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See HB 329

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to limerock mining; amending s.  
3           373.4149, F.S., relating to the Miami-Dade  
4           County Lake Belt Plan; providing legislative  
5           intent; revising description of land included  
6           in the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Area;  
7           providing for local land use jurisdiction and  
8           for land use compatibility within the Lake Belt  
9           Area; requiring certain notice of mining  
10          activities; revising membership of the  
11          Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Plan Implementation  
12          Committee; providing additional requirements  
13          for Phase II of the Lake Belt Plan; extending  
14          the existence of the implementation committee;  
15          deleting requirement for development of a  
16          comprehensive mitigation plan; creating s.  
17          373.41492, F.S.; imposing a mitigation fee on  
18          commercial extraction of limerock and sand from  
19          the Lake Belt Area; providing an exemption;  
20          providing procedures for collection, report,  
21          and disposition of fees; providing for  
22          enforcement and penalties; providing duties and  
23          authority of the Department of Revenue;  
24          providing for rules; providing for annual  
25          indexed fee increases after a specified date;  
26          providing purpose of fees for wetlands  
27          mitigation and specifying uses; requiring  
28          approval of expenditures by an interagency  
29          committee; providing membership of the  
30          committee; providing that payment of the fee  
31          satisfies certain mitigation requirements;

1 providing for suspension of the fee under  
2 certain circumstances; requiring interagency  
3 committee reports to the South Florida Water  
4 Management District and the Legislature;  
5 amending ss. 373.4415, 378.4115, F.S.;  
6 correcting references to conform to the  
7 county's name change; providing severability;  
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 373.4149, Florida Statutes, is  
13 amended to read:

14 373.4149 Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake Belt Plan.--

15 (1) The Legislature hereby accepts and adopts the  
16 recommendations contained in the Phase I Lake Belt Report and  
17 Plan, known as the "Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake Plan," dated  
18 February 1997 and submitted by the Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake  
19 Belt Plan Implementation Committee. By adoption of the  
20 Miami-Dade County Lake Plan it is not the intent of the  
21 Legislature to preempt or preclude local comprehensive plans  
22 or zoning in regards to other uses within the Miami-Dade  
23 County Lake Belt Area.

24 (2)(a) The Legislature recognizes that deposits of  
25 limestone and sand suitable for production of construction  
26 aggregates, cement, and road base materials are located in  
27 limited areas of the state.

28 (b) The Legislature recognizes that the deposit of  
29 limestone available in South Florida is limited due to  
30 urbanization to the east and the Everglades to the west.

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1           (3) The Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake Belt Area is that  
2 area bounded by the Florida Turnpike to the east, the  
3 Miami-Dade-Broward ~~Dade-Broward~~ County line to the north,  
4 Krome Avenue to the west and Tamiami Trail to the south  
5 together with the land south of Tamiami Trail in sections 5,  
6 6, 7, 8, 17, and 18, Township 54 South, Range 39 East, ~~and in~~  
7 ~~sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township~~  
8 54 South, Range 38 East, less those portions of section 10,  
9 except the west one-half, section 11, except the northeast  
10 one-quarter and the east one-half of the northwest  
11 one-quarter, and tracts 38 through 41, and tracts 49 through  
12 64 inclusive, section 13, except tracts 17 through 35 and  
13 tracts 46 through 48, and section 14, except the west three  
14 quarters, Township 54 South, Range 39 East, lying north of the  
15 Miami Canal, sections 35 and 36 and the east one-half of  
16 sections 24 and 25, Township 53 South, Range 39 East and  
17 Government Lots 1 and 2, lying between Townships 53 and 54  
18 South, Range 39 East and those portions of sections 1 and 2,  
19 Township 54 South, Range 39 East, lying north of Tamiami  
20 Trail.

