THE FLORIDA SENATE 2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

CS/HB 1047 — Construction Materials Mining Activities

by Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Avila and others (SB 1618 by Senator Diaz)

The bill creates a pilot program in the Division of the State Fire Marshal (Division) within the Department of Financial Services for the monitoring and reporting of each blast resulting from the use of explosives for construction materials mining activities in Miami-Dade County. The bill requires the State Fire Marshal to post the report on the Division's website and to adopt rules to implement and enforce the act.

The bill requires the State Fire Marshal to hire or contract with seismologists to monitor and report, at minimum, the ground vibration, frequency, intensity, air blast, and time and date of the blast. The bill prohibits the seismologists from certain conflicts of interest or dishonest practices.

The bill requires a person who engages in construction materials mining activities to provide written notice to the State Fire Marshal of the use of an explosive for such activities in Miami-Dade County before the detonation of the explosive.

The bill appropriates, for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, a recurring sum of \$600,000 and a nonrecurring sum of \$440,000 from the General Revenue Fund, and a nonrecurring sum of \$1,000,000 from the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund to the Division for the purpose of implementing the pilot program created under the bill.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 118-0

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