





Legislative Scorecard

2023



**FLORIDA
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ASSOCIATION**

Bill Number & Name	Sponsors	Bill Summary	FRLA Position	Final Status
Housing* SB 102 HB 627	Sen. Calatayud (R) Rep. Busatta Cabrera (R)	Fully funds the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Provides additional funding for development and renovation of affordable rental housing. Provides incentives and removes barriers to the development of workforce housing in Florida.	Support	
Tort Reform* SB 236 HB 837	Sen. Hutson (R) Rep. Fabricio (R) Rep. Gregory (R)	Stems the tide of rampant lawsuits in Florida. Reduces the statute of limitations for negligence actions from 4 years to 2. Requires the true amount of damages claimed by a plaintiff to be shown to the jury, rather than an inflated amount. Applies comparative fault principles in negligent security cases, making property owners liable only for damages they actually cause.	Support	
Special Food Service Licenses SB 1262 HB 639	Sen. Martin (R) Rep. Esposito (R)	Reduces the square footage requirement for SFS licenses from 2,500 to 2,000. Reduces the seating requirement from 150 to 120. Specifies that there must be 120 physical seats. The 51% food sales requirement still applies.	Support	
VISIT FLORIDA SB 2500	Appropriations Committees	Funds VISIT FLORIDA in the amount of \$80 million.	Support	

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Temporary Commercial Kitchens SB 752 HB 415	Sen. Calatayud (R) Rep. Porras (R)	Establishes a regulatory structure for the use of temporary commercial kitchens. Permits use to expand kitchen capacity of a permanent establishment. Allows for use for during renovation and repair. Allows for use by establishments impacted by natural disasters. Allows for temporary use for up to 30 days. Requires notification to DBPR to facilitate inspection and food safety compliance.	Support	
Vacation Rentals SB 714 HB 833	Sen. DiCeglie (R) Rep. Duggan (R)	Requires advertising platforms to collect and remit taxes. Requires advertising platforms to list the vacation rental license number on the advertisements. Allows local governments to establish a local registration system. Requires advertising platforms to confirm licensure of units advertised. Gives emergency rulemaking power to the Department of Revenue. Allocates funds for full-time employees at DBPR to address this legislation.	Support	
E-Verify SB 1718 HB 1617	Sen. Ingolia (R) Rep. Michael (R)	Requires employers with 25 or more employees to use E-Verify to verify employment eligibility. Employers with 24 or fewer employees retain the ability to use I-9 verification. Establishes monetary penalties and licensure suspension/revocation for noncompliant businesses.	Opposed	
Interchange Fees on Sales Tax SB 564 HB 677	Sen. Hutson (R) Rep. Caruso (R)	Prohibits the collection of interchange fees on sales tax and bed tax.	Support	

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