 624.5092. The application must specify the eligible 1097 charitable organization to which the proposed contribution will 1098 be made. The Department of Revenue shall approve tax credits on a first-come, first-served basis and must obtain the division's 1099 approval before approving a tax credit under s. 561.1213. 1100

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2. Within 10 days after approving or denying an application, the Department of Revenue shall provide a copy of its approval or denial letter to the eligible charitable organization specified by the taxpayer in the application.

Section 22. For the \$20 million in additional credit under s. 402.62 available for fiscal year 2024-25 pursuant to changes made by this act, a taxpayer may submit an application to the Department of Revenue beginning at 9 a.m. on July 1, 2024.

09 Section 23. Subsection (1) of section 413.4021, Florida 10 Statutes, is amended to read:

413.4021 Program participant selection; tax collection enforcement diversion program.—The Department of Revenue, in coordination with the Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association, shall select judicial circuits in which to operate the program. The association and the state attorneys' offices shall develop and implement a tax collection enforcement diversion program, which shall collect revenue due from persons who have not remitted their collected sales tax. The criteria for referral to the tax collection enforcement diversion program shall be determined cooperatively between the state attorneys' offices and the Department of Revenue.

(1) Notwithstanding s. 212.20, <u>100</u> 75 percent of the
revenues collected from the tax collection enforcement diversion
program shall be deposited into the special reserve account of

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1126 the Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living, to be 1127 used to administer the James Patrick Memorial Work Incentive 1128 Personal Attendant Services and Employment Assistance Program 1129 and to contract with the state attorneys participating in the 1130 tax collection enforcement diversion program in an amount of not 1131 more than \$75,000 for each state attorney. 1132 Section 24. Subsection (5) of section 571.265, Florida 1133 Statutes, is amended to read: 1134 571.265 Promotion of Florida thoroughbred breeding and of 1135 thoroughbred racing at Florida thoroughbred tracks; distribution of funds.-1136 1137 (5) This section is repealed July 1, 2027 <del>2025</del>, unless 1138 reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature. 1139 Section 25. Disaster preparedness supplies; sales tax 1140 holiday.-1141 (1) The tax levied under chapter 212, Florida Statutes, 1142 may not be collected during the period from June 1, 2024, 1143 through June 14, 2024, or during the period from August 24, 2024, through September 6, 2024, on the sale of: 1144 1145 (a) A portable self-powered light source with a sales 1146 price of \$40 or less. (b) A portable self-powered radio, two-way radio, or 1147 1148 weather-band radio with a sales price of \$50 or less. 1149 (c) A tarpaulin or other flexible waterproof sheeting with 1150 a sales price of \$100 or less.

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1151	(d) An item normally sold as, or generally advertised as,
1152	a ground anchor system or tie-down kit with a sales price of
1153	<u>\$100 or less.</u>
1154	(e) A gas or diesel fuel tank with a sales price of \$50 or
1155	less.
1156	(f) A package of AA-cell, AAA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-
1157	volt, or 9-volt batteries, excluding automobile and boat
1158	batteries, with a sales price of \$50 or less.
1159	(g) A nonelectric food storage cooler with a sales price
1160	of \$60 or less.
1161	(h) A portable generator used to provide light or
1162	communications or preserve food in the event of a power outage
1163	with a sales price of \$3,000 or less.
1164	(i) Reusable ice with a sales price of \$20 or less.
1165	(j) A portable power bank with a sales price of \$60 or
1166	less.
1167	(k) A smoke detector or smoke alarm with a sales price of
1168	<u>\$70 or less.</u>
1169	(1) A fire extinguisher with a sales price of \$70 or less.
1170	(m) A carbon monoxide detector with a sales price of \$70
1171	<u>or less.</u>
1172	(n) The following supplies necessary for the evacuation of
1173	household pets purchased for noncommercial use:
1174	1. Bags of dry dog food or cat food weighing 50 or fewer
1175	pounds with a sales price of \$100 or less per bag.
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1176 2. Cans or pouches of wet dog food or cat food with a 1177 sales price of \$10 or less per can or pouch or the equivalent if 1178 sold in a box or case. 1179 3. Over-the-counter pet medications with a sales price of 1180 \$100 or less per item. 1181 4. Portable kennels or pet carriers with a sales price of 1182 \$100 or less per item. 1183 5. Manual can openers with a sales price of \$15 or less 1184 per item. 1185 6. Leashes, collars, and muzzles with a sales price of \$20 or less per item. 1186 1187 7. Collapsible or travel-sized food bowls or water bowls with a sales price of \$15 or less per item. 1188 1189 8. Cat litter weighing 25 or fewer pounds with a sales 1190 price of \$25 or less per item. 1191 9. Cat litter pans with a sales price of \$15 or less per 1192 item. 1193 10. Pet waste disposal bags with a sales price of \$15 or 1194 less per package. 1195 11. Pet pads with a sales price of \$20 or less per box or 1196 package. 1197 12. Hamster or rabbit substrate with a sales price of \$15 1198 or less per package. 1199 13. Pet beds with a sales price of \$40 or less per item. 1200 (2) The tax exemptions provided in this section do not

