

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation;  
and Senator Dean

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the implementation of the water and  
3 land conservation constitutional amendment; amending  
4 s. 201.15, F.S.; revising and deleting distributions  
5 of the tax; providing that specified distributions to  
6 the Land Acquisition Trust Fund are not subject to the  
7 service charge under s. 215.20, F.S.; revising the  
8 purposes for which distributions may be used;  
9 repealing s. 161.05301, F.S., relating to beach  
10 erosion control project staffing; repealing s.  
11 161.091(3), F.S., relating to funding for the state's  
12 beach management plan; repealing s. 375.045, F.S.,  
13 relating to the Florida Preservation 2000 Trust Fund;  
14 amending s. 375.075, F.S.; requiring specified public  
15 recreation projects to have been selected through the  
16 Department of Environmental Protection's competitive  
17 selection process prior to the release of funds;  
18 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
19 amending ss. 201.0205, 215.618, 215.619, 259.032,  
20 259.1051, 339.0801, 339.55, 341.303, 343.58, 369.252,  
21 379.214, 379.362, 403.8911, 420.5092, and 420.9073,  
22 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the  
23 act; reenacting ss. 201.031(2), 339.2818(6),  
24 339.2819(5), 339.61(3), 341.051(6), 373.470(4)(e), and  
25 420.9079(1), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made  
26 by this act to s. 201.15, F.S., in references thereto;  
27 providing an effective date.  
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29 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 201.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

201.15 Distribution of taxes collected.—All taxes collected under this chapter, except taxes distributed to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to subsections (1) and (2), are subject to the service charge imposed in s. 215.20(1). Before distribution pursuant to ~~under~~ this section, the Department of Revenue shall deduct amounts necessary to pay the costs of the collection and enforcement of the tax levied by this chapter. The ~~Such~~ costs and ~~the~~ service charge may not be levied against any portion of taxes pledged to debt service on bonds to the extent that the costs and service charge are required to pay any amounts relating to the bonds. ~~After distributions are made pursuant to subsection (1),~~ All of the costs of the collection and enforcement of the tax levied by this chapter and the service charge shall be available and transferred to the extent necessary to pay debt service and any other amounts payable with respect to bonds authorized before January 1, 2015, secured by revenues distributed pursuant to this section ~~subsection (1)~~. All taxes remaining after deduction of costs and ~~the service charge~~ shall be distributed as follows:

(1) All of the remaining taxes collected under this chapter are pledged and shall be first made available to make payments on bonds issued pursuant to s. 215.618 or s. 215.619, as provided under paragraphs (3)(a) and (b), or on any other bonds authorized to be issued on a parity basis with such bonds. Amounts necessary to make such payments shall be deposited in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

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59       (2) From taxes remaining after the payments required  
60 pursuant to subsection (1), an amount equal to 33 percent of all  
61 taxes collected after first deducting the costs of collection,  
62 minus amounts paid pursuant to subsection (1), shall be  
63 deposited in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

64       (3) Amounts on deposit in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund  
65 ~~Sixty-three and thirty-one hundredths percent of the remaining~~  
66 ~~taxes shall be used in for the following order purposes:~~

67       (a) Payment of Amounts necessary to pay the debt service  
68 ~~on, or funding of fund debt service reserve funds, rebate~~  
69 ~~obligations, or other amounts payable with respect to~~  
70 ~~Preservation 2000 bonds issued pursuant to s. 375.051 and~~  
71 ~~Florida Forever bonds issued pursuant to s. 215.618, shall be~~  
72 ~~paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Land~~  
73 ~~Acquisition Trust Fund to be used for such purposes. The amount~~  
74 ~~used for such purposes transferred to the Land Acquisition Trust~~  
75 ~~Fund may not exceed \$300 million in each fiscal year 1999-2000~~  
76 ~~and thereafter for Preservation 2000 bonds and bonds issued to~~  
77 ~~refund Preservation 2000 bonds, and \$300 million in fiscal year~~  
78 ~~2000-2001 and thereafter for Florida Forever bonds. The annual~~  
79 ~~amount transferred to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for~~  
80 ~~Florida Forever bonds may not exceed \$30 million in the first~~  
81 ~~fiscal year in which bonds are issued. The limitation on the~~  
82 ~~amount transferred shall be increased by an additional \$30~~  
83 ~~million in each subsequent fiscal year, but may not exceed a~~  
84 ~~total of \$300 million in any fiscal year for all bonds issued.~~  
85 It is the intent of the Legislature that all bonds issued to  
86 fund the Florida Forever Act be retired by December 31, 2040.  
87 Except for bonds issued to refund previously issued bonds, no

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88 series of bonds may be issued pursuant to this paragraph unless  
89 such bonds are approved and the debt service for the remainder  
90 of the fiscal year in which the bonds are issued is specifically  
91 appropriated in the General Appropriations Act. ~~For purposes of~~  
92 ~~refunding Preservation 2000 bonds, amounts designated within~~  
93 ~~this section for Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever bonds may~~  
94 ~~be transferred between the two programs to the extent provided~~  
95 ~~for in the documents authorizing the issuance of the bonds. The~~  
96 ~~Preservation 2000 bonds and Florida Forever bonds are equally~~  
97 ~~and ratably secured by moneys distributable to the Land~~  
98 ~~Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to this section, except as~~  
99 ~~specifically provided otherwise by the documents authorizing the~~  
100 ~~issuance of the bonds. Moneys transferred to the Land~~  
101 ~~Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to this paragraph, or earnings~~  
102 ~~thereon, may not be used or made available to pay debt service~~  
103 ~~on the Save Our Coast revenue bonds.~~

104 (b) Payment ~~Moneys shall be paid~~ into the State Treasury to  
105 the credit of the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund in amounts  
106 necessary to pay debt service, provide reserves, and pay rebate  
107 obligations and other amounts due with respect to bonds issued  
108 pursuant to ~~under~~ s. 215.619. Taxes distributed under paragraph  
109 (a) and this paragraph must be collectively distributed on a pro  
110 rata basis when the available moneys under this subsection are  
111 not sufficient to cover the amounts required under paragraph (a)  
112 and this paragraph.

