

By the Committee on Natural Resources and Senator Rossin

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to state property owned by the
Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission;
transferring certain described property from
the state to Palm Beach County; providing a
contingency; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the air quality and building conditions in the
existing offices of the West Palm Beach regional office of the
Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission are dangerous to
employees and the public, and

WHEREAS, several buildings on the aforementioned
property have been condemned, and

WHEREAS, the cost of removing and replacing buildings
at this site is beyond the means of the State of Florida, NOW,
THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. In recognition of the fact that the Game
and Fresh Water Fish Commission can no longer use its property
at 551 N. Military Trail in West Palm Beach, the commission is
directed to transfer its ownership interest in the land and
facilities at this site to the County of Palm Beach. Such
transfer of ownership is contingent upon the commission's
determination that such transfer will not result in
ineligibility for future federal funds from the U.S.
Department of Interior since federal funds had been used to
construct facilities at this location.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SB 1322

The committee substitute clarifies that the owner of the property is the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFWFC) and that the transfer of ownership includes both land and facilities. The transfer is made contingent on the GFWFC determining that the transfer will not result in an ineligibility for future federal funds.