



Public Policy Update April 8, 2021

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LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

- March 2, 2021

Regular Session Begins

- April 8, 2021

Day 38

- April 30, 2021

Regular Session Ends





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2021 SESSION STATISTICS

04/08/2021
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FLORIDA LEGISLATURE
2021 - REGULAR SESSION
STATISTICS REPORT

SENATE BILLS	FILED	PASSED SENATE	PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS
CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS	3	1	1
RESOLUTIONS(ONE CHAMBER)	35	14	0
GENERAL BILLS	979	67	7
LOCAL BILLS	8	0	0
JOINT RESOLUTIONS	13	1	0
MEMORIALS	5	0	0
TOTALS	1043	83	8*

HOUSE BILLS	FILED	PASSED HOUSE	PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS
CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS	3	0	0
RESOLUTIONS(ONE CHAMBER)	27	13	0
GENERAL BILLS	850	44	2
LOCAL BILLS	44	6	0
JOINT RESOLUTIONS	11	0	0
MEMORIALS	12	0	0
APPROPRIATIONS PROJECTS	1060	0	0
TOTALS	2007	63	2*

SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS	FILED	PASSED FIRST CHAMBER	PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS
CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS	6	1	1
RESOLUTIONS(ONE CHAMBER)	62	27	0
GENERAL BILLS	1829	111	9
LOCAL BILLS	52	6	0
JOINT RESOLUTIONS	24	1	0
MEMORIALS	17	0	0
APPROPRIATIONS PROJECTS	1060	0	0
TOTALS	3050	146	10*

03/23/2021
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2021 - REGULAR SESSION
SENATE APPROPRIATION AND CLAIM BILLS - INTRODUCED

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MONEY TYPE	BILL NO.	BILL TYPE	MONEY AMOUNT	MINI-TITLE
A	S 00048	General Bill/CS	\$264,687	Educational Scholarship Programs
A	S 00054	General Bill/CS	\$83,651	Motor Vehicle Insurance
A	S 00336	General Bill	\$1,300,000	Large-scale Agricultural Pollution Reduction Pilot Program
A	S 00514	General Bill	\$500,000	Resiliency
A	S 00522	General Bill/CS	\$882,716	Vacation Rentals
A	S 00908	General Bill	\$208,000	Strong Families Tax Credit
A	S 01064	General Bill	\$1,268,721	Hospital, Hospital System, or Provider Organization Transactions
A	S 01282	General Bill	\$3,865,759	Early Learning and Early Grade Success
A	S 01360	General Bill	\$10,000,000	Energy Security and Disaster Resilience Pilot Program
A	S 01362	General Bill	Indeterminate	Energy
A	S 01768	General Bill/CS	\$4,606,801	Agriculture and Nutrition
A	S 01810	General Bill	\$300,000	Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs
A	S 02002	General Bill	\$543,000,000	Florida Commercial Rent Stabilization Fund
A	S 02004	General Bill/CS	\$1,400,000	Broadband Internet
A/C	S 00028	Claims/General	\$720,000	Relief of Clemente Aguirre-Jarquin by the State of Florida
A/C	S 00032	Claims/General	\$17,715,000	Relief of Christenia Jones by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
A/C	S 00036	Claims/General	\$1,900,000	Relief of Barney Brown by the State of Florida
A/C	S 00038	Claims/General	\$10,000,000	Relief of Former Employees of Fairfax Street Wood Treaters by the State of Florida
A/C	S 00504	Claims/General	\$1,850,000	Relief of Robert Earl DuBoise/State of Florida
C	S 00026	Claims/Local Bill	\$2,450,000	Relief of the Estate of Crystle Marie Galloway/Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners
C	S 00030	Claims/Local Bill	\$3,500,000	Relief of Kareem Hawari by the Osceola County School Board
C	S 00034	Claims/Local Bill	\$795,000	Relief of Jamiah, Latricia, and Jerald Mitchell/South Broward Hospital District
C	S 00040	Claims/Local Bill	\$312,500	Relief of Reginald Jackson by the City of Lakeland
C	S 00042	Claims/Local Bill	\$1,507,364	Relief of Marcus Button by the Pasco County School Board
C	S 00226	Claims/Local Bill	\$5,000,000	Relief of Ricardo Medrano-Arzate and Eva Chavez-Medrano/Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office
C	S 00350	Claims/General	Indeterminate	Relief of Angela Sozzani/Department of Children and Families
C	S 00398	Claims/Local Bill	\$350,000	Relief of the Estate of Emilio Jesus Vizcaino-Aday by Miami-Dade County



