

By the Committee on Rules & Calendar and Representative
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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Statutes;
3 repealing various statutory provisions that
4 have become obsolete, have had their effect,
5 have served their purpose, or have been
6 impliedly repealed or superseded; repealing s.
7 193.621(3), F.S., relating to assessment of
8 certain manufacturing or industrial plants or
9 facilities demolished and reconstructed for
10 pollution control purposes; repealing s.
11 197.448, F.S., relating to cancellation of tax
12 certificates on riparian rights separate from
13 land; repealing s. 199.052(11), F.S., relating
14 to intangible tax return requirements for
15 banking organizations with respect to
16 intangible personal property resulting from
17 international banking transactions; repealing
18 s. 206.435, F.S., relating to remittance of
19 unpaid tax by wholesalers, terminal suppliers,
20 retail dealers, and former special fuel dealers
21 having motor or taxable diesel fuel inventory;
22 amending s. 206.97, F.S.; removing a cross
23 reference, to conform; repealing s.
24 206.9935(3)(c), F.S., relating to scheduled
25 legislative review of the tax for inland
26 protection; amending s. 211.025, F.S.; deleting
27 an obsolete gas tax rate; amending s. 211.026,
28 F.S.; deleting an obsolete sulfur tax rate;
29 repealing s. 212.0305(3)(g), F.S., relating to
30 authority to employee persons and incur other
31 expenses from funds appropriated therefor for

1 administration of the Convention Development
2 Tax Act; amending s. 213.015, F.S.; revising a
3 cross reference, to conform; amending s.
4 212.04, F.S.; deleting an exemption from
5 admissions tax imposed but not collected prior
6 to a specified date for any museum or historic
7 building owned by a political subdivision of
8 the state; repealing s. 212.0599, F.S.,
9 relating to rules which implement ch. 87-548,
10 Laws of Florida; amending s. 212.08, F.S., and
11 repealing paragraph (hh) of subsection (7),
12 relating to a tax exemption on sales of
13 electric vehicles; deleting an obsolete
14 reporting requirement in a tax exemption
15 provision relating to charges for certain
16 electricity or steam uses; amending s. 414.029,
17 F.S.; revising a cross reference, to conform;
18 amending s. 212.097, F.S.; deleting intent and
19 application implementation provisions of the
20 Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit Program;
21 amending s. 212.098, F.S.; deleting intent and
22 application implementation provisions of the
23 Rural Job Tax Credit Program; repealing s.
24 212.20(7), F.S., relating to the use of funds
25 allocated to the Solid Waste Management Trust
26 Fund for the 1999-2000 fiscal year; repealing
27 s. 212.215, F.S., the Fairness in Retail Sales
28 Taxation Act; repealing s. 213.01, F.S.,
29 relating to intent with respect to state
30 revenue laws; repealing s. 213.065, F.S.,
31 relating to intent with respect to rule

1 adoption to implement ch. 89-171, Laws of
2 Florida; repealing s. 213.066, F.S., relating
3 to rule adoption to implement ch. 92-319, Laws
4 of Florida; amending s. 215.3208, F.S.;
5 deleting obsolete scheduling provisions
6 relating to review of trust funds scheduled for
7 termination; repealing s. 215.821, F.S.,
8 relating to effect of adoption of the State
9 Bond Act on the issuance of bonds by state
10 agencies; repealing s. 220.18, F.S., relating
11 to the gasohol development tax incentive
12 credit; repealing ss. 193.076, 193.085(5), and
13 195.073(4), F.S., relating to notice of
14 expansion, assessment of expansion-related or
15 rebuilt property, and classification of
16 property as prior existing or expanded or
17 rebuilt, respectively, to conform; amending s.
18 193.077, F.S.; revising a cross reference, to
19 conform; amending s. 220.183, F.S.; deleting
20 findings and policy and purpose provisions in
21 provisions governing the community contribution
22 tax credit; revising cross references, to
23 conform; repealing s. 220.185(1) and (2), F.S.,
24 relating to findings and policy and purpose
25 provisions in provisions governing the state
26 housing tax credit; repealing s. 220.188, F.S.,
27 relating to the export finance corporation
28 investment credit; amending s. 220.02, F.S.,
29 and repealing subsections (6) and (9), relating
30 to intent with respect to the gasohol
31 development tax incentive credit and the export

1 finance corporation investment credit; removing
2 cross references, to conform; amending ss.
3 220.181, 220.182, 220.184, 220.1845, 220.1895,
4 and 220.19, F.S.; revising cross references, to
5 conform; amending s. 220.03, F.S., and
6 repealing paragraphs (1)(dd)-(ff), relating to
7 definitions applicable to provisions governing
8 the export finance corporation investment
9 credit; deleting definitions relating to the
10 gasohol development tax incentive credit;
11 revising a cross reference, to conform;
12 amending s. 288.106, F.S.; deleting findings
13 and intent with respect to the tax refund
14 program for qualified target industry
15 businesses; amending ss. 159.803 and 288.107,
16 F.S.; revising cross references, to conform;
17 amending s. 624.5105, F.S.; deleting intent and
18 policy and purpose provisions from provisions
19 governing the community contribution tax
20 credit; providing effective dates.

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

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24 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 193.621, Florida
25 Statutes, is repealed.

26 Section 2. Section 197.448, Florida Statutes, is
27 repealed.

28 Section 3. Subsection (11) of section 199.052, Florida
29 Statutes, is repealed.

30 Section 4. Section 206.435, Florida Statutes, is
31 repealed.

1 Section 5. Section 206.97, Florida Statutes, is
2 amended to read:

3 206.97 Applicability of specified sections of part
4 I.--The provisions of ss. 206.01, 206.02, 206.026, 206.027,
5 206.028, 206.04, 206.051, 206.052, 206.054, 206.055, 206.07,
6 206.075, 206.08, 206.09, 206.095, 206.10, 206.11, 206.12,
7 206.13, 206.14, 206.15, 206.16, 206.17, 206.175, 206.18,
8 206.199, 206.20, 206.204, 206.205, 206.21, 206.215, 206.22,
9 206.23, 206.24, 206.25, 206.27, 206.28, 206.41, 206.416,
10 206.43, ~~206.435~~, 206.44, 206.48, 206.49, 206.56, 206.59,
11 206.606, 206.608, 206.61, and 206.62 of part I of this chapter
12 shall, as far as lawful or practicable, be applicable to the
13 tax herein levied and imposed and to the collection thereof as
14 if fully set out in this part. However, no provision of any
15 such section shall apply if it conflicts with any provision of
16 this part.

17 Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
18 206.9935, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

19 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 211.025, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 211.025 Gas production tax; basis and rate of tax.--An
22 excise tax is hereby levied upon every person who severs gas
23 in the state for sale, transport, profit, or commercial use.
24 Except as otherwise provided in this part, the tax shall be
25 levied on the basis of the entire production of gas in this
26 state, including any royalty interest. Such tax shall accrue
27 at the time the gas is severed and shall be a lien on
28 production regardless of the place of sale, to whom sold, or
29 by whom used and regardless of the fact that delivery of the
30 gas may be made outside the state.

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1 (1) The amount of tax shall be determined by the
2 volume, in mcf, of gas produced and sold or used by a producer
3 during the month, measured at the point where the gas is
4 identifiable as to kind and quality and is capable of being
5 transported for further use or processing, subject to the gas
6 tax rate established in this section.~~following rates:~~

7 ~~(a) For the period July 1, 1986, through June 30,~~
8 ~~1987, the gas tax rate shall be \$0.162 per mcf; and,~~

9 ~~(b) For each the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987,~~
10 ~~and subsequent fiscal years,~~ the gas tax rate shall be the gas
11 base rate times the gas base rate adjustment for the fiscal
12 year, as calculated by the department under subsection (3).

13 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 211.026, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 211.026 Sulfur production tax; basis and rate of
16 tax.--An excise tax is hereby levied upon every person who
17 severs sulfur in this state for sale, transport, storage,
18 profit, or commercial use. Except as otherwise provided in
19 this part, such tax shall be levied on the basis of the entire
20 production of sulfur in this state, including any royalty
21 interest. Such tax shall accrue at the time of severance of
22 the gas from which the sulfur is produced and shall be a lien
23 on production regardless of the place of sale, to whom sold,
24 or by whom used and regardless of the fact that delivery may
25 be made outside the state.

26 (1) The amount of tax shall be determined by the long
27 tons of sulfur produced or recovered by a producer during the
28 month from the hydrogen sulfide gas contained in oil or gas
29 production from a well, measured at the point where the sulfur
30 is in its molten, elemental state, and is capable of being
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1 sold, delivered, transported, or stored, subject to the sulfur
2 tax rate established in this section.~~following rates:~~

3 ~~(a) For the period July 1, 1986, through June 30,~~
4 ~~1987, the sulfur tax rate shall be \$2.81 per long ton; and~~

5 ~~(b) For each the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987,~~
6 ~~and subsequent fiscal years, the sulfur tax rate shall be the~~
7 ~~sulfur base rate times the sulfur base rate adjustment for the~~
8 ~~fiscal year, as calculated by the department under subsection~~
9 ~~(3).~~

10 Section 9. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section
11 212.0305, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

12 Section 10. Subsection (6) of section 213.015, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 213.015 Taxpayer rights.--There is created a Florida
15 Taxpayer's Bill of Rights to guarantee that the rights,
16 privacy, and property of Florida taxpayers are adequately
17 safeguarded and protected during tax assessment, collection,
18 and enforcement processes administered under the revenue laws
19 of this state. The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights compiles, in one
20 document, brief but comprehensive statements which explain, in
21 simple, nontechnical terms, the rights and obligations of the
22 Department of Revenue and taxpayers. The rights afforded
23 taxpayers to assure that their privacy and property are
24 safeguarded and protected during tax assessment and collection
25 are available only insofar as they are implemented in other
26 parts of the Florida Statutes or rules of the Department of
27 Revenue. The rights so guaranteed Florida taxpayers in the
28 Florida Statutes and the departmental rules are:

29 (6) The right to be informed of impending collection
30 actions which require sale or seizure of property or freezing
31 of assets, except jeopardy assessments, and the right to at

1 least 30 days' notice in which to pay the liability or seek
2 further review (see ss. 198.20, 199.262, 201.16, 206.075,
3 206.24, 211.125(5), 212.03(5), 212.0305(3)(j)~~(k)~~, 212.04(7),
4 212.14(1), 213.73(3), 213.731, and 220.739).

5 Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
6 212.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 212.04 Admissions tax; rate, procedure, enforcement.--

8 (2)(a)1. No tax shall be levied on admissions to
9 athletic or other events sponsored by elementary schools,
10 junior high schools, middle schools, high schools, community
11 colleges, public or private colleges and universities, deaf
12 and blind schools, facilities of the youth services programs
13 of the Department of Children and Family Services, and state
14 correctional institutions when only student, faculty, or
15 inmate talent is used. However, this exemption shall not apply
16 to admission to athletic events sponsored by an institution
17 within the State University System, and the proceeds of the
18 tax collected on such admissions shall be retained and used by
19 each institution to support women's athletics as provided in
20 s. 240.533(3)(c).

21 ~~2.a.~~ No tax shall be levied on dues, membership fees,
22 and admission charges imposed by not-for-profit sponsoring
23 organizations. To receive this exemption, the sponsoring
24 organization must qualify as a not-for-profit entity under the
25 provisions of s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
26 1954, as amended.

27 ~~b. No tax imposed by this section and not actually~~
28 ~~collected before August 1, 1992, shall be due from any museum~~
29 ~~or historic building owned by any political subdivision of the~~
30 ~~state.~~

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1 3. No tax shall be levied on an admission paid by a
2 student, or on the student's behalf, to any required place of
3 sport or recreation if the student's participation in the
4 sport or recreational activity is required as a part of a
5 program or activity sponsored by, and under the jurisdiction
6 of, the student's educational institution, provided his or her
7 attendance is as a participant and not as a spectator.

8 4. No tax shall be levied on admissions to the
9 National Football League championship game, on admissions to
10 any semifinal game or championship game of a national
11 collegiate tournament, or on admissions to a Major League
12 Baseball all-star game.

13 5. A participation fee or sponsorship fee imposed by a
14 governmental entity as described in s. 212.08(6) for an
15 athletic or recreational program is exempt when the
16 governmental entity by itself, or in conjunction with an
17 organization exempt under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
18 Code of 1954, as amended, sponsors, administers, plans,
19 supervises, directs, and controls the athletic or recreational
20 program.