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114 Bonds issued pursuant to s. 215.618 or s. 215.619 are equally  
115 and ratably secured by moneys distributable to the Land  
116 Acquisition Trust Fund.

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117 (4)(e) After the required distributions to the Land  
118 Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) and  
119 deduction of the service charge imposed pursuant to s. 215.20(1)  
120 payments under paragraphs (a) and (b), the remainder shall be  
121 distributed as follows paid into the State Treasury to the  
122 credit of:

123 (a)1. ~~The State Transportation Trust Fund in the Department~~  
124 ~~of Transportation in the amount of~~ The lesser of 24.18442 ~~38.2~~  
125 percent of the remainder or \$541.75 million in each fiscal year  
126 shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State  
127 Transportation Trust Fund. Out Of such funds, ~~the first \$50~~  
128 ~~million for the 2012-2013 fiscal year; \$65 million for the 2013-~~  
129 ~~2014 fiscal year; and \$75 million for each the 2014-2015 fiscal~~  
130 ~~year and all subsequent years,~~ shall be transferred to the State  
131 Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund within the  
132 Department of Economic Opportunity. Notwithstanding any other  
133 law, the remaining amount credited to the State Transportation  
134 Trust Fund shall remainder is to be used for the following  
135 specified purposes, notwithstanding any other law to the  
136 contrary:

137 1.a. ~~For the purposes of~~ Capital funding for the New Starts  
138 Transit Program, authorized by Title 49, U.S.C. s. 5309 and  
139 specified in s. 341.051, in the amount of 10 percent of the  
140 these funds;

141 2.b. ~~For the purposes of~~ The Small County Outreach Program  
142 specified in s. 339.2818, in the amount of 10 ~~5~~ percent of the  
143 these funds. Effective July 1, 2014, the percentage allocated  
144 under this sub-subparagraph shall be increased to 10 percent;

145 3.e. ~~For the purposes of~~ The Strategic Intermodal System

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146 specified in ss. 339.61, 339.62, 339.63, and 339.64, in the  
147 amount of 75 percent of the these funds after deduction of the  
148 payments required pursuant to subparagraphs 1. and 2. allocating  
149 ~~for the New Starts Transit Program described in sub-subparagraph~~  
150 ~~a. and the Small County Outreach Program described in sub-~~  
151 ~~subparagraph b.; and~~

152 4.d. For the purposes of The Transportation Regional  
153 Incentive Program specified in s. 339.2819, in the amount of 25  
154 percent of the these funds after deduction of the payments  
155 required pursuant to subparagraphs 1. and 2. allocating for the  
156 ~~New Starts Transit Program described in sub-subparagraph a. and~~  
157 ~~the Small County Outreach Program described in sub-subparagraph~~  
158 ~~b. Effective July 1, 2014, The first \$60 million of the funds~~  
159 ~~allocated pursuant to this subparagraph sub-subparagraph shall~~  
160 ~~be allocated annually to the Florida Rail Enterprise for the~~  
161 ~~purposes established in s. 341.303(5).~~

162 (b)2. The Grants and Donations Trust Fund in the Department  
163 ~~of Economic Opportunity in the amount of The lesser of .1456 .23~~  
164 ~~percent of the remainder or \$3.25 million in each fiscal year~~  
165 shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the  
166 Grants and Donations Trust Fund in the Department of Economic  
167 Opportunity to fund technical assistance to local governments.

168 ~~3. The Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund in~~  
169 ~~the amount of the lesser of 2.12 percent of the remainder or \$30~~  
170 ~~million in each fiscal year, to be used for the preservation and~~  
171 ~~repair of the state's beaches as provided in ss. 161.091-~~  
172 ~~161.212.~~

173 ~~4. General Inspection Trust Fund in the amount of the~~  
174 ~~lesser of .02 percent of the remainder or \$300,000 in each~~

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175 ~~fiscal year to be used to fund oyster management and restoration~~  
176 ~~programs as provided in s. 379.362(3).~~

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178 Moneys distributed pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) ~~this~~  
179 ~~paragraph~~ may not be pledged for debt service unless such pledge  
180 is approved by referendum of the voters.

181 ~~(d) After the required payments under paragraphs (a), (b),~~  
182 ~~and (c), the remainder shall be paid into the State Treasury to~~  
183 ~~the credit of the General Revenue Fund to be used and expended~~  
184 ~~for the purposes for which the General Revenue Fund was created~~  
185 ~~and exists by law.~~

186 ~~(2) The lesser of 7.56 percent of the remaining taxes or~~  
187 ~~\$84.9 million in each fiscal year shall be distributed as~~  
188 ~~follows:~~

189 ~~(a) Six million and three hundred thousand dollars shall be~~  
190 ~~paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the General~~  
191 ~~Revenue Fund.~~

192 ~~(b) The remainder shall be paid into the State Treasury to~~  
193 ~~the credit of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. Sums deposited in~~  
194 ~~the fund pursuant to this subsection may be used for any purpose~~  
195 ~~for which funds deposited in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund may~~  
196 ~~lawfully be used.~~

197 ~~(3) (a) The lesser of 1.94 percent of the remaining taxes or~~  
198 ~~\$26 million in each fiscal year shall be distributed in the~~  
199 ~~following order:~~

