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TAX HOLIDAY FOR HURRICANE SUPPLIES BEGINS JUNE 1

~Legislature encourages Floridians to be prepared~

TALLAHASSEE- In an effort to help Floridians prepare for the upcoming hurricane season, the Legislature this year approved a sales tax holiday for citizens to purchase hurricane supplies. The holiday begins June 1 and ends June 12.

“When it comes to hurricane season, Floridians should follow the Boy Scout motto: Be Prepared,” said House Majority Leader Marty Bowen (R-Haines City). “Florida is always at risk for hurricanes. The key is to be prepared ahead of time. Offering these items tax-free will help everyone get the items they will need to keep their families safe in case of an emergency.”

Items that may be purchased tax-free include:

- Any package of AAA-cell, AA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt, or 9-volt batteries, excluding automobile and boat batteries, selling for \$30 or less;
- Any flashlight or portable self-powered light source selling for \$20 or less;
- Any gas or diesel fuel tank selling for \$25 or less;
- Any ground anchor system or tie-down kit selling for \$50 or less;
- Any cell phone battery selling for \$60 or less and any cell phone charger selling for \$40 or less;
- Any non-electric food storage cooler selling for \$30 or less;
- Any storm shutter device selling for \$200 or less;
- Any carbon monoxide detector selling for \$75 or less;
- Any re-usable ice selling for \$10 or less;
- Any portable generator used in the event of a power outage selling for \$1,000 or less;
- Any portable self-powered radio, two-way radio, or weather band radio selling for \$75 or less;
- Any tarpaulin or other flexible waterproof sheeting selling for \$50 or less;

Encouraging Floridians to make their purchases now instead of when faced by the threat of an approaching storm, the hurricane sales tax holiday will save Florida’s families almost \$20 million on their purchases this year. Many retailers also run additional savings on these items during the hurricane sales tax holiday.

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