21 6. Also exempt from the tax imposed by this section to
22 the extent provided in this subparagraph are admissions to
23 live theater, live opera, or live ballet productions in this
24 state which are sponsored by an organization that has received
25 a determination from the Internal Revenue Service that the
26 organization is exempt from federal income tax under s.
27 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, if
28 the organization actively participates in planning and
29 conducting the event, is responsible for the safety and
30 success of the event, is organized for the purpose of
31 sponsoring live theater, live opera, or live ballet

1 productions in this state, has more than 10,000 subscribing
2 members and has among the stated purposes in its charter the
3 promotion of arts education in the communities which it
4 serves, and will receive at least 20 percent of the net
5 profits, if any, of the events which the organization sponsors
6 and will bear the risk of at least 20 percent of the losses,
7 if any, from the events which it sponsors if the organization
8 employs other persons as agents to provide services in
9 connection with a sponsored event. Prior to March 1 of each
10 year, such organization may apply to the department for a
11 certificate of exemption for admissions to such events
12 sponsored in this state by the organization during the
13 immediately following state fiscal year. The application shall
14 state the total dollar amount of admissions receipts collected
15 by the organization or its agents from such events in this
16 state sponsored by the organization or its agents in the year
17 immediately preceding the year in which the organization
18 applies for the exemption. Such organization shall receive the
19 exemption only to the extent of \$1.5 million multiplied by the
20 ratio that such receipts bear to the total of such receipts of
21 all organizations applying for the exemption in such year;
22 however, in no event shall such exemption granted to any
23 organization exceed 6 percent of such admissions receipts
24 collected by the organization or its agents in the year
25 immediately preceding the year in which the organization
26 applies for the exemption. Each organization receiving the
27 exemption shall report each month to the department the total
28 admissions receipts collected from such events sponsored by
29 the organization during the preceding month and shall remit to
30 the department an amount equal to 6 percent of such receipts
31 reduced by any amount remaining under the exemption. Tickets

1 for such events sold by such organizations shall not reflect
2 the tax otherwise imposed under this section.

3 7. Also exempt from the tax imposed by this section
4 are entry fees for participation in freshwater fishing
5 tournaments.

6 8. Also exempt from the tax imposed by this section
7 are participation or entry fees charged to participants in a
8 game, race, or other sport or recreational event if spectators
9 are charged a taxable admission to such event.

10 9. No tax shall be levied on admissions to any
11 postseason collegiate football game sanctioned by the National
12 Collegiate Athletic Association.

13 Section 12. Section 212.0599, Florida Statutes, is
14 repealed.

15 Section 13. Paragraph (hh) of subsection (7) of
16 section 212.08, Florida Statutes, is repealed, paragraph (ii)
17 of said subsection is redesignated as paragraph (hh) and
18 amended, and paragraphs (jj) through (fff) of said subsection
19 are redesignated as paragraphs (ii) through (eee),
20 respectively, to read:

21 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution,
22 and storage tax; specified exemptions.--The sale at retail,
23 the rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and
24 the storage to be used or consumed in this state of the
25 following are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed
26 by this chapter.

27 (7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS.--

28 (hh)~~(ii)~~ Certain electricity or steam uses.--

29 1. Subject to the provisions of subparagraph 4.,
30 charges for electricity or steam used to operate machinery and
31 equipment at a fixed location in this state when such

1 machinery and equipment is used to manufacture, process,
2 compound, produce, or prepare for shipment items of tangible
3 personal property for sale, or to operate pollution control
4 equipment, recycling equipment, maintenance equipment, or
5 monitoring or control equipment used in such operations are
6 exempt to the extent provided in this paragraph. If 75 percent
7 or more of the electricity or steam used at the fixed location
8 is used to operate qualifying machinery or equipment, 100
9 percent of the charges for electricity or steam used at the
10 fixed location are exempt. If less than 75 percent but 50
11 percent or more of the electricity or steam used at the fixed
12 location is used to operate qualifying machinery or equipment,
13 50 percent of the charges for electricity or steam used at the
14 fixed location are exempt. If less than 50 percent of the
15 electricity or steam used at the fixed location is used to
16 operate qualifying machinery or equipment, none of the charges
17 for electricity or steam used at the fixed location are
18 exempt.

19 2. This exemption applies only to industries
20 classified under SIC Industry Major Group Numbers 10, 12, 13,
21 14, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34,
22 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39 and Industry Group Number 212. As used
23 in this paragraph, "SIC" means those classifications contained
24 in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987, as
25 published by the Office of Management and Budget, Executive
26 Office of the President.

27 3. Possession by a seller of a written certification
28 by the purchaser, certifying the purchaser's entitlement to an
29 exemption permitted by this subsection, relieves the seller
30 from the responsibility of collecting the tax on the
31 nontaxable amounts, and the department shall look solely to

1 the purchaser for recovery of such tax if it determines that
2 the purchaser was not entitled to the exemption.

3 4. Such exemption shall be applied as follows:

4 a. Beginning July 1, 1996, 20 percent of the charges
5 for such electricity shall be exempt.

6 b. Beginning July 1, 1997, 40 percent of the charges
7 for such electricity shall be exempt.

8 c. Beginning July 1, 1998, 60 percent of the charges
9 for such electricity or steam shall be exempt.

10 d. Beginning July 1, 1999, 80 percent of the charges
11 for such electricity or steam shall be exempt.

12 e. Beginning July 1, 2000, 100 percent of the charges
13 for such electricity or steam shall be exempt.

14 5. Notwithstanding any other provision in this
15 paragraph to the contrary, in order to receive the exemption
16 provided in this paragraph a taxpayer must first register with
17 the WAGES Program Business Registry established by the local
18 WAGES coalition for the area in which the taxpayer is located.
19 Such registration establishes a commitment on the part of the
20 taxpayer to hire WAGES program participants to the maximum
21 extent possible consistent with the nature of their business.

22 6.a. In order to determine whether the exemption
23 provided in this paragraph from the tax on charges for
24 electricity or steam has an effect on retaining or attracting
25 companies to this state, the Office of Program Policy Analysis
26 and Government Accountability shall periodically monitor and
27 report on the industries receiving the exemption.

28 ~~b. The first report shall be submitted no later than~~
29 ~~January 1, 1997, and must be conducted in such a manner as to~~
30 ~~specifically determine the number of companies within each SIC~~
31 ~~Industry Major Group receiving the exemption as of September~~

1 ~~1, 1996, and the number of individuals employed by companies~~
2 ~~within each SIC Industry Major Group receiving the exemption~~
3 ~~as of September 1, 1996.~~

4 b.e. The ~~second~~ report shall be submitted no later
5 than January 1, 2001, and must be comprehensive in scope, but,
6 at a minimum, must be conducted in such a manner as to
7 specifically determine the number of companies within each SIC
8 Industry Major Group receiving the exemption as of September
9 1, 2000, the number of individuals employed by companies
10 within each SIC Industry Major Group receiving the exemption
11 as of September 1, 2000, whether the change, if any, in such
12 number of companies or employees is attributable to the
13 exemption provided in this paragraph, whether it would be
14 sound public policy to continue or discontinue the exemption,
15 and the consequences of doing so.

16 c.d. The report ~~Both reports~~ shall be submitted to the
17 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives, the Senate Minority Leader, and the House
19 Minority Leader.

20 Section 14. Section 414.029, Florida Statutes, is
21 amended to read:

22 414.029 WAGES Program Business Registry.--Each local
23 WAGES coalition created pursuant to s. 414.028 must establish
24 a business registry for business firms committed to assist in
25 the effort of finding jobs for WAGES Program participants.
26 Registered businesses agree to work with the coalition and to
27 hire WAGES Program participants to the maximum extent possible
28 consistent with the nature of their business. Each quarter,
29 the coalition must publish a list of businesses registered as
30 a prerequisite for receiving a tax exemption provided under s.
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1 212.08(5)(b) or (7)(hh)(~~ii~~)and the number of jobs each has
2 provided for program participants.

3 Section 15. Section 212.097, Florida Statutes, is
4 amended to read:

5 212.097 Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit
6 Program.--

7 ~~(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage~~
8 ~~the provision of meaningful employment opportunities that will~~
9 ~~improve the quality of life of those employed, and to~~
10 ~~encourage economic expansion of new and existing businesses in~~
11 ~~urban high-crime areas of this state. Upon an affirmative~~
12 ~~showing by a business to the satisfaction of the Department of~~
13 ~~Revenue that the requirements of this section have been met,~~
14 ~~the business shall be allowed a credit against the tax~~
15 ~~remitted under this chapter.~~

16 (1)(~~2~~) As used in this section, the term:

17 (a) "Eligible business" means any sole proprietorship,
18 firm, partnership, or corporation that is located in a
19 qualified county and is predominantly engaged in, or is
20 headquarters for a business predominantly engaged in,
21 activities usually provided for consideration by firms
22 classified within the following standard industrial
23 classifications: SIC 01 through SIC 09 (agriculture,
24 forestry, and fishing); SIC 20 through SIC 39 (manufacturing);
25 SIC 52 through SIC 57 and SIC 59 (retail); SIC 422 (public
26 warehousing and storage); SIC 70 (hotels and other lodging
27 places); SIC 7391 (research and development); SIC 7992 (public
28 golf courses); and SIC 7996 (amusement parks). A call center
29 or similar customer service operation that services a
30 multistate market or international market is also an eligible
31 business. In addition, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and

1 Economic Development may, as part of its final budget request
2 submitted pursuant to s. 216.023, recommend additions to or
3 deletions from the list of standard industrial classifications
4 used to determine an eligible business, and the Legislature
5 may implement such recommendations. Excluded from eligible
6 receipts are receipts from retail sales, except such receipts
7 for SIC 52 through SIC 57 and SIC 59 (retail) hotels and other
8 lodging places classified in SIC 70, public golf courses in
9 SIC 7992, and amusement parks in SIC 7996. For purposes of
10 this paragraph, the term "predominantly" means that more than
11 50 percent of the business's gross receipts from all sources
12 is generated by those activities usually provided for
13 consideration by firms in the specified standard industrial
14 classification. The determination of whether the business is
15 located in a qualified high-crime area and the tier ranking of
16 that area must be based on the date of application for the
17 credit under this section. Commonly owned and controlled
18 entities are to be considered a single business entity.

19 (b) "Qualified employee" means any employee of an
20 eligible business who performs duties in connection with the
21 operations of the business on a regular, full-time basis for
22 an average of at least 36 hours per week for at least 3 months
23 within the qualified high-crime area in which the eligible
24 business is located. An owner or partner of the eligible
25 business is not a qualified employee. The term also includes
26 an employee leased from an employee leasing company licensed
27 under chapter 468, if such employee has been continuously
28 leased to the employer for an average of at least 36 hours per
29 week for more than 6 months.

30 (c) "New business" means any eligible business first
31 beginning operation on a site in a qualified high-crime area

1 and clearly separate from any other commercial or business
2 operation of the business entity within a qualified high-crime
3 area. A business entity that operated an eligible business
4 within a qualified high-crime area within the 48 months before
5 the period provided for application by subsection (2)~~(3)~~ is
6 not considered a new business.

7 (d) "Existing business" means any eligible business
8 that does not meet the criteria for a new business.

9 (e) "Qualified high-crime area" means an area selected
10 by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development in
11 the following manner: every third year, the office shall rank
12 and tier those areas nominated under subsection (7)~~(8)~~,
13 according to the following prioritized criteria:

14 1. Highest arrest rates within the geographic area for
15 violent crime and for such other crimes as drug sale, drug
16 possession, prostitution, vandalism, and civil disturbances;

17 2. Highest reported crime volume and rate of specific
18 property crimes such as business and residential burglary,
19 motor vehicle theft, and vandalism;

20 3. Highest percentage of reported index crimes that
21 are violent in nature;

22 4. Highest overall index crime volume for the area;
23 and

24 5. Highest overall index crime rate for the geographic
25 area.

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27 Tier-one areas are ranked 1 through 5 and represent the
28 highest crime areas according to this ranking. Tier-two areas
29 are ranked 6 through 10 according to this ranking. Tier-three
30 areas are ranked 11 through 15. Notwithstanding this
31 definition, "qualified high-crime area" also means an area

1 that has been designated as a federal Empowerment Zone
2 pursuant to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. Such a designated
3 area is ranked in tier three until the areas are reevaluated
4 by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

5 (2)~~(3)~~ A new eligible business may apply for a tax
6 credit under this subsection once at any time during its first
7 year of operation. A new eligible business in a tier-one
8 qualified high-crime area which has at least 10 qualified
9 employees on the date of application shall receive a \$1,500
10 tax credit for each such employee. A new eligible business in
11 a tier-two qualified high-crime area which has at least 20
12 qualified employees on the date of application shall receive a
13 \$1,000 tax credit for each such employee. A new eligible
14 business in a tier-three qualified high-crime area which has
15 at least 30 qualified employees on the date of application
16 shall receive a \$500 tax credit for each such employee.