200 ~~1. Amounts necessary to pay debt service or to fund debt~~  
201 ~~service reserve funds, rebate obligations, or other amounts~~  
202 ~~payable with respect to bonds issued before February 1, 2009,~~  
203 ~~pursuant to this subsection shall be paid into the State~~

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204 ~~Treasury to the credit of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.~~

205 ~~2. Eleven million dollars shall be paid into the State~~  
206 ~~Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue Fund.~~

207 ~~3. The remainder shall be paid into the State Treasury to~~  
208 ~~the credit of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.~~

209 ~~(b) Moneys deposited in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund~~  
210 ~~pursuant to this subsection shall be used to acquire coastal~~  
211 ~~lands or to pay debt service on bonds issued to acquire coastal~~  
212 ~~lands and to develop and manage lands acquired with moneys from~~  
213 ~~the trust fund.~~

214 ~~(4) The lesser of 4.2 percent of the remaining taxes or~~  
215 ~~\$60.5 million in each fiscal year shall be paid into the State~~  
216 ~~Treasury to the credit of the Water Management Lands Trust Fund.~~  
217 ~~Sums deposited in that fund may be used for any purpose~~  
218 ~~authorized in s. 373.59. An amount equal to the amounts~~  
219 ~~necessary to pay debt service or to fund debt service reserve~~  
220 ~~funds, rebate obligations, or other amounts payable with respect~~  
221 ~~to bonds authorized pursuant to s. 215.619(1)(a)2. and the~~  
222 ~~proviso associated with Specific Appropriation 1626A of the~~  
223 ~~2014-2015 General Appropriations Act shall be transferred~~  
224 ~~annually from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund to the~~  
225 ~~General Revenue Fund.~~

226 ~~(5) Of the remaining taxes, 3.52 percent shall be paid into~~  
227 ~~the State Treasury to the credit of the Conservation and~~  
228 ~~Recreation Lands Trust Fund to carry out the purposes set forth~~  
229 ~~in s. 259.032. Eleven and fifteen hundredths percent of the~~  
230 ~~amount credited to the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust~~  
231 ~~Fund pursuant to this subsection shall be transferred to the~~  
232 ~~State Game Trust Fund and used for land management activities.~~



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233 ~~(6) The lesser of 2.28 percent of the remaining taxes or~~  
234 ~~\$34.1 million in each fiscal year shall be paid into the State~~  
235 ~~Treasury to the credit of the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund~~  
236 ~~to carry out the purposes set forth in ss. 369.22 and 369.252.~~

237 ~~(7) The lesser of .5 percent of the remaining taxes or \$9.3~~  
238 ~~million in each fiscal year shall be paid into the State~~  
239 ~~Treasury to the credit of the State Game Trust Fund to be used~~  
240 ~~exclusively for the purpose of implementing the Lake Restoration~~  
241 ~~2020 Program.~~

242 ~~(8) One-half of one percent of the remaining taxes shall be~~  
243 ~~paid into the State Treasury and divided equally to the credit~~  
244 ~~of the Department of Environmental Protection Water Quality~~  
245 ~~Assurance Trust Fund to address water quality impacts associated~~  
246 ~~with nonagricultural nonpoint sources and to the credit of the~~  
247 ~~Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services General~~  
248 ~~Inspection Trust Fund to address water quality impacts~~  
249 ~~associated with agricultural nonpoint sources, respectively.~~  
250 ~~These funds shall be used for research, development,~~  
251 ~~demonstration, and implementation of suitable best management~~  
252 ~~practices or other measures used to achieve water quality~~  
253 ~~standards in surface waters and water segments identified~~  
254 ~~pursuant to ss. 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, Pub. L. No. 92-~~  
255 ~~500, 33 U.S.C. ss. 1251 et seq. Implementation of best~~  
256 ~~management practices and other measures may include cost-share~~  
257 ~~grants, technical assistance, implementation tracking, and~~  
258 ~~conservation leases or other agreements for water quality~~  
259 ~~improvement. The Department of Environmental Protection and the~~  
260 ~~Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may adopt rules~~  
261 ~~governing the distribution of funds for implementation of best~~

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262 management practices. The unobligated balance of funds received  
263 from the distribution of taxes collected under this chapter to  
264 address water quality impacts associated with nonagricultural  
265 nonpoint sources must be excluded when calculating the  
266 unobligated balance of the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund as  
267 it relates to the determination of the applicable excise tax  
268 rate.

269 (c) ~~(9)~~ Seven and fifty-three hundredths percent of the  
270 remainder remaining taxes in each fiscal year shall be paid into  
271 the State Treasury to the credit of the State Housing Trust  
272 Fund. ~~Out~~ Of such funds, ~~beginning in the 2012-2013 fiscal year,~~  
273 the first \$35 million shall be transferred annually, subject to  
274 any distribution required pursuant to ~~under~~ subsection (5) ~~(15)~~,  
275 to the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund  
276 within the Department of Economic Opportunity. The remainder  
277 shall be used as follows:

278 1. ~~(a)~~ Half of that amount shall be used for the purposes  
279 for which the State Housing Trust Fund was created and exists by  
280 law.

281 2. ~~(b)~~ Half of that amount shall be paid into the State  
282 Treasury to the credit of the Local Government Housing Trust  
283 Fund and used for the purposes for which the Local Government  
284 Housing Trust Fund was created and exists by law.

