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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to state parks and preserves; amending s. 258.42, F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions regarding the establishment of rules by the Department of Environmental Protection; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 258.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

258.42 Maintenance of preserves.—The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall maintain such aquatic preserves subject to the following provisions:

- (1)(a) No further sale, lease, or transfer of sovereignty submerged lands shall be approved or consummated by the trustees except when such sale, lease, or transfer is in the public interest.
- (b) For purposes of this subsection, aquaculture is in the public interest and aquaculture leases may be authorized in aquatic preserves pursuant to the provisions in ss. 253.68-253.75. By March 1, 1997, The Department of Environmental Protection is further directed to establish rules for freshwater aquatic preserves and urban aquatic preserves.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.