17 (3)~~(4)~~ An existing eligible business may apply for a
18 tax credit under this subsection at any time it is entitled to
19 such credit, except as restricted by this subsection. An
20 existing eligible business in a tier-one qualified high-crime
21 area which on the date of application has at least 5 more
22 qualified employees than it had 1 year prior to its date of
23 application shall receive a \$1,500 tax credit for each such
24 additional employee. An existing eligible business in a
25 tier-two qualified high-crime area which on the date of
26 application has at least 10 more qualified employees than it
27 had 1 year prior to its date of application shall receive a
28 \$1,000 credit for each such additional employee. An existing
29 business in a tier-three qualified high-crime area which on
30 the date of application has at least 15 more qualified
31 employees than it had 1 year prior to its date of application

1 shall receive a \$500 tax credit for each such additional
2 employee. An existing eligible business may apply for the
3 credit under this subsection no more than once in any 12-month
4 period. Any existing eligible business that received a credit
5 under subsection(2)~~(3)~~ may not apply for the credit under
6 this subsection sooner than 12 months after the application
7 date for the credit under subsection(2)~~(3)~~.

8 (4)~~(5)~~ For any new eligible business receiving a
9 credit pursuant to subsection(2)~~(3)~~, an additional \$500
10 credit shall be provided for any qualified employee who is a
11 WAGES Program participant pursuant to chapter 414. For any
12 existing eligible business receiving a credit pursuant to
13 subsection(3)~~(4)~~, an additional \$500 credit shall be
14 provided for any qualified employee who is a WAGES Program
15 participant pursuant to chapter 414. Such employee must be
16 employed on the application date and have been employed less
17 than 1 year. This credit shall be in addition to other credits
18 pursuant to this section regardless of the tier-level of the
19 high-crime area. Appropriate documentation concerning the
20 eligibility of an employee for this credit must be submitted
21 as determined by the department.

22 (5)~~(6)~~ To be eligible for a tax credit under
23 subsection(3)~~(4)~~, the number of qualified employees employed
24 1 year prior to the application date must be no lower than the
25 number of qualified employees on the application date on which
26 a credit under this section was based for any previous
27 application, including an application under subsection(2)
28 ~~(3)~~.

29 (6)~~(7)~~ Any county or municipality, or a county and one
30 or more municipalities together, may apply to the Office of
31 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for the designation

1 of an area as a high-crime area after the adoption by the
2 governing body or bodies of a resolution that:

3 (a) Finds that a high-crime area exists in such county
4 or municipality, or in both the county and one or more
5 municipalities, which chronically exhibits extreme and
6 unacceptable levels of poverty, unemployment, physical
7 deterioration, and economic disinvestment;

8 (b) Determines that the rehabilitation, conservation,
9 or redevelopment, or a combination thereof, of such a
10 high-crime area is necessary in the interest of the health,
11 safety, and welfare of the residents of such county or
12 municipality, or such county and one or more municipalities;
13 and

14 (c) Determines that the revitalization of such a
15 high-crime area can occur if the public sector or private
16 sector can be induced to invest its own resources in
17 productive enterprises that build or rebuild the economic
18 viability of the area.

19 (7)~~(8)~~ The governing body of the entity nominating the
20 area shall provide to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
21 Economic Development the following:

22 (a) The overall index crime rate for the geographic
23 area;

24 (b) The overall index crime volume for the area;

25 (c) The percentage of reported index crimes that are
26 violent in nature;

27 (d) The reported crime volume and rate of specific
28 property crimes such as business and residential burglary,
29 motor vehicle theft, and vandalism; and

30 (e) The arrest rates within the geographic area for
31 violent crime and for such other crimes as drug sale, drug

1 possession, prostitution, disorderly conduct, vandalism, and
2 other public-order offenses.

3 (8)~~(9)~~ A municipality, or a county and one or more
4 municipalities together, may not nominate more than one
5 high-crime area. However, any county as defined by s.
6 125.011(1) may nominate no more than three high-crime areas.

7 (9)~~(10)~~ An area nominated by a county or municipality,
8 or a county and one or more municipalities together, for
9 designation as a high-crime area shall be eligible only if it
10 meets the following criteria:

11 (a) The selected area does not exceed 20 square miles
12 and either has a continuous boundary or consists of not more
13 than three noncontiguous parcels;

14 (b) The selected area does not exceed the following
15 mileage limitation:

16 1. For communities having a total population of
17 150,000 persons or more, the selected area does not exceed 20
18 square miles.

19 2. For communities having a total population of 50,000
20 persons or more, but fewer than 150,000 persons, the selected
21 area does not exceed 10 square miles.

22 3. For communities having a total population of 20,000
23 persons or more, but fewer than 50,000 persons, the selected
24 area does not exceed 5 square miles.

25 4. For communities having a total population of fewer
26 than 20,000 persons, the selected area does not exceed 3
27 square miles.

28 (10)~~(11)~~(a) In order to claim this credit, an eligible
29 business must file under oath with the Office of Tourism,
30 Trade, and Economic Development a statement that includes the
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1 name and address of the eligible business and any other
2 information that is required to process the application.

3 (b) Within 30 working days after receipt of an
4 application for credit, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
5 Economic Development shall review the application to determine
6 whether it contains all the information required by this
7 subsection and meets the criteria set out in this section.
8 Subject to the provisions of paragraph (c), the Office of
9 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall approve all
10 applications that contain the information required by this
11 subsection and meet the criteria set out in this section as
12 eligible to receive a credit.

13 (c) The maximum credit amount that may be approved
14 during any calendar year is \$5 million, of which \$1 million
15 shall be exclusively reserved for tier-one areas. The
16 Department of Revenue, in conjunction with the Office of
17 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, shall notify the
18 governing bodies in areas designated as urban high-crime areas
19 when the \$5 million maximum amount has been reached.
20 Applications must be considered for approval in the order in
21 which they are received without regard to whether the credit
22 is for a new or existing business. This limitation applies to
23 the value of the credit as contained in approved applications.
24 Approved credits may be taken in the time and manner allowed
25 pursuant to this section.

26 (11)~~(12)~~ If the application is insufficient to support
27 the credit authorized in this section, the Office of Tourism,
28 Trade, and Economic Development shall deny the credit and
29 notify the business of that fact. The business may reapply
30 for this credit within 3 months after such notification.

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1 (12)~~(13)~~ If the credit under this section is greater
2 than can be taken on a single tax return, excess amounts may
3 be taken as credits on any tax return submitted within 12
4 months after the approval of the application by the
5 department.

6 (13)~~(14)~~ It is the responsibility of each business to
7 affirmatively demonstrate to the satisfaction of the
8 Department of Revenue that it meets the requirements of this
9 section.

10 (14)~~(15)~~ Any person who fraudulently claims this
11 credit is liable for repayment of the credit plus a mandatory
12 penalty of 100 percent of the credit and is guilty of a
13 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
14 775.082 or s. 775.083.

15 (15)~~(16)~~ A corporation may take the credit under this
16 section against its corporate income tax liability, as
17 provided in s. 220.1895. However, a corporation that applies
18 its job tax credit against the tax imposed by chapter 220 may
19 not receive the credit provided for in this section. A credit
20 may be taken against only one tax.

21 (16)~~(17)~~ The department shall adopt rules governing
22 the manner and form of applications for credit and may
23 establish guidelines concerning the requisites for an
24 affirmative showing of qualification for the credit under this
25 section.

26 ~~(18) Applications for credit under this section may be~~
27 ~~submitted on or after January 1, 1999.~~

28 Section 16. Section 212.098, Florida Statutes, is
29 amended to read:

30 212.098 Rural Job Tax Credit Program.--

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1 ~~(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage~~
2 ~~the provision of meaningful employment opportunities that will~~
3 ~~improve the quality of life of those employed and to encourage~~
4 ~~economic expansion of new and existing businesses in rural~~
5 ~~areas of this state. Upon an affirmative showing by a business~~
6 ~~to the satisfaction of the Department of Revenue that the~~
7 ~~requirements of this section have been met, the business shall~~
8 ~~be allowed a credit against the tax remitted under this~~
9 ~~chapter.~~

10 (1)~~(2)~~ As used in this section, the term:

11 (a) "Eligible business" means any sole proprietorship,
12 firm, partnership, or corporation that is located in a
13 qualified county and is predominantly engaged in, or is
14 headquarters for a business predominantly engaged in,
15 activities usually provided for consideration by firms
16 classified within the following standard industrial
17 classifications: SIC 01 through SIC 09 (agriculture,
18 forestry, and fishing); SIC 20 through SIC 39 (manufacturing);
19 SIC 422 (public warehousing and storage); SIC 70 (hotels and
20 other lodging places); SIC 7391 (research and development);
21 SIC 7992 (public golf courses); and SIC 7996 (amusement
22 parks). A call center or similar customer service operation
23 that services a multistate market or an international market
24 is also an eligible business. In addition, the Office of
25 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may, as part of its
26 final budget request submitted pursuant to s. 216.023,
27 recommend additions to or deletions from the list of standard
28 industrial classifications used to determine an eligible
29 business, and the Legislature may implement such
30 recommendations. Excluded from eligible receipts are receipts
31 from retail sales, except such receipts for hotels and other

1 lodging places classified in SIC 70, public golf courses in
2 SIC 7992, and amusement parks in SIC 7996. For purposes of
3 this paragraph, the term "predominantly" means that more than
4 50 percent of the business's gross receipts from all sources
5 is generated by those activities usually provided for
6 consideration by firms in the specified standard industrial
7 classification. The determination of whether the business is
8 located in a qualified county and the tier ranking of that
9 county must be based on the date of application for the credit
10 under this section. Commonly owned and controlled entities are
11 to be considered a single business entity.

12 (b) "Qualified employee" means any employee of an
13 eligible business who performs duties in connection with the
14 operations of the business on a regular, full-time basis for
15 an average of at least 36 hours per week for at least 3 months
16 within the qualified county in which the eligible business is
17 located. An owner or partner of the eligible business is not a
18 qualified employee.

19 (c) "Qualified county" means a county that has a
20 population of fewer than 75,000 persons, or any county that
21 has a population of 100,000 or less and is contiguous to a
22 county that has a population of less than 75,000, selected in
23 the following manner: every third year, the Office of
24 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall rank and tier
25 the state's counties according to the following four factors:

26 1. Highest unemployment rate for the most recent
27 36-month period.

28 2. Lowest per capita income for the most recent
29 36-month period.

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1 3. Highest percentage of residents whose incomes are
2 below the poverty level, based upon the most recent data
3 available.

4 4. Average weekly manufacturing wage, based upon the
5 most recent data available.

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7 Tier-one qualified counties are those ranked 1 through 5 and
8 represent the state's least-developed counties according to
9 this ranking. Tier-two qualified counties are those ranked 6
10 through 10, and tier-three counties are those ranked 11
11 through 17. Notwithstanding this definition, "qualified
12 county" also means a county that contains an area that has
13 been designated as a federal Enterprise Community pursuant to
14 the 1999 Agricultural Appropriations Act. Such a designated
15 area shall be ranked in tier three until the areas are
16 reevaluated by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
17 Development.

18 (d) "New business" means any eligible business first
19 beginning operation on a site in a qualified county and
20 clearly separate from any other commercial or business
21 operation of the business entity within a qualified county. A
22 business entity that operated an eligible business within a
23 qualified county within the 48 months before the period
24 provided for application by subsection (2)~~(3)~~ is not
25 considered a new business.

26 (e) "Existing business" means any eligible business
27 that does not meet the criteria for a new business.

28 ~~(2)~~~~(3)~~ A new eligible business may apply for a tax
29 credit under this subsection once at any time during its first
30 year of operation. A new eligible business in a tier-one
31 qualified county which has at least 10 qualified employees on

1 the date of application shall receive a \$1,500 tax credit for
2 each such employee. A new eligible business in a tier-two
3 qualified county which has at least 20 qualified employees on
4 the date of application shall receive a \$1,000 tax credit for
5 each such employee. A new eligible business in a tier-three
6 qualified county which has at least 30 qualified employees on
7 the date of application shall receive a \$500 tax credit for
8 each such employee.