21           (4) The identification of the Miami-Dade County Lake  
22 Belt Area shall not preempt local land use jurisdiction or the  
23 use of land for other purposes by private land owners;  
24 provided, however, local comprehensive plans, zoning  
25 regulations, development regulations, and other local  
26 regulations shall accommodate limestone mining activities and  
27 related operations, such as lake excavation, including use of  
28 explosives, rock processing, cement, concrete and asphalt  
29 products manufacturing, and ancillary activities, within the  
30 rock mining supported and allowable areas of the Miami-Dade  
31 County Lake Plan adopted by subsection (1). Rezoning or

1 amendments to local comprehensive plans concerning properties  
2 that are located within 1 mile of the Miami-Dade Lake Belt  
3 Area shall be compatible with limestone mining activities. No  
4 rezonings, variances, or amendments to local comprehensive  
5 plans for any residential purpose may be approved for any  
6 property located in sections 35 and 36 and the east one-half  
7 of sections 24 and 25, Township 53 South, Range 39 East until  
8 such time as there is no active mining within 2 miles of the  
9 property. This section does not preclude residential  
10 development that complies with current regulations.

11 (5) Beginning October 1, 1999, before the sale, lease,  
12 or the issuance of a development order, including the approval  
13 of a change in land use designation or zoning, for any real  
14 property located inside the Miami-Dade Lake Belt Area or  
15 within 2 miles of the boundary of the Miami-Dade Lake Belt  
16 Area, the entity holding title to the real property is  
17 required to submit a written affidavit of disclosure to  
18 Miami-Dade County in a form prescribed by the county that is  
19 suitable for recording:

20 (a) Acknowledging the existence of limestone mining  
21 activities involving the use of explosives within close  
22 proximity of the real property proposed to be sold, leased,  
23 used, or developed;

24 (b) Agreeing to provide copies of the affidavit of  
25 disclosure to all subsequent parties to whom whole or part  
26 interest in the real property is transferred, by sale, lease,  
27 or any other means; and

28 (c) Acknowledging potential civil liability, as well  
29 as fines and penalties that could result from failure to  
30 provide disclosure under this section.

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1 Failure to substantially comply with the provisions of this  
2 subsection makes the sale of the real property or interest  
3 therein voidable at the purchaser's option for a period of 7  
4 years from the date of the affidavit of disclosure.

5 (6)~~(4)~~ The Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake Belt Plan  
6 Implementation Committee shall be appointed by the governing  
7 board of the South Florida Water Management District to  
8 develop a strategy for the design and implementation of the  
9 Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake Belt Plan. The committee shall  
10 consist of the chair of the governing board of the South  
11 Florida Water Management District, who shall serve as chair of  
12 the committee, the policy director of Environmental and Growth  
13 Management in the office of the Governor, the secretary of the  
14 Department of Environmental Protection, the director of the  
15 Division of Resource Management or its successor division  
16 within the Department of Environmental Protection, the  
17 director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
18 Development within the office of the Governor, the secretary  
19 of the Department of Community Affairs, the executive director  
20 of the Game and Freshwater Fish Commission, the director of  
21 the Department of Environmental Resource Management of  
22 Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County, the director of the Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~  
23 County Water and Sewer Department, the Director of Planning in  
24 Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County, a representative of the Friends of the  
25 Everglades, a representative of the Florida Audubon Society, a  
26 representative of the Florida chapter of the Sierra Club, four  
27 representatives ~~a representative~~ of the nonmining private  
28 landowners within the Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake Belt Area,  
29 and four representatives from the limestone mining industry to  
30 be appointed by the governing board of the South Florida Water  
31 Management District. Two ex officio seats on the committee

1 will be filled by one member of the Florida House of  
2 Representatives to be selected by the Speaker of the House of  
3 Representatives from among representatives whose districts, or  
4 some portion of whose districts, are included within the  
5 geographical scope of the committee as described in subsection  
6 (3), and one member of the Florida Senate to be selected by  
7 the President of the Senate from among senators whose  
8 districts, or some portion of whose districts, are included  
9 within the geographical scope of the committee as described in  
10 subsection (3). The committee may appoint other ex officio  
11 members, as needed, by a majority vote of all committee  
12 members. A committee member may designate in writing an  
13 alternate member who, in the member's absence, may participate  
14 and vote in committee meetings.

