

Vacation Rental Units continued.....

Sen Steube claims local regulations are in violation of a state law that prevents local governments from deciding how often and how long single family homes can be rented. The \$30 billion vacation rental business is an integral part of Florida's tourism industry, which set a record last year with more than 88 million visitors coming to the state compared to 85 million in 2016, according to VISIT Florida.

The Chamber argues this is a local issue whereby city/county governments should set guidelines to ensure that communities are livable for ALL residents. Besides, what works in Miami/Dade may not work Barberville.

There is also the question of collecting bed tax which is used to pay for tourism-related advertising, not to mention other regulations such as ADA that hotels and motels must abide by.