Communications Services Tax
Sales of Communications Services to Transient Public Lodging Establishments

The partial exemption for sales of communications services to residential households described in section 202.125, Florida Statutes (F.S.), does not apply to any residence that constitutes all or part of a transient public lodging establishment, as defined in Chapter 509, F.S.

Effective October 1, 2012, sections 509.013(4) and 509.242(1), F.S., are amended to provide that certain establishments are no longer “public lodging establishments.” As a result, the following establishments could qualify for the partial exemption to residential households:

- Apartment buildings designed for persons age 62 or older and inspected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
- Roominghouses, boardinghouses, or other living or sleeping facilities not otherwise classified as a transient public lodging establishment.

More information regarding Florida’s Communications Services Tax may be found at http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/taxes/cst.html

Reference: Chapter 2012-165, Laws of Florida (CS/HB 249)

For More Information

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