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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to condominiums; creating the
3 Condominium Study Commission; providing for
4 membership; providing legislative intent;
5 providing for duties; providing for
6 recommendations; providing an appropriation;
7 providing for future repeal; providing an
8 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. Condominium Study Commission; appointment
13 of members; duties; recommendations.--

14 (1) There is created the Condominium Study Commission.
15 The commission is to consist of 15 members. Five members of
16 the commission, at least two of whom are members of the
17 Legislature, are to be appointed by the Speaker of the House
18 of Representatives; five members, at least two of whom are
19 members of the Legislature, are to be appointed by the
20 President of the Senate; and five members who are not members
21 of the Legislature are to be appointed by the Governor.
22 Persons appointed to the commission should represent a
23 cross-section of persons interested in condominium issues. In
24 addition to the appointed members, the director of the
25 Division of Florida Land Sales, Condominiums, and Mobile Homes
26 shall serve as ex officio member of the commission. For
27 administrative purposes, the commission is assigned to the
28 Division of Florida Land Sales, Condominiums, and Mobile Homes
29 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
30 (2) The commission shall conduct public hearings
31 throughout the state and take testimony regarding issues

1 relating to condominiums and may receive recommendations for
2 changes to the condominium law. The commission may consider,
3 without limitation, the continued tension between unit owners
4 and boards of directors, the election process for the board of
5 directors, the effectiveness of the Division of Florida Land
6 Sales, Condominiums, and Mobile Homes in responding to
7 complaints from unit owners, the relationship of rights and
8 responsibilities of unit owners and the board, the method of
9 enforcement of condominium liens, and whether the condominium
10 should be able to foreclose condominium liens against
11 individual units. Members of the commission may receive per
12 diem and travel expenses pursuant to section 112.061, Florida
13 Statutes, while on official business of the commission.

14 (3) The commission shall report its recommendations
15 and findings to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the
16 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the minority
17 leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives on or
18 before February 1, 2001, for the 2001 Regular Session of the
19 Legislature.

20 Section 2. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from
21 the Division of Florida Land Sales, Condominiums, and Mobile
22 Homes Trust Fund to the Department of Business and
23 Professional Regulation to carry out the provisions of this
24 act.

25 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
26 law and expires on June 30, 2001.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Creates the Condominium Study Commission to conduct public hearings throughout the state, to take testimony regarding issues relating to condominiums, and to receive recommendations for any changes to be made in the condominium law. Places the commission within the Division of Florida Land Sales, Condominiums, and Mobile Homes for administrative purposes. Provides for an appropriation and for repeal on June 30, 2001.