

By Representative Posey

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to state funds; amending s.
 3 370.12, F.S.; providing a condition under which
 4 the annual allocation of funds to the Save the
 5 Manatee Trust Fund shall be reduced; providing
 6 specified restrictions on the expenditure of
 7 state funds; providing an effective date.
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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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 11 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (5) of section
 12 370.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 13 370.12 Marine animals; regulation.--
 14 (5) ANNUAL FUNDING OF PROGRAMS FOR MARINE ANIMALS.--
 15 (d) When the federal and state governments remove the
 16 manatee from status as an endangered or threatened species,
 17 the annual allocation may be reduced. When the number of
 18 living manatees exceeds the number of manatees that existed
 19 during the periods both 10 years and 100 years previously, the
 20 annual allocation shall be reduced.
 21 Section 2. No state funds may be expended or utilized
 22 in any manner by any private organization for the payment of
 23 any legal fees incurred as the result of a challenge to, or
 24 opposition of, any rule, regulation, or statute lawfully
 25 adopted by the State of Florida or any agency or
 26 instrumentality thereof. No state funds may be expended or
 27 utilized in any manner by any private organization for the
 28 payment of any legal fees in any action which would result in
 29 the dilution, inordinate burden, restriction, or limitation of
 30 private property rights of any landowner within the State of
 31 Florida. Any private organization receiving state funds which

1 expends or utilizes in any manner such funds for the payment
2 of any legal fees incurred as the result of a challenge to, or
3 opposition of, any rule or regulation of the Florida
4 Department of Environmental Protection shall be prohibited
5 from further receipt of state funds.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
7 law.

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10 HOUSE SUMMARY

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12 funds to the Save the Manatee Trust Fund shall be
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