9 (3)~~(4)~~ An existing eligible business may apply for a
10 tax credit under this subsection at any time it is entitled to
11 such credit, except as restricted by this subsection. An
12 existing eligible business in a tier-one qualified county
13 which on the date of application has at least 5 more qualified
14 employees than it had 1 year prior to its date of application
15 shall receive a \$1,500 tax credit for each such additional
16 employee. An existing eligible business in a tier-two
17 qualified county which on the date of application has at least
18 10 more qualified employees than it had 1 year prior to its
19 date of application shall receive a \$1,000 credit for each
20 such additional employee. An existing business in a tier-three
21 qualified county which on the date of application has at least
22 15 more qualified employees than it had 1 year prior to its
23 date of application shall receive a \$500 tax credit for each
24 such additional employee. An existing eligible business may
25 apply for the credit under this subsection no more than once
26 in any 12-month period. Any existing eligible business that
27 received a credit under subsection(2)~~(3)~~ may not apply for
28 the credit under this subsection sooner than 12 months after
29 the application date for the credit under subsection(2)~~(3)~~.

30 (4)~~(5)~~ For any new eligible business receiving a
31 credit pursuant to subsection(2)~~(3)~~, an additional \$500

1 credit shall be provided for any qualified employee who is a
2 WAGES Program participant pursuant to chapter 414. For any
3 existing eligible business receiving a credit pursuant to
4 subsection~~(3)~~(4), an additional \$500 credit shall be
5 provided for any qualified employee who is a WAGES Program
6 participant pursuant to chapter 414. Such employee must be
7 employed on the application date and have been employed less
8 than 1 year. This credit shall be in addition to other credits
9 pursuant to this section regardless of the tier-level of the
10 county. Appropriate documentation concerning the eligibility
11 of an employee for this credit must be submitted as determined
12 by the department.

13 (5)~~(6)~~ To be eligible for a tax credit under
14 subsection~~(3)~~(4), the number of qualified employees employed
15 1 year prior to the application date must be no lower than the
16 number of qualified employees on the application date on which
17 a credit under this section was based for any previous
18 application, including an application under subsection~~(2)~~
19 ~~(3)~~.

20 (6)~~(7)~~(a) In order to claim this credit, an eligible
21 business must file under oath with the Office of Tourism,
22 Trade, and Economic Development a statement that includes the
23 name and address of the eligible business, the starting salary
24 or hourly wages paid to the new employee, and any other
25 information that the Department of Revenue requires.

26 (b) Within 30 working days after receipt of an
27 application for credit, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
28 Economic Development shall review the application to determine
29 whether it contains all the information required by this
30 subsection and meets the criteria set out in this section.
31 Subject to the provisions of paragraph (c), the Office of

1 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall approve all
2 applications that contain the information required by this
3 subsection and meet the criteria set out in this section as
4 eligible to receive a credit.

5 (c) The maximum credit amount that may be approved
6 during any calendar year is \$5 million. The Department of
7 Revenue, in conjunction with the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
8 Economic Development, shall notify the governing bodies in
9 areas designated as qualified counties when the \$5 million
10 maximum amount has been reached. Applications must be
11 considered for approval in the order in which they are
12 received without regard to whether the credit is for a new or
13 existing business. This limitation applies to the value of
14 the credit as contained in approved applications. Approved
15 credits may be taken in the time and manner allowed pursuant
16 to this section.

17 (7)~~(8)~~ If the application is insufficient to support
18 the credit authorized in this section, the Office of Tourism,
19 Trade, and Economic Development shall deny the credit and
20 notify the business of that fact. The business may reapply
21 for this credit within 3 months after such notification.

22 (8)~~(9)~~ If the credit under this section is greater
23 than can be taken on a single tax return, excess amounts may
24 be taken as credits on any tax return submitted within 12
25 months after the approval of the application by the
26 department.

27 (9)~~(10)~~ It is the responsibility of each business to
28 affirmatively demonstrate to the satisfaction of the
29 Department of Revenue that it meets the requirements of this
30 section.

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1 (10)~~(11)~~ Any person who fraudulently claims this
2 credit is liable for repayment of the credit plus a mandatory
3 penalty of 100 percent of the credit and is guilty of a
4 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
5 775.082 or s. 775.083.

6 (11)~~(12)~~ A corporation may take the credit under this
7 section against its corporate income tax liability, as
8 provided in s. 220.1895. However, a corporation that uses its
9 job tax credit against the tax imposed by chapter 220 may not
10 receive the credit provided for in this section. A credit may
11 be taken against only one tax.

12 (12)~~(13)~~ The department shall adopt rules governing
13 the manner and form of applications for credit and may
14 establish guidelines as to the requisites for an affirmative
15 showing of qualification for the credit under this section.

16 ~~(14) Applications for a credit under this section may~~
17 ~~be submitted on or after January 1, 1999.~~

18 Section 17. Subsection (7) of section 212.20, Florida
19 Statutes, is repealed.

20 Section 18. Section 212.215, Florida Statutes, is
21 repealed.

22 Section 19. Section 213.01, Florida Statutes, is
23 repealed.

24 Section 20. Section 213.065, Florida Statutes, is
25 repealed.

26 Section 21. Section 213.066, Florida Statutes, is
27 repealed.

28 Section 22. Section 215.3208, Florida Statutes, is
29 amended to read:

30 215.3208 Trust funds; ~~schedule for termination~~
31 legislative review.--

1 ~~(1) Except for those trust funds exempt from automatic~~
2 ~~termination pursuant to the provisions of s. 19(f)(3), Art.~~
3 ~~III of the State Constitution, trust funds administered by the~~
4 ~~following entities shall be reviewed and may be terminated or~~
5 ~~re-created by the Legislature, as appropriate, during the~~
6 ~~regular session of the Legislature in the year indicated:~~

7 ~~(a) In 1994:~~

- 8 ~~1. Department of Corrections.~~
- 9 ~~2. Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.~~
- 10 ~~3. Department of Law Enforcement.~~
- 11 ~~4. Department of Legal Affairs.~~
- 12 ~~5. Department of the Lottery.~~
- 13 ~~6. Department of Management Services.~~
- 14 ~~7. Department of Military Affairs.~~
- 15 ~~8. Department of Transportation.~~
- 16 ~~9. Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.~~
- 17 ~~10. Judicial branch.~~
- 18 ~~11. Justice Administrative Commission.~~
- 19 ~~12. Parole Commission.~~

20 ~~(b) In 1995:~~

- 21 ~~1. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.~~
- 22 ~~2. Department of Banking and Finance.~~
- 23 ~~3. Department of Citrus.~~
- 24 ~~4. Department of Education.~~
- 25 ~~5. Department of Environmental Protection.~~
- 26 ~~6. Department of Revenue.~~
- 27 ~~7. Executive Office of the Governor.~~
- 28 ~~8. Florida Public Service Commission.~~

29 ~~(c) In 1996:~~

- 30 ~~1. Agency for Health Care Administration.~~
- 31 ~~2. Commission on Ethics.~~

1 ~~3. Department of Business and Professional Regulation.~~
2 ~~4. Department of Children and Family Services.~~
3 ~~5. Department of Commerce.~~
4 ~~6. Department of Community Affairs.~~
5 ~~7. Department of Elderly Affairs.~~
6 ~~8. Department of Health.~~
7 ~~9. Department of Insurance.~~
8 ~~10. Department of Juvenile Justice.~~
9 ~~11. Department of Labor and Employment Security.~~
10 ~~12. Department of State.~~
11 ~~13. Department of Veterans' Affairs.~~
12 ~~14. Legislative branch.~~
13 ~~(2) All other trust funds not administered by the~~
14 ~~entities listed in subsection (1) and not exempt from~~
15 ~~automatic termination pursuant to the provisions of s.~~
16 ~~19(f)(3), Art. III of the State Constitution shall be reviewed~~
17 ~~and may be terminated or re-created by the Legislature, as~~
18 ~~appropriate, during the 1996 Regular Session of the~~
19 ~~Legislature.~~
20 (1)(3) For the purpose of reviewing trust funds prior
21 to their automatic termination pursuant to the provisions of
22 s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution ~~purposes of~~
23 ~~this section~~, the Legislature shall review the trust funds as
24 they are identified by a unique 6-digit code in the Florida
25 Accounting Information Resource Subsystem at a level composed
26 of the 2-digit organization level 1, the 1-digit state fund
27 type 2, and the first three digits of the fund identifier.
28 When a statutorily created trust fund that was in existence on
29 November 4, 1992, has more than one 6-digit code, the
30 Legislature may treat it as a single trust fund for the
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1 purposes of this section. The Legislature may also conduct its
2 review concerning accounts within such trust funds.

3 ~~(2)(4)~~(a) When the Legislature terminates a trust
4 fund, the agency or branch of state government that
5 administers the trust fund shall pay any outstanding debts or
6 obligations of the trust fund as soon as practicable, and the
7 Comptroller shall close out and remove the trust fund from the
8 various state accounting systems, using generally accepted
9 accounting principles concerning assets, liabilities, and
10 warrants outstanding.

11 (b) If the Legislature determines to terminate a trust
12 fund, it may provide for the distribution of moneys in that
13 trust fund. If such a distribution is not provided, the moneys
14 remaining after all outstanding obligations of the trust fund
15 are met shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund.

16 Section 23. Section 215.821, Florida Statutes, is
17 repealed.

18 Section 24. Section 220.18, Florida Statutes, is
19 repealed.

20 Section 25. Section 193.076, subsection (5) of section
21 193.085, and subsection (4) of section 195.073, Florida
22 Statutes, are repealed.

23 Section 26. Subsection (3) of section 193.077, Florida
24 Statutes, is amended to read:

25 193.077 Notice of new, rebuilt, or expanded
26 property.--

27 (3) Within 10 days of extension or recertification of
28 the assessment rolls pursuant to s. 193.122, whichever is
29 later, the property appraiser shall forward to the department
30 a list of all property of new businesses and property
31 separately assessed as expansion-related or rebuilt property

1 pursuant to s. 193.085(5)~~(6)~~(a). The list shall include the
2 name and address of the business to which the property is
3 assessed, the assessed value of the property, the total taxes
4 levied against the property, the identifying number for the
5 property as shown on the assessment roll, and a description of
6 the property.

7 Section 27. Section 220.183, Florida Statutes, is
8 amended to read:

9 220.183 Community contribution tax credit.--

10 ~~(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.--The Legislature finds that:~~

11 ~~(a) There exist in the counties and municipalities~~
12 ~~conditions of blight evidenced by extensive deterioration of~~
13 ~~public and private facilities, abandonment of sound~~
14 ~~structures, and high unemployment which conditions impede the~~
15 ~~conservation and development of healthy, safe, and~~
16 ~~economically viable communities.~~

17 ~~(b) Deterioration of housing and industrial,~~
18 ~~commercial, and public facilities contributes to the decline~~
19 ~~of neighborhoods and communities and leads to the loss of~~
20 ~~their historic character and the sense of community which this~~
21 ~~inspires; reduces the value of property comprising the tax~~
22 ~~base of local communities; discourages private investment; and~~
23 ~~requires a disproportionate expenditure of public funds for~~
24 ~~the social services, unemployment benefits, and police~~
25 ~~protection required to combat the social and economic problems~~
26 ~~found in slum communities.~~

27 ~~(c) In order to ultimately restore social and economic~~
28 ~~viability to enterprise zones, it is necessary to renovate or~~
29 ~~construct new housing, water and sewer infrastructure, and~~
30 ~~transportation facilities and to specifically provide~~
31 ~~mechanisms to attract and encourage private economic activity.~~

1 ~~(d) The various local governments and other~~
2 ~~redevelopment organizations now undertaking physical~~
3 ~~revitalization projects are limited by tightly constrained~~
4 ~~budgets and inadequate resources.~~

5 ~~(e) In order to significantly improve revitalization~~
6 ~~efforts by local governments and community development~~
7 ~~organizations and to retain as much of the historic character~~
8 ~~of our communities as possible, it is necessary to provide~~
9 ~~additional resources, and the participation of private~~
10 ~~enterprise in revitalization efforts is an effective means for~~
11 ~~accomplishing that goal.~~

12 ~~(2) POLICY AND PURPOSE.--It is the policy of this~~
13 ~~state to encourage the participation of private corporations~~
14 ~~in revitalization projects undertaken by public redevelopment~~
15 ~~organizations. The purpose of this section is to provide an~~
16 ~~incentive for such participation by granting partial state~~
17 ~~income tax credits to corporations that contribute resources~~
18 ~~to public redevelopment organizations for the revitalization~~
19 ~~of enterprise zones for the benefit of low-income and~~
20 ~~moderate-income persons or to preserve existing historically~~
21 ~~significant properties within enterprise zones to the greatest~~
22 ~~extent possible. The Legislature thus declares this a public~~
23 ~~purpose for which public money may be borrowed, expended,~~
24 ~~loaned, and granted.~~

25 ~~(1)(3)~~ AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION
26 TAX CREDITS; LIMITATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL CREDITS AND PROGRAM
27 SPENDING.--

28 ~~(a) Beginning July 1, 1995,~~There shall be allowed a
29 credit of 50 percent of a community contribution against any
30 tax due for a taxable year under this chapter.