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1201	apply to sales within a theme park or entertainment complex as
1202	defined in s. 509.013(9), Florida Statutes, within a public
1203	lodging establishment as defined in s. 509.013(4), Florida
1204	Statutes, or within an airport as defined in s. 330.27(2),
1205	Florida Statutes.
1206	(3) The Department of Revenue is authorized, and all
1207	conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant to
1208	s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing
1209	this section.
1210	(4) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming
1211	a law.
1212	Section 26. Freedom Month; sales tax holiday
1213	(1) The taxes levied under chapter 212, Florida Statutes,
1214	may not be collected on purchases made during the period from
1215	July 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024, on:
1216	(a) The sale by way of admissions, as defined in s.
1217	212.02(1), Florida Statutes, for:
1218	1. A live music event scheduled to be held on any date or
1219	dates from July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024;
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	2. A live sporting event scheduled to be held on any date
1221	2. A live sporting event scheduled to be held on any date or dates from July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024;
1221 1222	
	or dates from July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024;
1222	or dates from July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024; 3. A movie to be shown in a movie theater on any date or
1222 1223	or dates from July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024; 3. A movie to be shown in a movie theater on any date or dates from July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024;

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1226	6. Entry to a ballet, play, or musical theatre performance
1227	scheduled to be held on any date or dates from July 1, 2024,
1228	through December 31, 2024;
1229	7. Season tickets for ballets, plays, music events, or
1230	musical theatre performances;
1231	8. Entry to a fair, festival, or cultural event scheduled
1232	to be held on any date or dates from July 1, 2024, through
1233	<u>December 31, 2024; or</u>
1234	9. Use of or access to private and membership clubs
1235	providing physical fitness facilities from July 1, 2024, through
1236	December 31, 2024.
1237	(b) The retail sale of boating and water activity
1238	supplies, camping supplies, fishing supplies, general outdoor
1239	supplies, residential pool supplies, children's toys and
1240	children's athletic equipment. As used in this section, the
1241	term:
1242	1. "Boating and water activity supplies" means life
1243	jackets and coolers with a sales price of \$75 or less;
1244	recreational pool tubes, pool floats, inflatable chairs, and
1245	pool toys with a sales price of \$35 or less; safety flares with
1246	<u>a sales price of \$50 or less; water skis, wakeboards,</u>
1247	kneeboards, and recreational inflatable water tubes or floats
1248	capable of being towed with a sales price of \$150 or less;
1249	paddleboards and surfboards with a sales price of \$300 or less;
1250	canoes and kayaks with a sales price of \$500 or less; paddles

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1251 and oars with a sales price of \$75 or less; and snorkels, 1252 goggles, and swimming masks with a sales price of \$25 or less. 1253 2. "Camping supplies" means tents with a sales price of 1254 \$200 or less; sleeping bags, portable hammocks, camping stoves, 1255 and collapsible camping chairs with a sales price of \$50 or 1256 less; and camping lanterns and flashlights with a sales price of 1257 \$30 or less. 1258 3. "Fishing supplies" means rods and reels with a sales price of \$75 or less if sold individually, or \$150 or less if 1259 1260 sold as a set; tackle boxes or bags with a sales price of \$30 or 1261 less; and bait or fishing tackle with a sales price of \$5 or 1262 less if sold individually, or \$10 or less if multiple items are sold together. The term does not include supplies used for 1263 1264 commercial fishing purposes. 1265 4. "General outdoor supplies" means sunscreen, sunblock, 1266 or insect repellant with a sales price of \$15 or less; 1267 sunglasses with a sales price of \$100 or less; binoculars with a 1268 sales prices of \$200 or less; water bottles with a sales price 1269 of \$30 or less; hydration packs with a sales price of \$50 or 1270 less; outdoor gas or charcoal grills with a sales price of \$250 or less; bicycle helmets with a sales price of \$50 or less; and 1271 1272 bicycles with a sales price of \$500 or less. 1273 5. "Residential pool supplies" means individual 1274 residential pool and spa replacement parts, nets, filters, 1275 lights, and covers with a sales price of \$100 or less; and