15 (7)~~(5)~~ The committee shall develop Phase II of the  
16 Lake Belt Plan which shall:

17 (a) Include a detailed master plan to further  
18 implementation;

19 (b) Consider the feasibility of a common mitigation  
20 plan for nonrock mining uses, including a nonrock mining  
21 mitigation fee. Any mitigation fee shall be for the limited  
22 purpose of offsetting the loss of wetland functions and values  
23 and not as a revenue source for other purposes.

24 (c)~~(b)~~ Further address compatible land uses,  
25 opportunities, and potential conflicts;

26 (d)~~(c)~~ Provide for additional wellfield protection;

27 (e)~~(d)~~ Provide measures to prevent the  
28 reclassification of the Northwest Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County wells  
29 as groundwater under the direct influence of surface water;  
30 (f)~~(e)~~ Secure additional funding sources; ~~and~~

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1            (g)~~(f)~~ Consider the need to establish a land  
2 authority; and-

3            (h) Analyze the hydrological impacts resulting from  
4 the future mining included in the Lake Belt Plan and recommend  
5 appropriate mitigation measures, if needed, to be incorporated  
6 into the Lake Belt Mitigation Plan.

7            (8)~~(6)~~ The committee shall remain in effect until  
8 January 1, 2002 ~~2001~~, and shall meet as deemed necessary by  
9 the chair. The committee shall monitor and direct progress  
10 toward developing and implementing the plan. The committee  
11 shall submit progress reports to the governing board of the  
12 South Florida Water Management District and the Legislature by  
13 December 31 of each year. These reports shall include a  
14 summary of the activities of the committee, updates on all  
15 ongoing studies, any other relevant information gathered  
16 during the calendar year, and the committee recommendations  
17 for legislative and regulatory revisions. The committee shall  
18 submit a Phase II report and plan to the governing board of  
19 the South Florida Water Management District and the  
20 Legislature by December 31, 2000, to supplement the Phase I  
21 report submitted on February 28, 1997. The Phase II report  
22 must include the detailed master plan for the Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~  
23 County Lake Belt Area together with the final reports on all  
24 studies, the final recommendations of the committee, the  
25 status of implementation of Phase I recommendations and other  
26 relevant information, and the committee's recommendation for  
27 legislative and regulatory revisions.

28            (9)~~(7)~~ The committee shall report to the governing  
29 board of the South Florida Water Management District  
30 semiannually.

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1           (10)~~(8)~~ In carrying out its work, the committee shall  
2 solicit comments from scientific and economic advisors and  
3 governmental, public, and private interests. The committee  
4 shall provide meeting notes, reports, and the strategy  
5 document in a timely manner for public comment.

6           (11)~~(9)~~ The committee is authorized to seek from the  
7 agencies or entities represented on the committee any grants  
8 or funds necessary to enable it to carry out its charge.

9           ~~(10) The Department of Environmental Protection, in  
10 conjunction with the South Florida Water Management District  
11 and the Dade County Department of Environmental Resources  
12 Management, is directed to develop a comprehensive mitigation  
13 plan for the Dade County Lake Belt Plan, subject to approval  
14 by the Legislature, which offsets the loss of wetland  
15 functions and values resulting from rock mining in  
16 mining-supported and allowable areas.~~

17           (12)~~(11)~~ The secretary of the Department of  
18 Environmental Protection, the secretary of the Department of  
19 Community Affairs, the secretary of the Department of  
20 Transportation, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the executive  
21 director of the Game and Freshwater Fish Commission, and the  
22 executive director of the South Florida Water Management  
23 District may enter into agreements with landowners,  
24 developers, businesses, industries, individuals, and  
25 governmental agencies as necessary to effectuate the  
26 provisions of this section.

27           (13)~~(12)~~(a) All agencies of the state shall review the  
28 status of their landholdings within the boundaries of the  
29 Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake Belt. Those lands for which no  
30 present or future use is identified must be made available,  
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1 together with other suitable lands, to the committee for its  
2 use in carrying out the objectives of this act.

3 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that lands  
4 provided to the committee be used for land exchanges to  
5 further the objectives of this act.