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1 (b) No business firm shall receive more than \$200,000
2 in annual tax credits for all approved community contributions
3 made in any one year.

4 (c) The total amount of tax credit which may be
5 granted for all programs approved under this section and s.
6 624.5105 is \$10 million annually.

7 (d) All proposals for the granting of the tax credit
8 shall require the prior approval of the Office of Tourism,
9 Trade, and Economic Development.

10 (e) If the credit granted pursuant to this section is
11 not fully used in any one year because of insufficient tax
12 liability on the part of the business firm, the unused amount
13 may be carried forward for a period not to exceed 5 years. The
14 carryover credit may be used in a subsequent year when the tax
15 imposed by this chapter for such year exceeds the credit for
16 such year under this section after applying the other credits
17 and unused credit carryovers in the order provided in s.
18 220.02(8)(10).

19 (f) A taxpayer who files a Florida consolidated return
20 as a member of an affiliated group pursuant to s. 220.131(1)
21 may be allowed the credit on a consolidated return basis.

22 (g) A taxpayer who is eligible to receive the credit
23 provided for in s. 624.5105 is not eligible to receive the
24 credit provided by this section.

25 (2)(4) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.--

26 (a) All community contributions by a business firm
27 shall be in the form specified in s. 220.03(1)(d).

28 (b) All community contributions must be reserved
29 exclusively for use in projects as defined in s. 220.03(1)(t).

30 (c) The project must be undertaken by an "eligible
31 sponsor," defined here as:

- 1 1. A community action program;
- 2 2. A community development corporation;
- 3 3. A neighborhood housing services corporation;
- 4 4. A local housing authority, created pursuant to
- 5 chapter 421;
- 6 5. A community redevelopment agency, created pursuant
- 7 to s. 163.356;
- 8 6. The Florida Industrial Development Corporation;
- 9 7. An historic preservation district agency or
- 10 organization;
- 11 8. A private industry council;
- 12 9. A direct-support organization as provided in s.
- 13 240.551;
- 14 10. An enterprise zone development agency created
- 15 pursuant to s. 290.0057; or
- 16 11. Such other agency as the Office of Tourism, Trade,
- 17 and Economic Development may, from time to time, designate by
- 18 rule.

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20 In no event shall a contributing business firm have a
21 financial interest in the eligible sponsor.

22 (d) The project shall be located in an area designated
23 as an enterprise zone pursuant to s. 290.0065. Any project
24 designed to construct or rehabilitate low-income housing is
25 exempt from the area requirement of this paragraph.

26 (3)~~(5)~~ APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.--

27 (a) Any eligible sponsor wishing to participate in
28 this program must submit a proposal to the Office of Tourism,
29 Trade, and Economic Development which sets forth the sponsor,
30 the project, the area in which the project is located, and
31 such supporting information as may be prescribed by rule. The

1 proposal shall also contain a resolution from the local
2 governmental unit in which it is located certifying that the
3 project is consistent with local plans and regulations.

4 (b) Any business wishing to participate in this
5 program must submit an application for tax credit to the
6 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, which
7 application sets forth the sponsor; the project; and the type,
8 value, and purpose of the contribution. The sponsor shall
9 verify the terms of the application and indicate its
10 willingness to receive the contribution, which verification
11 indicate its willingness to receive the contribution, which
12 verification shall be in writing and shall accompany the
13 application for tax credit.

14 (c) The business firm must submit a separate
15 application for tax credit for each individual contribution
16 which it proposes to contribute to each individual project.

17 (4)~~(6)~~ ADMINISTRATION.--

18 (a) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
19 Development has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss.
20 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this
21 section, including rules for the approval or disapproval of
22 proposals by business firms.

23 (b) The decision of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
24 Economic Development shall be in writing, and, if approved,
25 the proposal shall state the maximum credit allowable to the
26 business firm. A copy of the decision shall be transmitted to
27 the executive director of the Department of Revenue, who shall
28 apply such credit to the tax liability of the business firm.

29 (c) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
30 Development shall periodically monitor all projects in a
31 manner consistent with available resources to ensure that

1 resources are utilized in accordance with this section;
2 however, each project shall be reviewed no less often than
3 once every 2 years.

4 (d) The Department of Revenue has authority to adopt
5 rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the
6 provisions of this section.

7 (5)~~(7)~~ EXPIRATION.--The provisions of this section,
8 except paragraph(1)~~(3)~~(e), shall expire and be void on June
9 30, 2005.

10 Section 28. Subsections (1) and (2) of section
11 220.185, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

12 Section 29. Section 220.188, Florida Statutes, is
13 repealed.

14 Section 30. Subsections (6) and (9) of section 220.02,
15 Florida Statutes, are repealed, and subsection (10) of said
16 section is renumbered and amended to read:

17 220.02 Legislative intent.--

18 (8)~~(10)~~ It is the intent of the Legislature that
19 credits against either the corporate income tax or the
20 franchise tax be applied in the following order: those
21 enumerated in s. 220.68, ~~those enumerated in s. 220.18,~~those
22 enumerated in s. 631.828, those enumerated in s. 220.191,
23 those enumerated in s. 220.181, those enumerated in s.
24 220.183, those enumerated in s. 220.182, those enumerated in
25 s. 220.1895, those enumerated in s. 221.02, those enumerated
26 in s. 220.184, those enumerated in s. 220.186, ~~those~~
27 ~~enumerated in s. 220.188,~~those enumerated in s. 220.1845,
28 those enumerated in s. 220.19, and those enumerated in s.
29 220.185.

30 Section 31. Effective July 1, 2000, subsection (8) of
31 section 220.02, Florida Statutes, as renumbered by this act

1 and amended by chapter 99-378, Laws of Florida, is amended to
2 read:

3 220.02 Legislative intent.--
4 (8) It is the intent of the Legislature that credits
5 against either the corporate income tax or the franchise tax
6 be applied in the following order: ~~those enumerated in s.~~
7 ~~220.18~~, those enumerated in s. 631.828, those enumerated in s.
8 220.191, those enumerated in s. 220.181, those enumerated in
9 s. 220.183, those enumerated in s. 220.182, those enumerated
10 in s. 220.1895, those enumerated in s. 221.02, those
11 enumerated in s. 220.184, those enumerated in s. 220.186,
12 ~~those enumerated in s. 220.188~~, those enumerated in s.
13 220.1845, those enumerated in s. 220.19, and those enumerated
14 in s. 220.185.

15 Section 32. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
16 220.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17 220.181 Enterprise zone jobs credit.--

18 (1)

19 (c) If this credit is not fully used in any one year,
20 the unused amount may be carried forward for a period not to
21 exceed 5 years. The carryover credit may be used in a
22 subsequent year when the tax imposed by this chapter for such
23 year exceeds the credit for such year after applying the other
24 credits and unused credit carryovers in the order provided in
25 s. 220.02(8)(10).

26 Section 33. Subsection (1) of section 220.182, Florida
27 Statutes, is amended to read:

28 220.182 Enterprise zone property tax credit.--

29 (1)(a) Beginning July 1, 1995, there shall be allowed
30 a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter to any
31 business which establishes a new business as defined in s.

1 220.03(1)(p)~~2-~~, expands an existing business as defined in s.
2 220.03(1)(k)~~2-~~, or rebuilds an existing business as defined in
3 s. 220.03(1)(u) in this state. The credit shall be computed
4 annually as ad valorem taxes paid in this state, in the case
5 of a new business; the additional ad valorem tax paid in this
6 state resulting from assessments on additional real or
7 tangible personal property acquired to facilitate the
8 expansion of an existing business; or the ad valorem taxes
9 paid in this state resulting from assessments on property
10 replaced or restored, in the case of a rebuilt business,
11 including pollution and waste control facilities, or any part
12 thereof, and including one or more buildings or other
13 structures, machinery, fixtures, and equipment.

14 (b) If the credit granted pursuant to this section is
15 not fully used in any one year, the unused amount may be
16 carried forward for a period not to exceed 5 years. The
17 carryover credit may be used in a subsequent year when the tax
18 imposed by this chapter for such year exceeds the credit for
19 such year under this section after applying the other credits
20 and unused credit carryovers in the order provided in s.
21 220.02(8)~~(10)~~. The amount of credit taken under this section
22 in any one year, however, shall not exceed \$25,000, or, if no
23 less than 20 percent of the employees of the business are
24 residents of an enterprise zone, excluding temporary
25 employees, the amount shall not exceed \$50,000.

26 Section 34. Subsection (3) of section 220.184, Florida
27 Statutes, is amended to read:

28 220.184 Hazardous waste facility tax credit.--

29 (3) If any credit granted pursuant to this section is
30 not fully used in the first year for which it becomes
31 available, the unused amount may be carried forward for a

1 period not to exceed 5 years. The carryover may be used in a
2 subsequent year when the tax imposed by this chapter for such
3 year exceeds the credit for such year under this section after
4 applying the other credits and unused credit carryovers in the
5 order provided in s. 220.02(8)~~(10)~~.

6 Section 35. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
7 220.1845, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8 220.1845 Contaminated site rehabilitation tax
9 credit.--

10 (1) AUTHORIZATION FOR TAX CREDIT; LIMITATIONS.--

11 (c) If the credit granted under this section is not
12 fully used in any one year because of insufficient tax
13 liability on the part of the corporation, the unused amount
14 may be carried forward for a period not to exceed 5 years. The
15 carryover credit may be used in a subsequent year when the tax
16 imposed by this chapter for that year exceeds the credit for
17 which the corporation is eligible in that year under this
18 section after applying the other credits and unused carryovers
19 in the order provided by s. 220.02(8)~~(10)~~.

20 Section 36. Section 220.1895, Florida Statutes, is
21 amended to read:

22 220.1895 Rural Job Tax Credit and Urban High-Crime
23 Area Job Tax Credit.--There shall be allowed a credit against
24 the tax imposed by this chapter amounts approved by the Office
25 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development pursuant to the
26 Rural Job Tax Credit Program in s. 212.098 and the Urban
27 High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit Program in s. 212.097. A
28 corporation that uses its credit against the tax imposed by
29 this chapter may not take the credit against the tax imposed
30 by chapter 212. If any credit granted under this section is
31 not fully used in the first year for which it becomes

1 available, the unused amount may be carried forward for a
2 period not to exceed 5 years. The carryover may be used in a
3 subsequent year when the tax imposed by this chapter for such
4 year exceeds the credit for such year under this section after
5 applying the other credits and unused credit carryovers in the
6 order provided in s. 220.02~~(8)~~(10). The Office of Tourism,
7 Trade, and Economic Development shall conduct a review of the
8 Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit and the Rural Job Tax
9 Credit Program and submit its report to the Governor, the
10 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives by February 1, 2000.

12 Section 37. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section
13 220.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 220.19 Child care tax credits.--

15 (1) AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT TAX CREDITS; LIMITATIONS.--

16 (e) If the credit granted under this section is not
17 fully used in any one year because of insufficient tax
18 liability on the part of the corporation, the unused amount
19 may be carried forward for a period not to exceed 5 years. The
20 carryover credit may be used in a subsequent year when the tax
21 imposed by this chapter for that year exceeds the credit for
22 which the corporation is eligible in that year under this
23 section after applying the other credits and unused carryovers
24 in the order provided by s. 220.02~~(8)~~(10).

25 Section 38. Paragraphs (dd), (ee), and (ff) of
26 subsection (1) of section 220.03, Florida Statutes, are
27 repealed, and paragraphs (k), (p), and (t) of said subsection
28 are amended to read:

29 220.03 Definitions.--

30 (1) SPECIFIC TERMS.--When used in this code, and when
31 not otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible

1 with the intent thereof, the following terms shall have the
2 following meanings:

3 (k)1. ~~"Expansion of an existing business," for the~~
4 ~~purposes of the gasohol development tax incentive credit,~~
5 ~~refers to capital investment in a productive business~~
6 ~~operation, not defined as a new business, which results in a~~
7 ~~net increase in the amount of real or tangible personal~~
8 ~~property owned by it or, in the case of government-owned real~~
9 ~~property, leased by it, for the purpose of engaging in the~~
10 ~~distillation of ethyl alcohol for use in motor fuels or in the~~
11 ~~manufacture of equipment for the processing and distillation~~
12 ~~of ethyl alcohol for use in motor fuels.~~

13 2. "Expansion of an existing business," for the
14 purposes of the enterprise zone property tax credit, means any
15 business entity authorized to do business in this state as
16 defined in paragraph (e), and any bank or savings and loan
17 association as defined in s. 220.62, subject to the tax
18 imposed by the provisions of this chapter, located in an
19 enterprise zone, which expands by or through additions to real
20 and personal property and which establishes five or more new
21 jobs to employ five or more additional full-time employees at
22 such location. The provisions of this paragraph subparagraph
23 shall expire and be void on June 30, 2005.