285 (d) ~~(10)~~ Eight and sixty-six hundredths percent of the  
286 remainder remaining taxes in each fiscal year shall be paid into  
287 the State Treasury to the credit of the State Housing Trust  
288 Fund. ~~Out~~ Of such funds, ~~beginning in the 2012-2013 fiscal year,~~  
289 the first \$40 million shall be transferred annually, subject to  
290 any distribution required pursuant to ~~under~~ subsection (5) ~~(15)~~,

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291 to the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund  
292 within the Department of Economic Opportunity. The remainder  
293 shall be used as follows:

294 1.~~(a)~~ Twelve and one-half percent of that amount shall be  
295 deposited into the State Housing Trust Fund and ~~be~~ expended by  
296 the Department of Economic Opportunity and ~~by~~ the Florida  
297 Housing Finance Corporation for the purposes for which the State  
298 Housing Trust Fund was created and exists by law.

299 2.~~(b)~~ Eighty-seven and one-half percent of that amount  
300 shall be distributed to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund  
301 and used for the purposes for which the Local Government Housing  
302 Trust Fund was created and exists by law. Funds from this  
303 category may also be used to provide for state and local  
304 services to assist the homeless.

305 (e) The sum of \$1.16 million in each fiscal year shall be  
306 paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Internal  
307 Improvement Trust Fund for the purpose of making payment in lieu  
308 of taxes under s. 259.032(12)(b).

309 ~~(11) The distribution of proceeds deposited into the Water~~  
310 ~~Management Lands Trust Fund and the Conservation and Recreation~~  
311 ~~Lands Trust Fund, pursuant to subsections (4) and (5), may not~~  
312 ~~be used for land acquisition but may be used for preacquisition~~  
313 ~~costs associated with land purchases. The Legislature intends~~  
314 ~~that the Florida Forever program supplant the acquisition~~  
315 ~~programs formerly authorized under ss. 259.032 and 373.59.~~

316 ~~(12) Amounts distributed pursuant to subsections (5), (6),~~  
317 ~~(7), and (8) are subject to the payment of debt service on~~  
318 ~~outstanding Conservation and Recreation Lands revenue bonds.~~

319 ~~(13) In each fiscal year that the remaining taxes exceed~~

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320 ~~collections in the prior fiscal year, the stated maximum dollar~~  
321 ~~amounts provided in subsections (2), (4), (6), and (7) shall~~  
322 ~~each be increased by an amount equal to 10 percent of the~~  
323 ~~increase in the remaining taxes collected under this chapter~~  
324 ~~multiplied by the applicable percentage provided in those~~  
325 ~~subsections.~~

326 ~~(14) If the payment requirements in any year for bonds~~  
327 ~~outstanding on July 1, 2007, or bonds issued to refund such~~  
328 ~~bonds, exceed the limitations of this section, distributions to~~  
329 ~~the trust fund from which the bond payments are made must be~~  
330 ~~increased to the lesser of the amount needed to pay bond~~  
331 ~~obligations or the limit of the applicable percentage~~  
332 ~~distribution provided in subsections (1)-(10).~~

333 (5)~~(15)~~ Distributions to the State Housing Trust Fund  
334 pursuant to paragraphs (4) (c) and (d) ~~subsections (9) and (10)~~  
335 must be sufficient to cover amounts required to be transferred  
336 to the Florida Affordable Housing Guarantee Program's annual  
337 debt service reserve and guarantee fund pursuant to s.  
338 420.5092(6) (a) and (b) up to the amount required to be  
339 transferred to such reserve and fund based on the percentage  
340 distribution of documentary stamp tax revenues to the State  
341 Housing Trust Fund which is in effect in the 2004-2005 fiscal  
342 year.

343 ~~(16) If amounts necessary to pay debt service or any other~~  
344 ~~amounts payable with respect to Preservation 2000 bonds, Florida~~  
345 ~~Forever bonds, or Everglades Restoration bonds authorized before~~  
346 ~~January 1, 2015, exceed the amounts distributable pursuant to~~  
347 ~~subsection (1), all moneys distributable pursuant to this~~  
348 ~~section are available for such obligations and transferred in~~

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349 ~~the amounts necessary to pay such obligations when due. However,~~  
350 ~~amounts distributable pursuant to subsection (2), subsection~~  
351 ~~(3), subsection (4), subsection (5), paragraph (9) (a), or~~  
352 ~~paragraph (10) (a) are not available to pay such obligations to~~  
353 ~~the extent that such moneys are necessary to pay debt service on~~  
354 ~~bonds secured by revenues pursuant to those provisions.~~

355 (6)~~(17)~~ After the distributions provided in the preceding  
356 subsections, any remaining taxes shall be paid into the State  
357 Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue Fund.

358 Section 2. Section 161.05301, Florida Statutes, is  
359 repealed.

360 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 161.091, Florida  
361 Statutes, is repealed.

362 Section 4. Section 375.045, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

363 Section 5. Subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection  
364 (2) of section 375.075, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

365 375.075 Outdoor recreation; financial assistance to local  
366 governments.-

367 (1) The Department of Environmental Protection may ~~is~~  
368 ~~authorized to~~ establish the Florida Recreation Development  
369 Assistance Program to provide grants to qualified local  
370 governmental entities to acquire or develop land for public  
371 outdoor recreation purposes. ~~To the extent not needed for debt~~  
372 ~~service on bonds issued pursuant to s. 375.051, each year~~ The  
373 department shall annually develop and plan a program ~~which shall~~  
374 ~~be based upon funding of not less than 5 percent of the money~~  
375 ~~credited to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to s.~~  
376 ~~201.15(2) and (3) in that year. The department shall develop and~~  
377 ~~plan a program which shall be based upon the cumulative total~~

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378 funding provided from this section and from the Florida Forever  
379 Trust Fund pursuant to s. 259.105(3)(d).

380 (2)

381 (c) Funds may not be released under ~~No release of funds~~  
382 ~~from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, or from the Florida~~  
383 ~~Forever Trust Fund beginning in fiscal year 2001-2002, for this~~  
384 program ~~may be made~~ for these public recreation projects until  
385 the projects have been selected through the competitive  
386 selection process provided for in this section.