6 Section 2. Section 373.41492, Florida Statutes, is  
7 created to read:

8 373.41492 Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Mitigation Plan;  
9 mitigation for mining activities within the Miami-Dade County  
10 Lake Belt.--

11 (1) The Legislature finds that the impact of mining  
12 within the rock mining supported and allowable areas of the  
13 Miami-Dade County Lake Plan adopted by s. 373.4149(1) can best  
14 be offset by a mitigation plan that is designated the "Lake  
15 Belt Mitigation Plan." The per-ton mitigation fee assessed on  
16 limestone sold from the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Area and  
17 sections 10, 11, 13, 14, Township 52 South, Range 39 East, and  
18 sections 24, 25, 35, and 36, Township 53 South, Range 39 East,  
19 shall be used for acquiring environmentally sensitive lands  
20 and for restoration, maintenance, and other environmental  
21 purposes. It is the intent of the Legislature that the per-ton  
22 mitigation fee shall not be a revenue source for purposes  
23 other than enumerated herein. Further, the Legislature finds  
24 that the public benefit of a sustainable supply of limestone  
25 construction materials for public and private projects  
26 requires a coordinated approach to permitting activities on  
27 wetlands within Miami-Dade County in order to provide the  
28 certainty necessary to encourage substantial and continued  
29 investment in the limestone processing plant and equipment  
30 required to efficiently extract the limestone resource. It is  
31 the intent of the Legislature that the Lake Belt Mitigation

1 Plan satisfy all local, state, and federal requirements for  
2 mining activity within the rock mining supported and allowable  
3 areas.

4 (2) To provide for the mitigation of wetland resources  
5 lost to mining activities within the Miami-Dade County Lake  
6 Belt Plan, effective October 1, 1999, a mitigation fee is  
7 imposed on each ton of limerock and sand extracted by any  
8 person who engages in the business of extracting limerock or  
9 sand from within the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Area and  
10 sections 10, 11, 13, 14, Township 52 South, Range 39 East, and  
11 sections 24, 25, 35, and 36, Township 53 South, Range 39 East.  
12 The mitigation fee is at the rate of 5 cents for each ton of  
13 limerock and sand sold from within the properties where the  
14 fee applies in raw, processed, or manufactured form,  
15 including, but not limited to, sized aggregate, asphalt,  
16 cement, concrete, and other limerock and concrete products.  
17 Any limerock or sand that is used within the mine from which  
18 the limerock or sand is extracted is exempt from the fee. The  
19 amount of the mitigation fee imposed under this section must  
20 be stated separately on the invoice provided to the purchaser  
21 of the limerock product from the limerock miner, or its  
22 subsidiary or affiliate, for which the mitigation fee applies.  
23 The limerock miner, or its subsidiary or affiliate, who sells  
24 the limerock product shall collect the mitigation fee and  
25 forward the proceeds of the fee to the Department of Revenue  
26 on or before the 20th day of the month following the calendar  
27 month in which the sale occurs.

28 (3) The mitigation fee imposed by this section must be  
29 reported to the Department of Revenue. Payment of the  
30 mitigation fee must be accompanied by a form prescribed by the  
31 Department of Revenue. The proceeds of the fee, less

1 administrative costs, must be transferred by the Department of  
2 Revenue to the South Florida Water Management District and  
3 deposited into the Lake Belt Mitigation Trust Fund. As used in  
4 this section, the term "proceeds of the fee" means all funds  
5 collected and received by the Department of Revenue under this  
6 section, including interest and penalties on delinquent  
7 mitigation fees. The amount deducted for administrative costs  
8 may not exceed 3 percent of the total revenues collected under  
9 this section and may equal only those administrative costs  
10 reasonably attributable to the mitigation fee.

