



March 10, 2017

Short Term Vacation Rentals – Oppose HB 425

[HB 425 \(La Rosa\)](#) will be considered by the [House Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee](#) on Tuesday, March 14 at 8:00 a.m.

Please make phone calls to Representatives on this House Committee and Urge them to Oppose HB 425.

HB 425 (La Rosa) would preempt cities from adopting ordinances specific to vacation rentals. The Florida League of Cities opposes HB 425 because it would take away local government authority to regulate short term rental properties to protect the health and welfare of residents, visitors and businesses. If your city has adopted a vacation rental ordinance since the law changed in 2014, that ordinance will be nullified.

Message to Representatives:

A short-term vacation rental is defined as a property that is rented more than three times a year for less than 30 days at a time.

Short-term rentals are causing problems in many cities around the state by creating commercial activity in residential areas (mini-hotels in neighborhoods). Problems include noise, inadequate parking, infrastructure intended for residential use is now being used on a commercial scale, and decreased property values in neighborhoods taken over by vacation rentals.

Oppose HB 425 because it would remove any local authority to regulate these properties that have escalated in residential areas around the state.

Cities need their Home Rule authority fully restored so they can effectively determine local solutions that work for their respective communities

Please contact members of the House Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee and urge them to Oppose HB 425!

House Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee – Oppose HB 425

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Thank you for your advocacy efforts!