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1276 residential pool and spa chemicals purchased by an individual 1277 with a sales price of \$150 or less. 1278 (2) The tax exemptions provided in this section do not 1279 apply to sales within a theme park or entertainment complex as 1280 defined in s. 509.013(9), Florida Statutes, within a public lodging establishment as defined in s. 509.013(4), Florida 1281 1282 Statutes, or within an airport as defined in s. 330.27(2), 1283 Florida Statutes. 1284 (3) If a purchaser of an admission purchases the admission 1285 exempt from tax pursuant to this section and subsequently resells the admission, the purchaser shall collect tax on the 1286 1287 full sales price of the resold admission. 1288 (4) The Department of Revenue is authorized, and all 1289 conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant to 1290 s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing 1291 this section. 1292 This section shall take effect upon this act becoming (5) 1293 a law. 1294 Section 27. Clothing, wallets, and bags; school supplies; 1295 learning aids and jigsaw puzzles; personal computers and 1296 personal computer-related accessories; sales tax holiday.-1297 (1) The tax levied under chapter 212, Florida Statutes, 1298 may not be collected during the period from July 29, 2024, 1299 through August 11, 2024 on the retail sale of: 1300 (a) Clothing, wallets, or bags, including handbags,

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1301 backpacks, fanny packs, and diaper bags, but excluding 1302 briefcases, suitcases, and other garment bags, having a sales 1303 price of \$100 or less per item. As used in this paragraph, the 1304 term "clothing" means: 1305 1. Any article of wearing apparel intended to be worn on 1306 or about the human body, excluding watches, watchbands, jewelry, 1307 umbrellas, and handkerchiefs; and 1308 2. All footwear, excluding skis, swim fins, roller blades, 1309 and skates. 1310 (b) School supplies having a sales price of \$50 or less per item. As used in this paragraph, the term "school supplies" 1311 1312 means pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, notebook filler paper, legal pads, binders, lunch boxes, construction 1313 1314 paper, markers, folders, poster board, composition books, poster paper, scissors, cellophane tape, glue or paste, rulers, 1315 1316 computer disks, staplers and staples used to secure paper 1317 products, protractors, and compasses. 1318 (c) Learning aids and jigsaw puzzles having a sales price 1319 of \$30 or less. As used in this paragraph, the term "learning 1320 aids" means flashcards or other learning cards, matching or other memory games, puzzle books and search-and-find books, 1321 1322 interactive or electronic books and toys intended to teach 1323 reading or math skills, and stacking or nesting blocks or sets. 1324 (d) Personal computers or personal computer-related accessories purchased for noncommercial home or personal use 1325

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1326 having a sales price of \$1,500 or less. As used in this 1327 paragraph, the term: 1328 1. "Personal computers" includes electronic book readers, 1329 calculators, laptops, desktops, handhelds, tablets, or tower 1330 computers. The term does not include cellular telephones, video 1331 game consoles, digital media receivers, or devices that are not 1332 primarily designed to process data. 2. "Personal computer-related accessories" includes 1333 1334 keyboards, mice, personal digital assistants, monitors, other 1335 peripheral devices, modems, routers, and nonrecreational 1336 software, regardless of whether the accessories are used in 1337 association with a personal computer base unit. The term does not include furniture or systems, devices, software, monitors 1338 1339 with a television tuner, or peripherals that are designed or 1340 intended primarily for recreational use. 1341 (2) The tax exemptions provided in this section do not 1342 apply to sales within a theme park or entertainment complex as 1343 defined in s. 509.013(9), Florida Statutes, within a public 1344 lodging establishment as defined in s. 509.013(4), Florida 1345 Statutes, or within an airport as defined in s. 330.27(2), 1346 Florida Statutes. (3) The tax exemptions provided in this section apply at 1347 1348 the option of the dealer if less than 5 percent of the dealer's 1349 gross sales of tangible personal property in the prior calendar 1350 year consisted of items that would be exempt under this section.