11 (4)(a) The Department of Revenue shall administer,  
12 collect, and enforce the mitigation fee authorized under this  
13 section in accordance with the procedures used to administer,  
14 collect, and enforce the general sales tax imposed under  
15 chapter 212. The provisions of chapter 212 with respect to the  
16 authority of the Department of Revenue to audit and make  
17 assessments, the keeping of books and records, and the  
18 interest and penalties imposed on delinquent fees apply to  
19 this section. The fee may not be included in computing  
20 estimated taxes under s. 212.11, and the dealer's credit for  
21 collecting taxes or fees provided for in s. 212.12 does not  
22 apply to the mitigation fee imposed by this section.

23 (b) In administering this section, the Department of  
24 Revenue may employ persons and incur expenses for which funds  
25 are appropriated by the Legislature. The Department of Revenue  
26 shall adopt rules and prescribe and publish forms necessary to  
27 administer this section. The Department of Revenue shall  
28 establish audit procedures and may assess delinquent fees.

29 (5) Beginning January 1, 2001, and each January 1  
30 thereafter, the per-ton mitigation fee shall be increased by  
31 2.1 percentage points, plus a cost growth index. The cost

1 growth index shall be the percentage change in the weighted  
2 average of the Employment Cost Index for All Civilian Workers  
3 (ecu 10001I), issued by the United States Department of Labor  
4 for the most recent 12-month period ending on September 30,  
5 and the percentage change in the Producer Price Index for All  
6 Commodities (WPU 00000000), issued by the United States  
7 Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending  
8 on September 30, compared to the weighted average of these  
9 indices for the previous year. The weighted average shall be  
10 calculated as 0.6 times the percentage change in the  
11 Employment Cost Index for All Civilian Workers (ecu 10001I),  
12 plus 0.4 times the percentage change in the Producer Price  
13 Index for All Commodities (WPU 00000000). If either index is  
14 discontinued, it shall be replaced by its successor index, as  
15 identified by the United States Department of Labor.

16 (6)(a) The proceeds of the mitigation fee must be used  
17 to conduct mitigation activities that are appropriate to  
18 offset the loss of the value and functions of wetlands as a  
19 result of mining activities and must be used in a manner  
20 consistent with the recommendations contained in the reports  
21 submitted to the Legislature by the Miami-Dade County Lake  
22 Belt Plan Implementation Committee and adopted under s.  
23 373.4149. Such mitigation may include the purchase,  
24 enhancement, restoration, and management of wetlands and  
25 uplands, the purchase of mitigation credit from a permitted  
26 mitigation bank, and any structural modifications to the  
27 existing drainage system to enhance the hydrology of the  
28 Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Area. Funds may also be used to  
29 reimburse other funding sources, including the Save Our Rivers  
30 Land Acquisition Program and the Internal Improvement Trust  
31 Fund, for the purchase of lands that were acquired in areas

1 appropriate for mitigation due to rock mining and to reimburse  
2 governmental agencies that exchanged land under s. 373.4149  
3 for mitigation due to rockmining.

4 (b) Expenditures must be approved by an interagency  
5 consists of representatives from each of the following: the  
6 Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resource  
7 Management, the Department of Environmental Protection, the  
8 South Florida Water Management District, and the Game and  
9 Fresh Water Fish Commission. In addition, the limerock mining  
10 industry shall select a representative to serve as a nonvoting  
11 member of the interagency committee. At the discretion of the  
12 committee, additional members may be added to represent  
13 federal regulatory, environmental, and fish and wildlife  
14 agencies.

15 (7) Payment of the fee imposed by this section  
16 satisfies the mitigation requirements imposed under ss.  
17 373.403-373.439 and any applicable county ordinance for loss  
18 of the value and functions from mining of the wetlands  
19 identified as rockmining supported and allowable areas of the  
20 Miami-Dade County Lake Plan adopted by s. 373.4149(1). In  
21 addition, it is the intent of the Legislature that the payment  
22 of the mitigation fee imposed by this section satisfy all  
23 federal mitigation requirements for the wetlands mined.

24 (8) If a general permit by the United States Army  
25 Corps of Engineers, or an appropriate long-term permit for  
26 mining, consistent with the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Plan,  
27 this section, and ss. 373.4149, 373.4415, and 378.4115 is not  
28 issued on or before September 30, 2000, the fee imposed by  
29 this section is suspended until revived by the Legislature.