Florida REALTORS® Issues

- Business Liability Protection
- Water Quality and Environmental Issues
- State & Local Government Housing Trust Funds
- Taxation/Business Rent Tax Reduction
- Vacation/Short Term Rentals
- Property Insurance Market Issues
- HOA/Condominium Issues



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Business Liability Protection

SB 72 - Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19 - 2021

General Bill by Brandes CoSponsors: Baxley, Hutson, Perry CS Sponsors: Rules

Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19; Specifying requirements for civil actions based on COVID-19-related claims; requiring the court to make certain determinations in such actions; providing that plaintiffs have the burden of proof in such actions; providing preliminary procedures for civil actions based on COVID-19-related claims; requiring COVID-19-related claims to commence within specified timeframes, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Committees of Reference

- S Judiciary
- S Commerce and Tourism
- S Rules

Actions

01/06/21	SENATE	Filed
01/14/21	SENATE	Referred to Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; Rules
01/15/21	SENATE	On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 01/25/21, 2:30 pm, 412 K
01/25/21	SENATE	Favorable by Judiciary; 7 Yeas, 4 Nays
01/26/21	SENATE	Now in Commerce and Tourism
02/08/21	SENATE	On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 02/15/21, 3:30 pm, 110 S
02/15/21	SENATE	Temporarily Postponed by Commerce and Tourism
02/25/21	SENATE	On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 03/02/21, 1:30 pm, 110 S
03/02/21	SENATE	Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 7 Yeas, 4 Nays
03/03/21	SENATE	Now in Rules
03/08/21	SENATE	On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/11/21, 8:15 am, 412 K
03/11/21	SENATE	Favorable with CS by Rules; 10 Yeas, 5 Nays
03/15/21	SENATE	Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
	SENATE	Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
	SENATE	Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/18/21
03/18/21	SENATE	Read Second Time; Amendments Failed (273472, 433794, 735608, 645490, 504394, 930780, 261298); Amendment Adopted (549168); Amendment Withdrawn (435730); Passed (Vote: 24 Yeas / 15 Nays)
	SENATE	Immediately certified
	SENATE	Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
	HOUSE	In Messages
	HOUSE	Received; Referred to Calendar
	HOUSE	Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/25/21
03/25/21	HOUSE	Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/26/21
03/26/21	HOUSE	Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 83 Yeas / 31 Nays); Immediately Certified
	SENATE	Ordered enrolled
	SENATE	Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
03/29/21		Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 04/05/21)
		Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2021-001



Business Rent Tax

SB 50 - Taxation - 2021

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General Bill by Gruters CoSponsors: Albritton, Ausley, Burgess, Harrell, Hooper, Perry, Rouson, Stewart, Taddeo, Torres, Jr. CS Sponsors: Appropriations, Finance and Tax

Taxation; Citing this act as the "Park Randall 'Randy' Miller Act"; revising the definition of the term "retail sale" to include sales facilitated through a marketplace; requiring marketplace providers and persons located outside of this state to remit discretionary sales surtax when delivering tangible personal property to a county imposing a surtax; providing that a marketplace seller, rather than the marketplace provider, is liable for sales tax collection and remittance under certain circumstances; requiring certain amounts to be deposited into the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund during specified periods, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$353,000 Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2021

Committees of Reference

S Commerce and Tourism

S Finance and Tax

S Appropriations

HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 4/7/2021

04/07/21 HOUSE Substituted for HB 0015; Read Second Time; Amendments Failed (952659, 596577, 73047); Amendment Adopted (642177); Amendments Ruled out of Order (755649, 685263); Placed on Third Reading, 04/08/21

04/08/21 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 93 Yeas / 24 Nays); Immediately certified

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State and Local Taxation

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Note: This bill has been sent back to the senate for final consideration



Impact Fees

House Bill 337 and Senate Bill 750, Impact Fees



- The bill provides that if a local government, school district, or special district impact fee increases not more than 25% above the current rate, the increase must be implemented in two equal annual increments.
- If a fee is increased between 25% and 50% above the current rate, the phase in is four equal installments.
- No impact fee increase may exceed 50% and an impact fee may not be increased more than once every four years.
- Additionally, an impact fee may not be increased retroactively for a previous or current fiscal or calendar year. The impact fee limitations must operate retrospectively to January 1, 2021.