24 (p)1. ~~"New business," for the purposes of the gasohol~~
25 ~~development tax incentive credit, means a productive business~~
26 ~~operation, which heretofore did not exist in this state,~~
27 ~~engaged in the distillation of ethyl alcohol for use in motor~~
28 ~~fuels or in the manufacture of equipment for the processing~~
29 ~~and distillation of ethyl alcohol for use in motor fuels.~~

30 2. "New business," for the purposes of the enterprise
31 zone property tax credit, means any business entity authorized

1 to do business in this state as defined in paragraph (e), or
2 any bank or savings and loan association as defined in s.
3 220.62, subject to the tax imposed by the provisions of this
4 chapter, first beginning operations on a site located in an
5 enterprise zone and clearly separate from any other commercial
6 or industrial operations owned by the same entity, bank, or
7 savings and loan association and which establishes five or
8 more new jobs to employ five or more additional full-time
9 employees at such location. The provisions of this paragraph
10 ~~subparagraph~~ shall expire and be void on June 30, 2005.

11 (t) "Project" means any activity undertaken by an
12 eligible sponsor, as defined in s. 220.183(2)~~(4)~~(c), which is
13 designed to construct, improve, or substantially rehabilitate
14 housing or commercial, industrial, or public resources and
15 facilities or to improve entrepreneurial and job-development
16 opportunities for low-income persons. The provisions of this
17 paragraph shall expire and be void on June 30, 2005.

18 Section 39. Section 288.106, Florida Statutes, is
19 amended to read:

20 288.106 Tax refund program for qualified target
21 industry businesses.--

22 ~~(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.--The~~
23 ~~Legislature finds that attracting, retaining, and providing~~
24 ~~favorable conditions for the growth of target industries~~
25 ~~provides high-quality employment opportunities for citizens of~~
26 ~~this state and enhances the economic foundations of this~~
27 ~~state. It is the policy of this state to encourage the growth~~
28 ~~of a high-value-added employment and economic base by~~
29 ~~providing tax refunds to qualified target industry businesses~~
30 ~~that create new high-wage employment opportunities in this~~
31

1 ~~state by expanding existing businesses within this state or by~~
2 ~~bringing new businesses to this state.~~

3 (1)~~(2)~~ DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section:

4 (a) "Account" means the Economic Development
5 Incentives Account within the Economic Development Trust Fund
6 established under s. 288.095.

7 (b) "Average private sector wage in the area" means
8 the statewide private sector average wage or the average of
9 all private sector wages and salaries in the county or in the
10 standard metropolitan area in which the business is located.

11 (c) "Business" means an employing unit, as defined in
12 s. 443.036, which is registered with the Department of Labor
13 and Employment Security for unemployment compensation purposes
14 or a subcategory or division of an employing unit which is
15 accepted by the Department of Labor and Employment Security as
16 a reporting unit.

17 (d) "Corporate headquarters business" means an
18 international, national, or regional headquarters office of a
19 multinational or multistate business enterprise or national
20 trade association, whether separate from or connected with
21 other facilities used by such business.

22 (e) "Office" means the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
23 Economic Development.

24 (f) "Enterprise zone" means an area designated as an
25 enterprise zone pursuant to s. 290.0065.

26 (g) "Expansion of an existing business" means the
27 expansion of an existing Florida business by or through
28 additions to real and personal property, resulting in a net
29 increase in employment of not less than 10 percent at such
30 business.

31 (h) "Fiscal year" means the fiscal year of the state.

1 (i) "Jobs" means full-time equivalent positions, as
2 such terms are consistent with terms used by the Department of
3 Labor and Employment Security and the United States Department
4 of Labor for purposes of unemployment compensation tax
5 administration and employment estimation, resulting directly
6 from a project in this state. This number shall not include
7 temporary construction jobs involved with the construction of
8 facilities for the project or any jobs which have previously
9 been included in any application for tax refunds under s.
10 288.104 or this section.

11 (j) "Local financial support" means funding from local
12 sources, public or private, which is paid to the Economic
13 Development Trust Fund and which is equal to 20 percent of the
14 annual tax refund for a qualified target industry business. A
15 qualified target industry business may not provide, directly
16 or indirectly, more than 5 percent of such funding in any
17 fiscal year. The sources of such funding may not include,
18 directly or indirectly, state funds appropriated from the
19 General Revenue Fund or any state trust fund, excluding tax
20 revenues shared with local governments pursuant to law.

21 (k) "Local financial support exemption option" means
22 the option to exercise an exemption from the local financial
23 support requirement available to any applicant whose project
24 is located in a county with a population of 75,000 or fewer or
25 a county with a population of 100,000 or fewer which is
26 contiguous to a county with a population of 75,000 or fewer.
27 Any applicant that exercises this option shall not be eligible
28 for more than 80 percent of the total tax refunds allowed such
29 applicant under this section.

30 (l) "New business" means a business which heretofore
31 did not exist in this state, first beginning operations on a

1 site located in this state and clearly separate from any other
2 commercial or industrial operations owned by the same
3 business.

4 (m) "Project" means the creation of a new business or
5 expansion of an existing business.

6 (n) "Director" means the Director of the Office of
7 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

8 (o) "Target industry business" means a corporate
9 headquarters business or any business that is engaged in one
10 of the target industries identified pursuant to the following
11 criteria developed by the office in consultation with
12 Enterprise Florida, Inc.:

13 1. Future growth.--Industry forecasts should indicate
14 strong expectation for future growth in both employment and
15 output, according to the most recent available data. Special
16 consideration should be given to Florida's growing access to
17 international markets or to replacing imports.

18 2. Stability.--The industry should not be subject to
19 periodic layoffs, whether due to seasonality or sensitivity to
20 volatile economic variables such as weather. The industry
21 should also be relatively resistant to recession, so that the
22 demand for products of this industry is not necessarily
23 subject to decline during an economic downturn.

24 3. High wage.--The industry should pay relatively high
25 wages compared to statewide or area averages.

26 4. Market and resource independent.--The location of
27 industry businesses should not be dependent on Florida markets
28 or resources as indicated by industry analysis.

29 5. Industrial base diversification and
30 strengthening.--The industry should contribute toward
31 expanding or diversifying the state's or area's economic base,

1 as indicated by analysis of employment and output shares
2 compared to national and regional trends. Special
3 consideration should be given to industries that strengthen
4 regional economies by adding value to basic products or
5 building regional industrial clusters as indicated by industry
6 analysis.

7 6. Economic benefits.--The industry should have strong
8 positive impacts on or benefits to the state and regional
9 economies.

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11 The office, in consultation with Enterprise Florida, Inc.,
12 shall develop a list of such target industries annually and
13 submit such list as part of the final agency legislative
14 budget request submitted pursuant to s. 216.023(1). A target
15 industry business may not include any industry engaged in
16 retail activities; any electrical utility company; any
17 phosphate or other solid minerals severance, mining, or
18 processing operation; any oil or gas exploration or production
19 operation; or any firm subject to regulation by the Division
20 of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and
21 Professional Regulation.

22 (p) "Taxable year" means taxable year as defined in s.
23 220.03(1)(z).

24 (q) "Qualified target industry business" means a
25 target industry business that has been approved by the
26 director to be eligible for tax refunds pursuant to this
27 section.

28 (r) "Rural county" means a county with a population of
29 75,000 or fewer or a county with a population of 100,000 or
30 fewer which is contiguous to a county with a population of
31 75,000 or fewer.

1 (s) "Rural city" means a city with a population of
2 10,000 or less, or a city with a population of greater than
3 10,000 but less than 20,000 which has been determined by the
4 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to have
5 economic characteristics such as, but not limited to, a
6 significant percentage of residents on public assistance, a
7 significant percentage of residents with income below the
8 poverty level, or a significant percentage of the city's
9 employment base in agriculture-related industries.

10 (t) "Rural community" means:

- 11 1. A county with a population of 75,000 or less.
- 12 2. A county with a population of 100,000 or less that
13 is contiguous to a county with a population of 75,000 or less.
- 14 3. A municipality within a county described in
15 subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2.

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17 For purposes of this paragraph, population shall be determined
18 in accordance with the most recent official estimate pursuant
19 to s. 186.901.

20 (u) "Authorized local economic development agency"
21 means any public or private entity, including those defined in
22 s. 288.075, authorized by a county or municipality to promote
23 the general business or industrial interests of that county or
24 municipality.

25 (2)~~(3)~~ TAX REFUND; ELIGIBLE AMOUNTS.--

26 (a) There shall be allowed, from the account, a refund
27 to a qualified target industry business for the amount of
28 eligible taxes certified by the director which were paid by
29 such business. The total amount of refunds for all fiscal
30 years for each qualified target industry business must be
31 determined pursuant to subsection (3)~~(4)~~. The annual amount

1 of a refund to a qualified target industry business must be
2 determined pursuant to subsection (5)~~(6)~~.

3 (b) Upon approval by the director, a qualified target
4 industry business shall be allowed tax refund payments equal
5 to \$3,000 times the number of jobs specified in the tax refund
6 agreement under subparagraph (4)~~(5)~~(a)1., or equal to \$6,000
7 times the number of jobs if the project is located in a rural
8 county or an enterprise zone. Further, a qualified target
9 industry business shall be allowed additional tax refund
10 payments equal to \$1,000 times the number of jobs specified in
11 the tax refund agreement under subparagraph (4)~~(5)~~(a)1., if
12 such jobs pay an annual average wage of at least 150 percent
13 of the average private-sector wage in the area, or equal to
14 \$2,000 times the number of jobs if such jobs pay an annual
15 average wage of at least 200 percent of the average
16 private-sector wage in the area. A qualified target industry
17 business may not receive refund payments of more than 25
18 percent of the total tax refunds specified in the tax refund
19 agreement under subparagraph (4)~~(5)~~(a)1. in any fiscal year.
20 Further, a qualified target industry business may not receive
21 more than \$1.5 million in refunds under this section in any
22 single fiscal year, or more than \$2.5 million in any single
23 fiscal year if the project is located in an enterprise zone. A
24 qualified target industry may not receive more than \$5 million
25 in refund payments under this section in all fiscal years, or
26 more than \$7.5 million if the project is located in an
27 enterprise zone. Funds made available pursuant to this section
28 may not be expended in connection with the relocation of a
29 business from one community to another community in this state
30 unless the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development
31 determines that without such relocation the business will move

1 outside this state or determines that the business has a
2 compelling economic rationale for the relocation and that the
3 relocation will create additional jobs.

4 (c) After entering into a tax refund agreement under
5 subsection (4)~~(5)~~, a qualified target industry business may:

6 1. Receive refunds from the account for the following
7 taxes due and paid by that business beginning with the first
8 taxable year of the business which begins after entering into
9 the agreement:

10 a. Corporate income taxes under chapter 220.

11 b. Insurance premium tax under s. 624.509.

12 2. Receive refunds from the account for the following
13 taxes due and paid by that business after entering into the
14 agreement:

15 a. Taxes on sales, use, and other transactions under
16 chapter 212.

17 b. Intangible personal property taxes under chapter
18 199.

19 c. Emergency excise taxes under chapter 221.

20 d. Excise taxes on documents under chapter 201.

21 e. Ad valorem taxes paid, as defined in s. 220.03(1).

22 (d) However, a qualified target industry business may
23 not receive a refund under this section for any amount of
24 credit, refund, or exemption granted to that business for any
25 of such taxes. If a refund for such taxes is provided by the
26 office, which taxes are subsequently adjusted by the
27 application of any credit, refund, or exemption granted to the
28 qualified target industry business other than as provided in
29 this section, the business shall reimburse the account for the
30 amount of that credit, refund, or exemption. A qualified
31 target industry business shall notify and tender payment to

1 the office within 20 days after receiving any credit, refund,
2 or exemption other than one provided in this section.

3 (e) A qualified target industry business that
4 fraudulently claims a refund under this section:

5 1. Is liable for repayment of the amount of the refund
6 to the account, plus a mandatory penalty in the amount of 200
7 percent of the tax refund which shall be deposited into the
8 General Revenue Fund.

9 2. Is guilty of a felony of the third degree,
10 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.
11 775.084.