387 Section 6. Section 201.0205, Florida Statutes, is amended  
388 to read:

389 201.0205 Counties that have implemented ch. 83-220;  
390 inapplicability of 10-cent tax increase by s. 2, ch. 92-317,  
391 Laws of Florida.—The 10-cent tax increase in the documentary  
392 stamp tax levied by s. 2, chapter 92-317, does not apply to  
393 deeds and other taxable instruments relating to real property  
394 located in any county that has implemented the provisions of  
395 chapter 83-220, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 84-270,  
396 86-152, and 89-252, Laws of Florida. Each such county and each  
397 eligible jurisdiction within such county may ~~shall not be~~  
398 ~~eligible to~~ participate in programs funded pursuant to s.  
399 201.15(4)(c) ~~s. 201.15(9)~~. However, each such county and each  
400 eligible jurisdiction within such county may ~~shall be eligible~~  
401 ~~to~~ participate in programs funded pursuant to s. 201.15(4)(d) ~~s.~~  
402 ~~201.15(10)~~.

403 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection  
404 (3) of section 215.618, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

405 215.618 Bonds for acquisition and improvement of land,  
406 water areas, and related property interests and resources.—

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407 (1) (a) The issuance of Florida Forever bonds, not to exceed  
408 \$5.3 billion, to finance or refinance the cost of acquisition  
409 and improvement of land, water areas, and related property  
410 interests and resources, in urban and rural settings, for the  
411 purposes of restoration, conservation, recreation, water  
412 resource development, or historical preservation, and for  
413 capital improvements to lands and water areas that accomplish  
414 environmental restoration, enhance public access and  
415 recreational enjoyment, promote long-term management goals, and  
416 facilitate water resource development is ~~hereby~~ authorized,  
417 subject to ~~the provisions of~~ s. 259.105 and pursuant to s.  
418 11(e), Art. VII of the State Constitution. ~~Florida Forever bonds~~  
419 ~~may also be issued to refund Preservation 2000 bonds issued~~  
420 ~~pursuant to s. 375.051. The \$5.3 billion limitation on the~~  
421 ~~issuance of Florida Forever bonds does not apply to refunding~~  
422 ~~bonds. The duration of each series of Florida Forever bonds~~  
423 ~~issued may not exceed 20 annual maturities. Preservation 2000~~  
424 ~~bonds and Florida Forever bonds shall be equally and ratably~~  
425 ~~secured by moneys distributable to the Land Acquisition Trust~~  
426 ~~Fund pursuant to s. 201.15(1)(a), except to the extent~~  
427 ~~specifically provided otherwise by the documents authorizing the~~  
428 ~~issuance of the bonds.~~

429 (3) Bonds issued pursuant to this section are ~~shall be~~  
430 payable from taxes distributable to the Land Acquisition Trust  
431 Fund pursuant to s. 201.15(1)(~~a~~). Bonds issued pursuant to this  
432 section do ~~shall~~ not constitute a general obligation of, or a  
433 pledge of the full faith and credit of, the state.

434 Section 8. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 215.619,  
435 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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436 215.619 Bonds for Everglades restoration.-

437 (2) The state covenants with the holders of Everglades  
438 restoration bonds that it will not take any action that will  
439 materially and adversely affect the rights of the holders so  
440 long as the bonds are outstanding, including, but not limited  
441 to, a reduction in the portion of documentary stamp taxes  
442 distributable pursuant to under s. 201.15(1) for payment of debt  
443 service on ~~Preservation 2000 bonds~~, Florida Forever bonds, or  
444 Everglades restoration bonds.

445 (3) Everglades restoration bonds are payable from, and  
446 secured by a first lien on, taxes distributable pursuant to  
447 ~~under~~ s. 201.15(1) ~~(b)~~ and do not constitute a general obligation  
448 of, or a pledge of the full faith and credit of, the state.  
449 Everglades restoration bonds shall be secured on a parity basis  
450 with bonds secured by moneys distributable pursuant to under s.  
451 201.15(1) ~~(a)~~.

452 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
453 259.032, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

454 259.032 Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund;  
455 purpose.-

456 (2) (a) The Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund is  
457 established within the Department of Environmental Protection.  
458 The fund shall be used as a nonlapsing, revolving fund  
459 exclusively for the purposes of this section. The Department of  
460 Revenue fund shall credit the fund each month ~~be credited~~ with  
461 the proceeds from the following excise taxes:

462 1. ~~The excise taxes on documents as provided in s. 201.15;~~

463 and

464 2. ~~The excise tax on the severance of phosphate rock as~~



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465 provided in s. 211.3103.

466

467 ~~The Department of Revenue shall credit to the fund each month~~  
468 ~~the proceeds from such taxes as provided in this paragraph.~~

469 Section 10. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 259.1051,  
470 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

471 259.1051 Florida Forever Trust Fund.—

472 (1) ~~There is created~~ The Florida Forever Trust Fund is  
473 created to carry out the purposes of ss. 259.032, 259.105,  
474 259.1052, and 375.031. The Florida Forever Trust Fund shall be  
475 held and administered by the department ~~of Environmental~~  
476 ~~Protection~~. Proceeds from the sale of bonds, except proceeds of  
477 refunding bonds, issued pursuant to ~~under~~ s. 215.618 and payable  
478 from moneys transferred to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund  
479 pursuant to ~~under~~ s. 201.15(1)(~~a~~), not to exceed \$5.3 billion,  
480 shall ~~must~~ be deposited into this trust fund to be distributed  
481 and used as provided in s. 259.105(3). The bond resolution  
482 adopted by the governing board of the division ~~of Bond Finance~~  
483 ~~of the State Board of Administration~~ may provide for additional  
484 provisions that govern the disbursement of the bond proceeds.

