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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS
TRUST FUND RE-CREATION ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1279 (PCB HHS 00-30)

RELATING TO: Re-creating the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund in the Department of Health

SPONSOR(S): Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations

TIED BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Department of Health Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Department of Health Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund, FLAIR # 64-2-122, is administered by the Department of Health. This fund was created effective May 26, 1999, by Chapter 98-196, Laws of Florida.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 20.435, F.S., creates the trust fund, provides revenue sources for the fund, and defines the uses of the fund.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND'S USES OR PURPOSES:

The fund tracks receipts and expenditures of those tobacco settlement funds that are authorized by law to be expended by the Department of Health.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The major sources of revenue for the fund are annual payments to the state that account for the settlement funds paid by various tobacco manufacturers and other defendants named in the legal action in February, 1995. According to Comptroller data, receipts to this fund for FY 1998-99 were \$1,483,236,968.82.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

On December 6, 1999, the Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee adopted a technical amendment correcting a statutory reference in the title.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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