12 (3)~~(4)~~ APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS.--

13 (a) To apply for certification as a qualified target
14 industry business under this section, the business must file
15 an application with the office before the business has made
16 the decision to locate a new business in this state or before
17 the business had made the decision to expand an existing
18 business in this state. The application shall include, but is
19 not limited to, the following information:

20 1. The applicant's federal employer identification
21 number and the applicant's state sales tax registration
22 number.

23 2. The permanent location of the applicant's facility
24 in this state at which the project is or is to be located.

25 3. A description of the type of business activity or
26 product covered by the project, including four-digit SIC codes
27 for all activities included in the project.

28 4. The number of full-time equivalent jobs in this
29 state that are or will be dedicated to the project and the
30 average wage of those jobs. If more than one type of business
31 activity or product is included in the project, the number of

1 jobs and average wage for those jobs must be separately stated
2 for each type of business activity or product.

3 5. The total number of full-time equivalent employees
4 employed by the applicant in this state.

5 6. The anticipated commencement date of the project.

6 7. A brief statement concerning the role that the tax
7 refunds requested will play in the decision of the applicant
8 to locate or expand in this state.

9 8. An estimate of the proportion of the sales
10 resulting from the project that will be made outside this
11 state.

12 9. A resolution adopted by the governing board of the
13 county or municipality in which the project will be located,
14 which resolution recommends that certain types of businesses
15 be approved as a qualified target industry business and states
16 that the commitments of local financial support necessary for
17 the target industry business exist. In advance of the passage
18 of such resolution, the office may also accept an official
19 letter from an authorized local economic development agency
20 that endorses the proposed target industry project and pledges
21 that sources of local financial support for such project
22 exist. For the purposes of making pledges of local financial
23 support under this subsection, the authorized local economic
24 development agency shall be officially designated by the
25 passage of a one-time resolution by the local governing
26 authority.

27 10. Any additional information requested by the
28 office.

29 (b) To qualify for review by the office, the
30 application of a target industry business must, at a minimum,
31 establish the following to the satisfaction of the office:

1 1. The jobs proposed to be provided under the
2 application, pursuant to subparagraph (a)4., must pay an
3 estimated annual average wage equaling at least 115 percent of
4 the average private sector wage in the area where the business
5 is to be located or the statewide private sector average wage.
6 The office may waive this average wage requirement at the
7 request of the local governing body recommending the project
8 and Enterprise Florida, Inc. The wage requirement may only be
9 waived for a project located in a brownfield area designated
10 under s. 376.80 or in a rural city or county or in an
11 enterprise zone and only when the merits of the individual
12 project or the specific circumstances in the community in
13 relationship to the project warrant such action. If the local
14 governing body and Enterprise Florida, Inc., make such a
15 recommendation, it must be transmitted in writing and the
16 specific justification for the waiver recommendation must be
17 explained. If the director elects to waive the wage
18 requirement, the waiver must be stated in writing and the
19 reasons for granting the waiver must be explained.

20 2. The target industry business's project must result
21 in the creation of at least 10 jobs at such project and, if an
22 expansion of an existing business, must result in a net
23 increase in employment of not less than 10 percent at such
24 business. Notwithstanding the definition of the term
25 "expansion of an existing business" in paragraph~~(1)~~(2)(g), at
26 the request of the local governing body recommending the
27 project and Enterprise Florida, Inc., the office may define an
28 "expansion of an existing business" in a rural community or an
29 enterprise zone as the expansion of a business resulting in a
30 net increase in employment of less than 10 percent at such
31 business if the merits of the individual project or the

1 specific circumstances in the community in relationship to the
2 project warrant such action. If the local governing body and
3 Enterprise Florida, Inc., make such a request, it must be
4 transmitted in writing and the specific justification for the
5 request must be explained. If the director elects to grant
6 such request, such election must be stated in writing and the
7 reason for granting the request must be explained.

8 3. The business activity or product for the
9 applicant's project is within an industry or industries that
10 have been identified by the office to be high-value-added
11 industries that contribute to the area and to the economic
12 growth of the state and that produce a higher standard of
13 living for citizens of this state in the new global economy or
14 that can be shown to make an equivalent contribution to the
15 area and state's economic progress. The director must approve
16 requests to waive the wage requirement for brownfield areas
17 designated under s. 376.80 unless it is demonstrated that such
18 action is not in the public interest.

19 (c) Each application meeting the requirements of
20 paragraph (b) must be submitted to the office for
21 determination of eligibility. The office shall review and
22 evaluate each application based on, but not limited to, the
23 following criteria:

24 1. Expected contributions to the state strategic
25 economic development plan adopted by Enterprise Florida, Inc.,
26 taking into account the long-term effects of the project and
27 of the applicant on the state economy.

28 2. The economic benefit of the jobs created by the
29 project in this state, taking into account the cost and
30 average wage of each job created.

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1 3. The amount of capital investment to be made by the
2 applicant in this state.

3 4. The local commitment and support for the project.

4 5. The effect of the project on the local community,
5 taking into account the unemployment rate for the county where
6 the project will be located.

7 6. The effect of any tax refunds granted pursuant to
8 this section on the viability of the project and the
9 probability that the project will be undertaken in this state
10 if such tax refunds are granted to the applicant, taking into
11 account the expected long-term commitment of the applicant to
12 economic growth and employment in this state.

13 7. The expected long-term commitment to this state
14 resulting from the project.

15 8. A review of the business's past activities in this
16 state or other states, including whether such business has
17 been subjected to criminal or civil fines and penalties.
18 Nothing in this subparagraph shall require the disclosure of
19 confidential information.

20 (d) The office shall forward its written findings and
21 evaluation concerning each application meeting the
22 requirements of paragraph (b) to the director within 45
23 calendar days after receipt of a complete application. The
24 office shall notify each target industry business when its
25 application is complete, and of the time when the 45-day
26 period begins. In its written report to the director, the
27 office shall specifically address each of the factors
28 specified in paragraph (c) and shall make a specific
29 assessment with respect to the minimum requirements
30 established in paragraph (b). The office shall include in its
31 report projections of the tax refund claim that will be sought

1 by the target industry business in each fiscal year based on
2 the information submitted in the application.

3 (e)1. Within 30 days after receipt of the office's
4 findings and evaluation, the director shall issue a letter of
5 certification that either approves or disapproves the
6 application of the target industry business. The decision must
7 be in writing and must provide the justifications for approval
8 or disapproval.

9 2. If appropriate, the director shall enter into a
10 written agreement with the qualified target industry business
11 pursuant to subsection (4)~~(5)~~.

12 (f) The director may not certify any target industry
13 business as a qualified target industry business if the value
14 of tax refunds to be included in that letter of certification
15 exceeds the available amount of authority to certify new
16 businesses as determined in s. 288.095(3). However, if the
17 commitments of local financial support represent less than 20
18 percent of the eligible tax refund payments, or to otherwise
19 preserve the viability and fiscal integrity of the program,
20 the director may certify a qualified target industry business
21 to receive tax refund payments of less than the allowable
22 amounts specified in paragraph (2)~~(3)~~(b). A letter of
23 certification that approves an application must specify the
24 maximum amount of tax refund that will be available to the
25 qualified industry business in each fiscal year and the total
26 amount of tax refunds that will be available to the business
27 for all fiscal years.

28 (g) Nothing in this section shall create a presumption
29 that an applicant will receive any tax refunds under this
30 section. However, the office may issue nonbinding opinion
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1 letters, upon the request of prospective applicants, as to the
2 applicants' eligibility and the potential amount of refunds.

3 (4)~~(5)~~ TAX REFUND AGREEMENT.--

4 (a) Each qualified target industry business must enter
5 into a written agreement with the office which specifies, at a
6 minimum:

7 1. The total number of full-time equivalent jobs in
8 this state that will be dedicated to the project, the average
9 wage of those jobs, the definitions that will apply for
10 measuring the achievement of these terms during the pendency
11 of the agreement, and a time schedule or plan for when such
12 jobs will be in place and active in this state. This
13 information must be the same as the information contained in
14 the application submitted by the business under subsection(3)
15 ~~(4)~~.

16 2. The maximum amount of tax refunds which the
17 qualified target industry business is eligible to receive on
18 the project and the maximum amount of a tax refund that the
19 qualified target industry business is eligible to receive in
20 each fiscal year.

21 3. That the office may review and verify the financial
22 and personnel records of the qualified target industry
23 business to ascertain whether that business is in compliance
24 with this section.

25 4. The date after which, in each fiscal year, the
26 qualified target industry business may file an annual claim
27 under subsection(5)~~(6)~~.

28 5. That local financial support will be annually
29 available and will be paid to the account. The director may
30 not enter into a written agreement with a qualified target
31 industry business if the local financial support resolution is

1 not passed by the local governing authority within 90 days
2 after he or she has issued the letter of certification under
3 subsection(3)~~(4)~~.

4 (b) Compliance with the terms and conditions of the
5 agreement is a condition precedent for the receipt of a tax
6 refund each year. The failure to comply with the terms and
7 conditions of the tax refund agreement results in the loss of
8 eligibility for receipt of all tax refunds previously
9 authorized under this section and the revocation by the
10 director of the certification of the business entity as a
11 qualified target industry business.

12 (c) The agreement must be signed by the director and
13 by an authorized officer of the qualified target industry
14 business within 120 days after the issuance of the letter of
15 certification under subsection(3)~~(4)~~, but not before passage
16 and receipt of the resolution of local financial support.

17 (d) The agreement must contain the following legend,
18 clearly printed on its face in bold type of not less than 10
19 points in size: "This agreement is neither a general
20 obligation of the State of Florida, nor is it backed by the
21 full faith and credit of the State of Florida. Payment of tax
22 refunds are conditioned on and subject to specific annual
23 appropriations by the Florida Legislature of moneys sufficient
24 to pay amounts authorized in section 288.106, Florida
25 Statutes."

26 (5)~~(6)~~ ANNUAL CLAIM FOR REFUND.--

27 (a) A qualified target industry business that has
28 entered into a tax refund agreement with the office under
29 subsection(4)~~(5)~~ may apply once each fiscal year to the
30 office for a tax refund. The application must be made on or
31 after the date specified in that agreement.

1 (b) The claim for refund by the qualified target
2 industry business must include a copy of all receipts
3 pertaining to the payment of taxes for which the refund is
4 sought and data related to achievement of each performance
5 item specified in the tax refund agreement. The amount
6 requested as a tax refund may not exceed the amount specified
7 for that fiscal year in that agreement.

8 (c) A tax refund may not be approved for a qualified
9 target industry business unless the required local financial
10 support has been paid into the account in that fiscal year. If
11 the local financial support provided is less than 20 percent
12 of the approved tax refund, the tax refund must be reduced. In
13 no event may the tax refund exceed an amount that is equal to
14 5 times the amount of the local financial support received.
15 Further, funding from local sources includes any tax abatement
16 granted to that business under s. 196.1995 or the appraised
17 market value of municipal or county land conveyed or provided
18 at a discount to that business. The amount of any tax refund
19 for such business approved under this section must be reduced
20 by the amount of any such tax abatement granted or the value
21 of the land granted; and the limitations in subsection (2) ~~(3)~~
22 and paragraph (3) ~~(4)~~(f) must be reduced by the amount of any
23 such tax abatement or the value of the land granted. A report
24 listing all sources of the local financial support shall be
25 provided to the office when such support is paid to the
26 account.

27 (d) A prorated tax refund, less a 5-percent penalty,
28 shall be approved for a qualified target industry business
29 provided all other applicable requirements have been satisfied
30 and the business proves to the satisfaction of the director
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1 that it has achieved at least 80 percent of its projected
2 employment.

3 (e) The director, with such assistance as may be
4 required from the office, the Department of Revenue, or the
5 Department of Labor and Employment Security, shall specify by
6 written final order the amount of the tax refund that is
7 authorized for the qualified target industry business for the
8 fiscal year within 30 days after the date that the claim for
9 the annual tax refund is received by the office.

10 (f) The total amount of tax refund claims approved by
11 the director under this section in any fiscal year must not
12 exceed the amount authorized under s. 288.095(3).

13 (g) Upon approval of the tax refund under paragraphs
14 (c), (d), and (e), the Comptroller shall issue a warrant for
15 the amount specified in the final order. If the final order is
16 appealed, the Comptroller may not issue a warrant for a refund
17 to the qualified target industry business until the conclusion
18 of all appeals of that order.

19 (6)~~(7)~~ ADMINISTRATION.--

20 (a) The office is authorized to verify information
21 provided in any claim submitted for tax credits under this
22 section with regard to employment and wage levels or the
23 payment of the taxes to the appropriate agency or authority,
24 including the Department of Revenue, the Department of Labor
25 and Employment Security, or any local government or authority.