485 (3) The department ~~of Environmental Protection~~ shall ensure  
486 that the proceeds from the sale of bonds issued pursuant to  
487 ~~under~~ s. 215.618 and payable from moneys transferred to the Land  
488 Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to ~~under~~ s. 201.15(1)(~~a~~) are  
489 ~~shall be~~ administered and expended in a manner that ensures  
490 compliance of each issue of bonds that are issued on the basis  
491 that interest thereon will be excluded from gross income for  
492 federal income tax purposes, with the applicable provisions of  
493 the United States Internal Revenue Code and the regulations

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494 adopted ~~promulgated~~ thereunder, to the extent necessary to  
495 preserve the exclusion of interest on the bonds from gross  
496 income for federal income tax purposes. The department ~~of~~  
497 ~~Environmental Protection~~ shall administer the use and  
498 disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds or require that such  
499 ~~the~~ use and disbursement ~~thereof~~ be administered in a manner to  
500 implement strategies to maximize any available benefits under  
501 the applicable provisions of the United States Internal Revenue  
502 Code or regulations adopted ~~promulgated~~ thereunder, if  
503 consistent ~~to the extent not inconsistent~~ with the purposes  
504 identified in s. 259.105(3).

505 Section 11. Subsection (4) of section 339.0801, Florida  
506 Statutes, is amended to read:

507 339.0801 Allocation of increased revenues derived from  
508 amendments to s. 319.32(5)(a) by ch. 2012-128.—Funds that result  
509 from increased revenues to the State Transportation Trust Fund  
510 derived from the amendments to s. 319.32(5)(a) made by this act  
511 must be used annually, first as set forth in subsection (1) and  
512 then as set forth in subsections (2)-(5), notwithstanding any  
513 other provision of law:

514 (4) Beginning in the 2013-2014 fiscal year and annually  
515 thereafter, \$10 million shall be allocated to the Small County  
516 Outreach Program, to be used as specified in s. 339.2818. These  
517 funds are in addition to the funds provided for the program  
518 pursuant to s. 201.15 ~~in s. 201.15(1)(c)1.b.~~

519 Section 12. Subsection (9) of section 339.55, Florida  
520 Statutes, is amended to read:

521 339.55 State-funded infrastructure bank.—

522 (9) Funds paid into the State Transportation Trust Fund

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523 pursuant to s. 201.15 ~~s. 201.15(1)(e)~~ for the purposes of the  
524 State Infrastructure Bank are hereby annually appropriated for  
525 expenditure to support that program.

526 Section 13. Subsection (5) of section 341.303, Florida  
527 Statutes, is amended to read:

528 341.303 Funding authorization and appropriations;  
529 eligibility and participation.—

530 (5) FUND PARTICIPATION; FLORIDA RAIL ENTERPRISE.—

531 ~~(a)~~ The department, through the Florida Rail Enterprise, is  
532 authorized to use funds provided pursuant to s. 201.15(4)(a)4.  
533 ~~under s. 201.15(1)(e)1.d.~~ to fund:

534 (a) Up to 50 percent of the nonfederal share of the costs  
535 of any eligible passenger rail capital improvement project.

536 ~~(b) The department, through the Florida Rail Enterprise, is~~  
537 ~~authorized to use funds provided under s. 201.15(1)(e)1.d. to~~  
538 ~~fund~~ Up to 100 percent of planning and development costs related  
539 to the provision of a passenger rail system, including, but not  
540 limited to, preliminary engineering, revenue studies,  
541 environmental impact studies, financial advisory services,  
542 engineering design, and other appropriate professional services.

543 ~~(c) The department, through the Florida Rail Enterprise, is~~  
544 ~~authorized to use funds provided under s. 201.15(1)(e)1.d. to~~  
545 ~~fund~~ The high-speed rail system.

546 ~~(d) The department, through the Florida Rail Enterprise, is~~  
547 ~~authorized to use funds provided under s. 201.15(1)(e)1.d. to~~  
548 ~~fund~~ Projects necessary to identify or address anticipated  
549 impacts of increased freight rail traffic resulting from the  
550 implementation of passenger rail systems as provided in s.  
551 341.302(3)(b).

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552 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
553 343.58, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

554 343.58 County funding for the South Florida Regional  
555 Transportation Authority.—

556 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
557 contrary and effective July 1, 2010, until as provided in  
558 paragraph (d), the department shall transfer annually from the  
559 State Transportation Trust Fund to the South Florida Regional  
560 Transportation Authority the amounts specified in subparagraph  
561 (a)1. or subparagraph (a)2.

562 (b) Funding required by this subsection may not be provided  
563 from the funds dedicated to the Florida Rail Enterprise pursuant  
564 to s. 201.15(4)(a)4 ~~under s. 201.15(1)(c)1.d.~~

565 Section 15. Section 369.252, Florida Statutes, is amended  
566 to read:

567 369.252 Invasive plant control on public lands.—The Fish  
568 and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall establish a program  
569 that will accomplish all of the following ~~to~~:

570 (1) Achieve eradication or maintenance control of invasive  
571 exotic plants on public lands when the scientific data indicate  
572 that they are detrimental to the state's natural environment or  
573 when the Commissioner of Agriculture finds that such plants or  
574 specific populations thereof are a threat to the agricultural  
575 productivity of the state.†

576 (2) Assist state and local government agencies in the  
577 development and implementation of coordinated management plans  
578 for the eradication or maintenance control of invasive exotic  
579 plant species on public lands.†

