

By Senator Forman

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Save Our Everglades  
3           Trust Fund; creating s. 375.047, F.S.; creating  
4           the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund; providing  
5           for its purposes; providing for review and  
6           termination or re-creation of the trust fund;  
7           providing a contingent effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Section 375.047, Florida Statutes, is  
12           created to read:

13           375.047 Save Our Everglades Trust Fund.--

14           (1) There is created the Save Our Everglades Trust  
15 Fund to be administered by the Department of Environmental  
16 Protection. Funds provided pursuant to s. 259.201(4)(a) and  
17 (b) for the Save Our Everglades Act shall be deposited into  
18 this trust fund. Other funds from grants and donations,  
19 federal funds, or other funds from other sources specified by  
20 law may be deposited into this fund and used for purposes of  
21 the Save Our Everglades Act.

22           (2) Moneys deposited in this fund shall be spent only  
23 on the following types of activities:

24           (a) Projects that are joint federal-state partnerships  
25 with project plans reflecting cost-share with federal or local  
26 governments.

27           (b) Projects to restore natural water flows, retain  
28 seasonal flows, release impounded water, or improve a system's  
29 ability to remove nutrients and sediments.

30           (c) Projects that restore freshwater flows to major  
31 estuarine systems including Florida Bay and Biscayne Bay.

1           (d) Projects that have a goal of restoring native  
2 plant and animal communities.  
3           (e) Projects that meet one or more of the provisions  
4 of s. 11(e), Art. VII of the State Constitution.  
5           Section 2. In accordance with Section 19(f)(2),  
6 Article III of the State Constitution, the Save Our Everglades  
7 Trust Fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on  
8 July 1, 2005. Before its scheduled termination, the trust fund  
9 shall be reviewed as provided in section 215.3206(1) and (2),  
10 Florida Statutes.  
11           Section 3. This act shall take effect on the effective  
12 date of Senate Bill \_\_\_\_, but it shall not take effect unless  
13 it is enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each  
14 house of the Legislature and unless SB \_\_\_\_, 2000 Regular  
15 Session, becomes a law.  
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18   SENATE SUMMARY  
19           Creates the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund to be  
20 administered by the Department of Environmental  
21 Protection. Provides for review and termination or  
22 re-creation of the trust fund.  
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