

By Representative Putnam

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to transportation; amending s.
3 334.044, F.S.; providing for the allocation of
4 a certain percentage of road projects for
5 roadside beautification by the Department of
6 Transportation; providing for administration;
7 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. Subsection (26) of section 334.044, Florida
12 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

13 334.044 Department; powers and duties.--The department
14 shall have the following general powers and duties:

15 (26) To provide for the conservation of natural
16 roadside growth and scenery and for the implementation and
17 maintenance of roadside beautification programs. To accomplish
18 this, the department shall allocate no less than 2 percent of
19 its total project budget to beautification; no less than 1
20 percent will be spent on existing roads and no less than 1
21 percent on new road construction. Only large plant materials
22 purchased from Florida-based nurserymen stock on a competitive
23 bid basis will be used. This program will be administered by
24 Keep Florida Beautiful, Incorporated.To accomplish these
25 activities, the department may contract with nonprofit
26 organizations having the primary purpose of developing youth
27 employment opportunities.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Directs the Department of Transportation to allocate no less than 2 percent of the cost of road projects specifically for roadside beautification. Provides that no less than 1 percent shall be spent on existing roads and no less than 1 percent on new road construction. Provides for the use of Florida-based nurserymen stock. Provides that the program will be administered by Keep Florida Beautiful, Incorporated.