580 (3) Contract, or enter into agreements, with entities in

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581 the State University System or other governmental or private  
582 sector entities for research concerning control agents;  
583 production and growth of biological control agents; and  
584 development of workable methods for the eradication or  
585 maintenance control of invasive exotic plants on public lands.†  
586 and

587 (4) Use funds in the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund as  
588 authorized by the Legislature for carrying out activities under  
589 this section on public lands. ~~A minimum of 20 percent of the~~  
590 ~~amount credited to the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund~~  
591 ~~pursuant to s. 201.15(6) shall be used for the purpose of~~  
592 ~~controlling nonnative, upland, invasive plant species on public~~  
593 ~~lands.~~

594 Section 16. Subsection (2) of section 379.214, Florida  
595 Statutes, is amended to read:

596 379.214 Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund.—

597 (2) Funds to be credited to and uses of the trust fund  
598 shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of ss.  
599 ~~201.15~~, 206.606, 328.76, 369.20, 369.22, 369.252, and 379.502.

600 Section 17. Subsection (3) of section 379.362, Florida  
601 Statutes, is amended to read:

602 379.362 Wholesale and retail saltwater products dealers;  
603 regulation.—

604 (3) OYSTER MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION PROGRAMS.—The  
605 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall ~~use or~~  
606 ~~distribute funds paid into the State Treasury to the credit of~~  
607 ~~the General Inspection Trust Fund pursuant to s. 201.15, less~~  
608 ~~reasonable costs of administration, to fund the following oyster~~  
609 management and restoration programs in Apalachicola Bay and

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610 other oyster harvest areas in the state:

611 (a) The relaying and transplanting of live oysters.

612 (b) Shell planting to construct or rehabilitate oyster  
613 bars.

614 (c) Education programs for licensed oyster harvesters on  
615 oyster biology, aquaculture, boating and water safety,  
616 sanitation, resource conservation, small business management,  
617 and other relevant subjects.

618 (d) Research directed toward the enhancement of oyster  
619 production in the bay and the water management needs of the bay.

620 Section 18. Section 403.8911, Florida Statutes, is amended  
621 to read:

622 403.8911 Annual appropriation from the Water Protection and  
623 Sustainability Program Trust Fund.—

624 ~~(1)~~ Funds paid into the Water Protection and Sustainability  
625 Program Trust Fund ~~pursuant to s. 201.15~~ are hereby annually  
626 appropriated for expenditure for the purposes for which the  
627 ~~Water Protection and Sustainability Program~~ trust fund is  
628 established.

629 ~~(2)~~ If the ~~Water Protection and Sustainability Program~~  
630 trust fund is not created, such funds are hereby annually  
631 appropriated for expenditure from the Ecosystem Management and  
632 Restoration Trust Fund solely for the purposes established in s.  
633 403.890.

634 Section 19. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 420.5092,  
635 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

636 420.5092 Florida Affordable Housing Guarantee Program.—

637 (5) Pursuant to s. 16, Art. VII of the State Constitution,  
638 the corporation may issue, in accordance with s. 420.509,

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639 revenue bonds of the corporation to establish the guarantee  
640 fund. The ~~Such~~ revenue bonds are ~~shall be~~ primarily payable from  
641 and secured by annual debt service reserves, from interest  
642 earned on funds on deposit in the guarantee fund, from fees,  
643 charges, and reimbursements established by the corporation for  
644 the issuance of affordable housing guarantees, and from any  
645 other revenue sources received by the corporation and deposited  
646 by the corporation into the guarantee fund for the issuance of  
647 affordable housing guarantees. If ~~To the extent~~ such primary  
648 revenue sources are considered insufficient by the corporation,  
649 pursuant to the certification provided in subsection (6), to  
650 fully fund the annual debt service reserve, the certified  
651 deficiency in such reserve is also ~~shall be additionally~~ payable  
652 from the first proceeds of the documentary stamp tax moneys  
653 deposited into the State Housing Trust Fund pursuant to s.  
654 201.15(4)(c) and (d) ~~s. 201.15(9)(a) and (10)(a)~~ during the  
655 ensuing state fiscal year.

656 (6) (a) If the primary revenue sources to be used for  
657 repayment of revenue bonds used to establish the guarantee fund  
658 are insufficient for such repayment, the annual principal and  
659 interest due on each series of revenue bonds is ~~shall be~~ payable  
660 from funds in the annual debt service reserve. The corporation  
661 shall, before June 1 of each year, perform a financial audit to  
662 determine whether at the end of the state fiscal year there will  
663 be on deposit in the guarantee fund an annual debt service  
664 reserve from interest earned pursuant to the investment of the  
665 guarantee fund, fees, charges, and reimbursements received from  
666 issued affordable housing guarantees and other revenue sources  
667 available to the corporation. Based upon the findings in such

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668 guarantee fund financial audit, the corporation shall certify to  
669 the Chief Financial Officer the amount of any projected  
670 deficiency in the annual debt service reserve for any series of  
671 outstanding bonds as of the end of the state fiscal year and the  
672 amount necessary to maintain such annual debt service reserve.  
673 Upon receipt of such certification, the Chief Financial Officer  
674 shall transfer to the annual debt service reserve, from the  
675 first available taxes distributed to the State Housing Trust  
676 Fund pursuant to s. 201.15(4)(c) and (d) ~~s. 201.15(9)(a) and~~  
677 ~~(10)(a)~~ during the ensuing state fiscal year, the amount  
678 certified as necessary to maintain the annual debt service  
679 reserve.