Budget

- House Bill 5401 and Senate Bill 2512, Doc Stamp Taxes

The screenshot shows a video feed of a legislative session. In the center, Rep. Anna V. Eskamani is speaking, wearing a red dress and a face mask. The video interface includes a 'Unmute' button, a timestamp 'APR 8, 2021 11:04 AM ET LIVE', and a nameplate for 'REP. ANNA V. ESKAMANI DISTRICT 47 (D) ORLANDO'. The video is broadcasted by 'THE FLORIDA CHANNEL' and 'REP. M. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH'. To the right, a sidebar titled 'Today's Schedule' lists events for April 8, 2021, including 'House in Session', 'Florida Supreme Court Oral Arguments', and 'Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services'. The sidebar also includes buttons for 'WATCH NOW', 'TV 24/7', 'LIVE STREAMS', and a note: 'Click on Live Streams to watch today's LIVE events. Click on TV 24/7 to watch The Florida Channel's TV feed. Click off Live Streams or TV 24/7 to view a combined list of both.'

Today's Schedule

08 Thursday April 2021

TV 24/7 LIVE STREAMS

09:00 am TBA WATCH NOW » House in Session
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09:00 am 10:29 am Florida Supreme Court Oral Arguments
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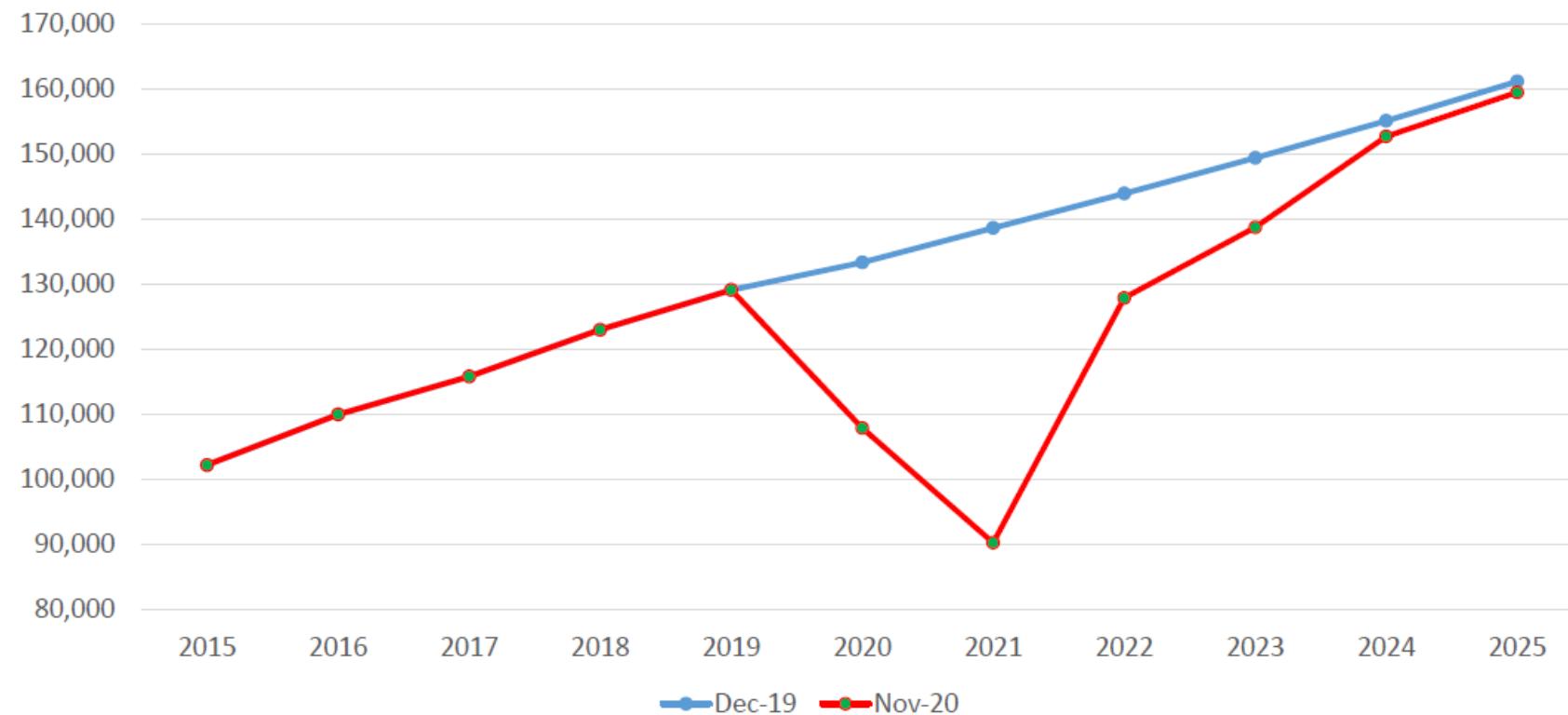
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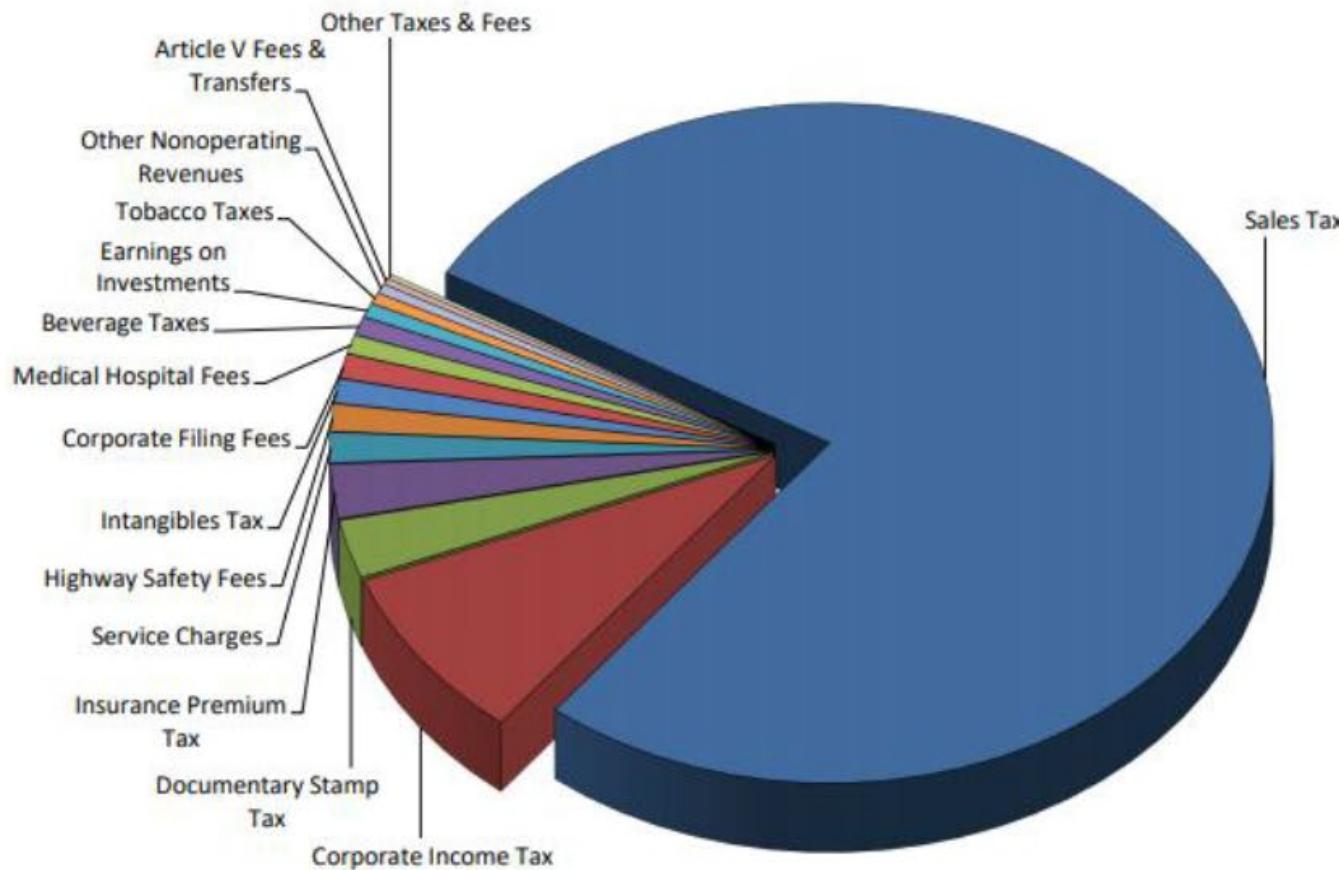
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GENERAL REVENUE: COMPONENTS

Recurring General Revenue Sources





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Fla. House, Senate Unveil COVID-19 Business Protections

By Christine Sexton

The bills could be amended, but if passed and signed into law by Gov. DeSantis, they would provide Fla. businesses, schools and churches some protection from COVID-19 related lawsuits alleging damages,

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