



This Week in State Tax (TWIST)

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Florida: Legislature Approves Budget; Repeals Commercial Rent Tax

The Florida Legislature recently passed [House Bill 7031](#), a state tax package that includes the repeal of two state taxes, the creation and extension of sales tax holidays, and various other tax exemptions and credits. Some of the more significant changes include:

- **Repeal of Commercial Rent Tax:** Effective October 1, 2025, the rental of real property for business and commercial purposes in Florida will no longer be subject to the 2 percent state sales tax or applicable local sales tax.
- **Aviation Fuel Tax Repeal:** Effective January 1, 2026, the aviation fuel tax will be repealed.
- **Delay of Natural Gas Fuel Tax:** The bill delays the imposition of the sales tax on sales of natural gas fuel until January 1, 2030.
- **Permanent Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday:** The bill makes the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday a permanent fixture, extending it to cover the entire month of August each year.
- **Permanent Exemptions for Essential Items:** Items such as batteries, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, certain portable generators, bicycle helmets, sunscreen, and admissions to Florida State Parks will now be permanently exempt from sales tax, instead of being included in various sales tax holidays.
- **New Hunting, Fishing & Camping Sales Tax Holiday:** A new sales tax holiday has been introduced, running from September 8 to December 31, 2025, allowing residents to purchase hunting, fishing, and camping equipment exempt from the sales tax during this period.
- **Gold Silver & Platinum Bullion Exemption:** All sales of gold, silver, and platinum bullion are exempt from tax, regardless of sales price.
- **Data Center Sales Tax Extension:** Data center sales tax exemption certificates can now be issued up to June 30, 2037. The megawatts (MW) requirement for qualification has been increased to 100 MW.

The tax package is now with Gov. Ron DeSantis for signature. The state fiscal year starts on July 1, 2025. For any questions, please reach out to [Benjamin Cella](#) or [Amanda Ribeiro](#).

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