26 (b) To facilitate the process of monitoring and
27 auditing applications made under this program, the office may
28 provide a list of qualified target industry businesses to the
29 Department of Revenue, to the Department of Labor and
30 Employment Security, or to any local government or authority.
31 The office may request the assistance of those entities with

1 respect to monitoring the payment of the taxes listed in
2 subsection (2)~~(3)~~.

3 (7)~~(8)~~ EXPIRATION.--This section expires June 30,
4 2004.

5 Section 40. Subsection (11) of section 159.803,
6 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 159.803 Definitions.--As used in this part, the term:

8 (11) "Florida First Business project" means any
9 project which is certified by the Office of Tourism, Trade,
10 and Economic Development as eligible to receive an allocation
11 from the Florida First Business allocation pool established
12 pursuant to s. 159.8083. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and
13 Economic Development may certify those projects meeting the
14 criteria set forth in s. 288.106(3)~~(4)~~(b) or any project
15 providing a substantial economic benefit to this state.

16 Section 41. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1),
17 subsection (2), paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (4), and
18 paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 288.107, Florida
19 Statutes, are amended to read:

20 288.107 Brownfield redevelopment bonus refunds.--

21 (1) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section:

22 (e) "Eligible business" means a qualified target
23 industry business as defined in s. 288.106(1)~~(2)~~(o).

24 (2) BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT BONUS REFUND.--There
25 shall be allowed from the account a bonus refund of \$2,500 to
26 any qualified target industry business for each new Florida
27 job created in a brownfield which is claimed on the qualified
28 target industry business's annual refund claim authorized in
29 s. 288.106(5)~~(6)~~and approved by the office as specified in
30 the final order issued by the director.

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1 (4) PAYMENT OF BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT BONUS
2 REFUNDS.--
3 (a) To be eligible to receive a bonus refund for new
4 Florida jobs created in a brownfield, a business must have
5 been certified as a qualified target industry business under
6 s. 288.106 and must have indicated on the qualified target
7 industry tax refund application form submitted in accordance
8 with s. 288.106(3)~~(4)~~that the project for which the
9 application is submitted is or will be located in a brownfield
10 and that the business is applying for certification as a
11 qualified brownfield business under this section, and must
12 have signed a qualified target industry tax refund agreement
13 with the office which indicates that the business has been
14 certified as a qualified target industry business located in a
15 brownfield and specifies the schedule of brownfield
16 redevelopment bonus refunds that the business may be eligible
17 to receive in each fiscal year.
18 (d) After entering into a tax refund agreement as
19 provided in s. 288.106, an eligible business may receive
20 brownfield redevelopment bonus refunds from the account
21 pursuant to s. 288.106(2)~~(3)~~(c).
22 (5) ADMINISTRATION.--
23 (b) To facilitate the process of monitoring and
24 auditing applications made under this program, the office may
25 provide a list of qualified target industry businesses to the
26 Department of Revenue, to the Department of Labor and
27 Employment Security, to the Department of Environmental
28 Protection, or to any local government authority. The office
29 may request the assistance of those entities with respect to
30 monitoring the payment of the taxes listed in s.
31 288.106(2)~~(3)~~.

1 Section 42. Section 624.5105, Florida Statutes, is
2 amended to read:

3 624.5105 Community contribution tax credit;
4 ~~legislative findings; policy and purpose; authorization;~~
5 limitations; eligibility and application requirements;
6 administration; definitions; expiration.--

7 ~~(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.--The Legislature finds that:~~

8 ~~(a) Conditions of blight, evidenced by extensive~~
9 ~~deterioration of public and private facilities, abandonment of~~
10 ~~sound structures, and high unemployment, exist in the counties~~
11 ~~and municipalities, which conditions impede the conservation~~
12 ~~and development of healthy, safe, and economically viable~~
13 ~~communities.~~

14 ~~(b) The deterioration of housing and industrial,~~
15 ~~commercial, and public facilities contributes to the decline~~
16 ~~of neighborhoods and communities and leads to the loss of~~
17 ~~their historic character and the sense of community which this~~
18 ~~inspires; reduces the value of property comprising the tax~~
19 ~~base of local communities; discourages private investment; and~~
20 ~~requires a disproportionate expenditure of public funds for~~
21 ~~the social services, unemployment benefits, and police~~
22 ~~protection required to combat the social and economic problems~~
23 ~~found in slum communities.~~

24 ~~(c) In order to ultimately restore social and economic~~
25 ~~viability to enterprise zones, it is necessary to renovate or~~
26 ~~construct new housing, water and sewer infrastructure, and~~
27 ~~transportation facilities and to specifically provide~~
28 ~~mechanisms to attract and encourage private economic activity.~~

29 ~~(d) The various local governments and other~~
30 ~~redevelopment organizations now undertaking physical~~
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1 ~~revitalization projects are limited by tightly constrained~~
2 ~~budgets and inadequate resources.~~

3 ~~(e) In order to significantly improve revitalization~~
4 ~~efforts by local governments and community development~~
5 ~~organizations and to retain as much of the historic character~~
6 ~~of our communities as possible, it is necessary to provide~~
7 ~~additional resources, and the participation of private~~
8 ~~enterprise in revitalization efforts is an effective means for~~
9 ~~accomplishing that goal.~~

10 ~~(2) POLICY AND PURPOSE.--It is the policy of this~~
11 ~~state to encourage the participation of insurers in~~
12 ~~revitalization projects undertaken by public redevelopment~~
13 ~~organizations. The purpose of this section is to provide an~~
14 ~~incentive for such participation by granting partial state~~
15 ~~insurance premium tax credits to insurers that contribute~~
16 ~~resources to public redevelopment organizations for the~~
17 ~~revitalization of enterprise zones for the benefit of~~
18 ~~low-income and moderate-income persons or to preserve existing~~
19 ~~historically significant properties within enterprise zones to~~
20 ~~the greatest extent possible. The Legislature thus declares~~
21 ~~such purpose a public purpose for which public money may be~~
22 ~~borrowed, expended, loaned, and granted.~~

23 ~~(1)(3) AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT TAX CREDITS;~~
24 ~~LIMITATIONS.--~~

25 ~~(a) Beginning July 1, 1995, There shall be allowed a~~
26 ~~credit of 50 percent of a community contribution against any~~
27 ~~tax due for a calendar year under s. 624.509 or s. 624.510.~~

28 ~~(b) No insurer shall receive more than \$200,000 in~~
29 ~~annual tax credits for all approved community contributions~~
30 ~~made in any one year.~~

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1 (c) The total amount of tax credit which may be
2 granted for all programs approved under this section and s.
3 220.183 is \$10 million annually.

4 (d) Each proposal for the granting of such tax credit
5 requires the prior approval of the director.

6 (e) If the credit granted pursuant to this section is
7 not fully used in any one year because of insufficient tax
8 liability on the part of the insurer, the unused amount may be
9 carried forward for a period not to exceed 5 years. The
10 carryover credit may be used in a subsequent year when the tax
11 imposed by s. 624.509 or s. 624.510 for such year exceeds the
12 credit under this section for such year.

13 (2)~~(4)~~ ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.--

14 (a) Each community contribution by an insurer must be
15 in a form specified in subsection(5)~~(7)~~.

16 (b) Each community contribution must be reserved
17 exclusively for use in a project.

18 (c) The project must be undertaken by an "eligible
19 sponsor," which term is defined as:

- 20 1. A community action program;
- 21 2. A community development corporation;
- 22 3. A neighborhood housing services corporation;
- 23 4. A local housing authority created pursuant to
24 chapter 421;
- 25 5. A community redevelopment agency created pursuant
26 to s. 163.356;
- 27 6. The Florida Industrial Development Corporation;
- 28 7. A historic preservation district agency or
29 organization;
- 30 8. A private industry council;
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1 9. An enterprise zone development agency created
2 pursuant to s. 290.0057; or

3 10. Such other agency as the director may, from time
4 to time, designate by rule.

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6 In no event shall a contributing insurer have a financial
7 interest in the eligible sponsor.

8 (d) The project shall be located in an area designated
9 as an enterprise zone pursuant to s. 290.0065. Any project
10 designed to construct or rehabilitate low-income housing is
11 exempt from the area requirement of this paragraph.

12 (3)~~(5)~~ APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.--

13 (a) Any eligible sponsor wishing to participate in
14 this program must submit a proposal to the Office of Tourism,
15 Trade, and Economic Development which sets forth the sponsor,
16 the project, the area in which the project is located, and
17 such supporting information as may be prescribed by rule. The
18 proposal shall also contain a resolution from the local
19 governmental unit in which the proposed project is located
20 certifying that the project is consistent with local plans and
21 regulations.

22 (b)1. Any insurer wishing to participate in this
23 program must submit an application for tax credit to the
24 office which sets forth the sponsor; the project; and the
25 type, value, and purpose of the contribution. The sponsor must
26 verify, in writing, the terms of the application and indicate
27 its willingness to receive the contribution, which
28 verification must accompany the application for tax credit.

29 2. The insurer must submit a separate application for
30 tax credit for each individual contribution which it proposes
31 to contribute to each individual project.

1 (4)~~(6)~~ ADMINISTRATION.--

2 (a)1. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
3 Development is authorized to adopt all rules necessary to
4 administer this section, including rules for the approval or
5 disapproval of proposals by insurers.

6 2. The decision of the director shall be in writing,
7 and, if approved, the proposal shall state the maximum credit
8 allowable to the insurer. A copy of the decision shall be
9 transmitted to the executive director of the Department of
10 Revenue, who shall apply such credit to the tax liability of
11 the insurer.

12 3. The office shall monitor all projects periodically,
13 in a manner consistent with available resources to ensure that
14 resources are utilized in accordance with this section;
15 however, each project shall be reviewed no less frequently
16 than once every 2 years.

17 (b) The Department of Revenue shall adopt any rules
18 necessary to ensure the orderly implementation and
19 administration of this section.

20 (5)~~(7)~~ DEFINITIONS.--For the purpose of this section:

21 (a) "Community contribution" means the grant by an
22 insurer of any of the following items:

- 23 1. Cash or other liquid assets.
24 2. Real property.
25 3. Goods or inventory.
26 4. Other physical resources which are identified by
27 the department.

28 (b) "Director" means the director of the Office of
29 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

30 (c) "Local government" means any county or
31 incorporated municipality in the state.

1 (d) "Office" means the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
2 Economic Development.

3 (e) "Project" means any activity undertaken by an
4 eligible sponsor, as defined in subsection (2)~~(4)~~, which is
5 designed to construct, improve, or substantially rehabilitate
6 housing or commercial, industrial, or public resources and
7 facilities or to improve entrepreneurial and job-development
8 opportunities for low-income persons.

9 ~~(6)~~~~(8)~~ EXPIRATION.--The provisions of this section,
10 except paragraph (1)~~(3)~~(e), shall expire and be void on June
11 30, 2005.

12 Section 43. Except as otherwise provided herein, this
13 act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Repeals various statutory provisions that have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded. Repeals or deletes provisions relating to assessment of certain manufacturing or industrial plants or facilities demolished and reconstructed for pollution control purposes; cancellation of tax certificates on riparian rights separate from land; intangible tax return requirements for banking organizations with respect to intangible personal property resulting from international banking transactions; remittance of unpaid tax by wholesalers, terminal suppliers, retail dealers, and former special fuel dealers having motor or taxable diesel fuel inventory; scheduled legislative review of the tax for inland protection; an obsolete gas tax rate; an obsolete sulfur tax rate; authority to employee persons and incur other expenses from funds appropriated therefor for administration of the Convention Development Tax Act; an exemption from admissions tax imposed but not collected prior to a specified date for any museum or historic building owned by a political subdivision of the state; rules which implement ch. 87-548, Laws of Florida; a tax exemption on sales of electric vehicles; an obsolete reporting requirement in a tax exemption provision relating to charges for certain electricity or steam uses; intent and application implementation provisions of the Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit Program; intent and application implementation provisions of the Rural Job Tax Credit Program; the use of funds allocated to the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund for the 1999-2000 fiscal year; the Fairness in Retail Sales Taxation Act; intent with respect to state revenue laws; intent with respect to rule adoption to implement ch. 89-171, Laws of Florida; rule adoption to implement ch. 92-319, Laws of Florida; obsolete scheduling provisions relating to review of trust funds scheduled for termination; the effect of adoption of the State Bond Act on the issuance of bonds by state agencies; the gasohol development tax incentive credit; intent, findings, and policy and purpose with respect to the community contribution tax credit; findings and policy and purpose provisions in provisions governing the state housing tax credit; the export finance corporation investment credit; and findings and intent with respect to the tax refund program for qualified target industry businesses.