30 (9)(a) The interagency committee established in this  
31 section shall annually prepare and submit to the governing

1 board of the South Florida Water Management District a report  
2 evaluating the mitigation costs and revenues generated by the  
3 mitigation fee.

4 (b) No sooner than January 31, 2010, and no more  
5 frequently than every 10 years thereafter, the interagency  
6 committee shall submit to the Legislature a report  
7 recommending any needed adjustments to the mitigation fee to  
8 ensure that the revenue generated reflects the actual costs of  
9 the mitigation.

10 Section 3. Section 373.4415, Florida Statutes, is  
11 amended to read:

12 373.4415 Role of Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County in processing  
13 permits for limerock mining in Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake  
14 Belt.--The department and Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County shall  
15 cooperate to establish and fulfill reasonable requirements for  
16 the departmental delegation to the Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County  
17 Department of Environmental Resource Management of authority  
18 to implement the permitting program under ss. 373.403-373.439  
19 for limerock mining activities within the geographic area of  
20 the Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake Belt which was recommended for  
21 mining in the report submitted to the Legislature in February  
22 1997 by the Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake Belt Plan  
23 Implementation Committee under s. 373.4149. The delegation of  
24 authority must be consistent with s. 373.441 and chapter  
25 62-344, Florida Administrative Code. To further streamline  
26 permitting within the Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake Belt, the  
27 department and Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County are encouraged to work  
28 with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to establish a  
29 general permit under s. 404 of the Clean Water Act for  
30 limerock mining activities within the geographic area of the  
31 Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake Belt consistent with the report

1 submitted in February 1997. Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County is further  
2 encouraged to seek delegation from the United States Army  
3 Corps of Engineers for the implementation of any such general  
4 permit. This section does not limit the authority of the  
5 department to delegate other responsibilities to Miami-Dade  
6 ~~Dade~~ County under this part.

7 Section 4. Section 378.4115, Florida Statutes, is  
8 amended to read:

9 378.4115 County certification for limerock mining in  
10 the Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake Belt.--The department and  
11 Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County shall cooperate to establish and  
12 fulfill reasonable requirements for the departmental  
13 certification of the Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Department of  
14 Environmental Resource Management to implement the reclamation  
15 program under ss. 378.401-378.503 for limerock mining  
16 activities within the geographic area of the Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~  
17 County Lake Belt which was recommended for mining in the  
18 report submitted to the Legislature in February 1997 by the  
19 Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County Lake Belt Plan Implementation Committee  
20 under s. 373.4149. The delegation of implementing authority  
21 must be consistent with s. 378.411 and chapter 62C-36, Florida  
22 Administrative Code. Further, the reclamation program shall  
23 maximize the efficient mining of limestone and the littoral  
24 area surrounding the lake excavations shall not be required to  
25 be greater than 100 feet average in width.

26 Section 5. If any provision of this act or the  
27 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held  
28 invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or  
29 applications of the act which can be given effect without the  
30 invalid provision or application, and to this end the  
31 provisions of this act are declared severable.

1           Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
2 law.

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5                           LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

6           Excludes a described area from the Miami-Dade County Lake  
7 Belt Area. Provides for compatibility of land uses within  
8 the Lake Belt Area with limerock mining activities.  
9 Requires local government to provide public notice of the  
10 location of limerock mining activities. Increases the  
11 number of nonmining private landowner members of the  
12 Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Plan Implementation Committee  
13 and continues the committee's existence until January 1,  
14 2002. Provides additional requirements for Phase II of  
15 the Lake Belt Plan. Imposes a wetlands mitigation fee on  
16 the commercial extraction of limerock and sand from the  
Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Area, to be collected,  
administered, and enforced by the Department of Revenue,  
for use in offsetting the effects of limerock mining  
within the Lake Belt Area by acquiring environmentally  
sensitive lands and for restoration, maintenance, and  
other environmental purposes. Provides for annual fee  
increases beginning January 1, 2001. Provides for  
suspension of the fee under certain circumstances. (See  
bill for details.)

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