680 (b) If the claims payment obligations under affordable  
681 housing guarantees from amounts on deposit in the guarantee fund  
682 would cause the claims paying rating assigned to the guarantee  
683 fund to be less than the third-highest rating classification of  
684 any nationally recognized rating service, which classifications  
685 being consistent with s. 215.84(3) and rules adopted thereto by  
686 the State Board of Administration, the corporation shall certify  
687 to the Chief Financial Officer the amount of such claims payment  
688 obligations. Upon receipt of such certification, the Chief  
689 Financial Officer shall transfer to the guarantee fund, from the  
690 first available taxes distributed to the State Housing Trust  
691 Fund pursuant to s. 201.15(4)(c) and (d) ~~s. 201.15(9)(a) and~~  
692 ~~(10)(a)~~ during the ensuing state fiscal year, the amount  
693 certified as necessary to meet such obligations, such transfer  
694 to be subordinate to any transfer referenced in paragraph (a)  
695 and not to exceed 50 percent of the amounts distributed to the  
696 State Housing Trust Fund pursuant to s. 201.15(4)(c) and (d) ~~s.~~



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697 ~~201.15(9)(a) and (10)(a)~~ during the preceding state fiscal year.

698 Section 20. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section  
699 420.9073, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

700 420.9073 Local housing distributions.—

701 (1) Distributions calculated in this section shall be  
702 disbursed on a quarterly or more frequent basis by the  
703 corporation pursuant to s. 420.9072, subject to availability of  
704 funds. Each county's share of the funds to be distributed from  
705 the portion of the funds in the Local Government Housing Trust  
706 Fund received pursuant to s. 201.15(4)(c) ~~s. 201.15(9)~~ shall be  
707 calculated by the corporation for each fiscal year as follows:

708 (a) Each county other than a county that has implemented  
709 ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 83-220, Laws of Florida, as amended by  
710 chapters 84-270, 86-152, and 89-252, Laws of Florida, shall  
711 receive the guaranteed amount for each fiscal year.

712 (b) Each county other than a county that has implemented  
713 ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 83-220, Laws of Florida, as amended by  
714 chapters 84-270, 86-152, and 89-252, Laws of Florida, may  
715 receive an additional share calculated as follows:

716 1. Multiply each county's percentage of the total state  
717 population excluding the population of any county that has  
718 implemented ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 83-220, Laws of Florida,  
719 as amended by chapters 84-270, 86-152, and 89-252, Laws of  
720 Florida, by the total funds to be distributed.

721 2. If the result in subparagraph 1. is less than the  
722 guaranteed amount as determined in subsection (3), that county's  
723 additional share shall be zero.

724 3. For each county in which the result in subparagraph 1.  
725 is greater than the guaranteed amount as determined in

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726 subsection (3), the amount calculated in subparagraph 1. shall  
727 be reduced by the guaranteed amount. The result for each such  
728 county shall be expressed as a percentage of the amounts so  
729 determined for all counties. Each such county shall receive an  
730 additional share equal to such percentage multiplied by the  
731 total funds received by the Local Government Housing Trust Fund  
732 pursuant to s. 201.15(4)(c) ~~s. 201.15(9)~~ reduced by the  
733 guaranteed amount paid to all counties.

734 (2) Distributions calculated in this section shall be  
735 disbursed on a quarterly or more frequent basis by the  
736 corporation pursuant to s. 420.9072, subject to availability of  
737 funds. Each county's share of the funds to be distributed from  
738 the portion of the funds in the Local Government Housing Trust  
739 Fund received pursuant to s. 201.15(4)(d) ~~s. 201.15(10)~~ shall be  
740 calculated by the corporation for each fiscal year as follows:

741 (a) Each county shall receive the guaranteed amount for  
742 each fiscal year.

743 (b) Each county may receive an additional share calculated  
744 as follows:

745 1. Multiply each county's percentage of the total state  
746 population, by the total funds to be distributed.

747 2. If the result in subparagraph 1. is less than the  
748 guaranteed amount as determined in subsection (3), that county's  
749 additional share shall be zero.

750 3. For each county in which the result in subparagraph 1.  
751 is greater than the guaranteed amount, the amount calculated in  
752 subparagraph 1. shall be reduced by the guaranteed amount. The  
753 result for each such county shall be expressed as a percentage  
754 of the amounts so determined for all counties. Each such county

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755 shall receive an additional share equal to this percentage  
 756 multiplied by the total funds received by the Local Government  
 757 Housing Trust Fund pursuant to s. 201.15(4)(d) ~~s. 201.15(10)~~ as  
 758 reduced by the guaranteed amount paid to all counties.

759 (3) Calculation of guaranteed amounts:

760 (a) The guaranteed amount under subsection (1) shall be  
 761 calculated for each state fiscal year by multiplying \$350,000 by  
 762 a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of funds  
 763 distributed to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund pursuant  
 764 to s. 201.15(4)(c) ~~s. 201.15(9)~~ and the denominator of which is  
 765 the total amount of funds distributed to the Local Government  
 766 Housing Trust Fund pursuant to s. 201.15.

767 (b) The guaranteed amount under subsection (2) shall be  
 768 calculated for each state fiscal year by multiplying \$350,000 by  
 769 a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of funds  
 770 distributed to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund pursuant  
 771 to s. 201.15(4)(d) ~~s. 201.15(10)~~ and the denominator of which is  
 772 the total amount of funds distributed to the Local Government  
 773 Housing Trust Fund pursuant to s. 201.15.

774 Section 21. Subsection (2) of s. 201.031, subsection (6) of  
 775 s. 339.2818, subsection (5) of s. 339.2819, subsection (3) of s.  
 776 339.61, subsection (6) of s. 341.051, paragraph (e) of  
 777 subsection (4) of s. 373.470, and subsection (1) of s. 420.9079,  
 778 Florida Statutes, are reenacted for the purpose of incorporating  
 779 the amendment made by this act to s. 201.15, Florida Statutes,  
 780 in references thereto.

781 Section 22. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