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1351	If a qualifying dealer chooses not to participate in the tax
1352	holiday, by July 15, 2024, the dealer must notify the Department
1353	of Revenue in writing of its election to collect sales tax
1354	during the holiday and must post a copy of that notice in a
1355	conspicuous location at its place of business.
1356	(4) The Department of Revenue is authorized, and all
1357	conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant to
1358	s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing
1359	this section.
1360	(5) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming
1361	<u>a law.</u>
1362	Section 28. Tools commonly used by skilled trade workers;
1363	<u>Tool Time sales tax holiday</u>
1364	(1) The tax levied under chapter 212, Florida Statutes,
1365	may not be collected during the period from September 1, 2024,
1366	through September 7, 2024, on the retail sale of:
1367	(a) Hand tools with a sales price of \$50 or less per item.
1368	(b) Power tools with a sales price of \$300 or less per
1369	item.
1370	(c) Power tool batteries with a sales price of \$150 or
1371	less per item.
1372	(d) Work gloves with a sales price of \$25 or less per
1373	pair.
1374	(e) Safety glasses with a sales price of \$50 or less per
1375	pair, or the equivalent if sold in sets of more than one pair.
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1376	(f) Protective coveralls with a sales price of \$50 or less
1377	per item.
1378	(g) Work boots with a sales price of \$175 or less per
1379	pair.
1380	(h) Tool belts with a sales price of \$100 or less per
1381	item.
1382	(i) Duffle bags or tote bags with a sales price of \$50 or
1383	less per item.
1384	(j) Tool boxes with a sales price of \$75 or less per item.
1385	(k) Tool boxes for vehicles with a sales price of \$300 or
1386	less per item.
1387	(1) Industry textbooks and code books with a sales price
1388	of \$125 or less per item.
1389	(m) Electrical voltage and testing equipment with a sales
1390	price of \$100 or less per item.
1391	(n) LED flashlights with a sales price of \$50 or less per
1392	item.
1393	(o) Shop lights with a sales price of \$100 or less per
1394	item.
1395	(p) Handheld pipe cutters, drain opening tools, and
1396	plumbing inspection equipment with a sales price of \$150 or less
1397	per item.
1398	(q) Shovels with a sales price of \$50 or less.
1399	(r) Rakes with a sales price of \$50 or less.
1400	(s) Hard hats and other head protection with a sales price
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1401	of \$100 or less.
1402	(t) Hearing protection items with a sales price of \$75 or
1403	less.
1404	(u) Ladders with a sales price of \$250 or less.
1405	(v) Fuel cans with a sales price of \$50 or less.
1406	(w) High visibility safety vests with a sales price of \$30
1407	<u>or less.</u>
1408	(2) The tax exemptions provided in this section do not
1409	apply to sales within a theme park or entertainment complex as
1410	defined in s. 509.013(9), Florida Statutes, within a public
1411	lodging establishment as defined in s. 509.013(4), Florida
1412	Statutes, or within an airport as defined in s. 330.27(2),
1413	Florida Statutes.
1414	(3) The Department of Revenue is authorized, and all
1415	conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant to
1416	s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing
1417	this section.
1418	Section 29. (1) A county that has been designated as an
1419	area of critical state concern by law or by action of the
1420	Administration Commission pursuant to s. 380.05, Florida
1421	Statutes, and that levies both a tourist development tax
1422	pursuant to s. 125.0104, Florida Statutes, and a tourist impact
1423	tax pursuant to s. 125.0108, Florida Statutes, shall use the
1424	accumulated surplus from such taxes collected through September
1425	30, 2024, whether held by the county directly or held by a land
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1426 authority in that county created pursuant to s. 380.0663, 1427 Florida Statutes, for the purpose of providing housing that is 1428 both: (a) Affordable, as defined in s. 420.0004, Florida 1429 1430 Statutes. 1431 (b) Available to employees of tourism-related businesses 1432 in the county. 1433 (2) Any housing financed with funds from this surplus 1434 shall only be used to provide housing that is affordable, as defined in s. 420.0004, Florida Statutes, for a period of no 1435 1436 fewer than 99 years. 1437 Section 30. (1) The Department of Revenue is authorized, 1438 and all conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules 1439 pursuant to s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, to implement the 1440 amendments made by this act to ss. 212.05, 212.031 and 220.03, 1441 Florida Statutes and the creation by this act of s. 220.1992, 1442 Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, 1443 emergency rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are effective for 6 months after adoption and may be renewed during 1444 1445 the pendency of procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing 1446 the subject of the emergency rules. This section shall take effect upon this act becoming 1447 (2) 1448 a law and expires July 1, 2027. Section 31. Except as otherwise provided in this act and 1449 except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act 1450

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1451 becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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