

By Representative Slosberg

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to proceeds from the tobacco  
3           settlement; amending s. 569.21, F.S.; requiring  
4           that the Comptroller receive representations  
5           from the tobacco industry which are used to  
6           calculate the annual payments; requiring the  
7           Comptroller to verify such representations;  
8           requiring that the Auditor General review the  
9           verification of representations from the  
10          tobacco industry; redesignating the Comptroller  
11          as the Chief Financial Officer to conform to a  
12          revision of the State Constitution; providing  
13          effective dates.

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

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17           Section 1. Present subsections (2) through (12) of  
18          section 569.21, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
19          subsections (3) through (13), respectively, and a new  
20          subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

21           569.21 Expenditure of tobacco settlement  
22          proceeds.--The following guidelines shall be applied to the  
23          expenditure of all funds paid to the State of Florida as a  
24          result of litigation entitled The State of Florida et al. v.  
25          American Tobacco Company et al., Case #95-1466AH, in the  
26          Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for  
27          Palm Beach County:

28           (2) The Comptroller shall receive representations from  
29          the tobacco industry with respect to calculating the annual  
30          tobacco-settlement payments. The Comptroller, in consultation  
31          with the Attorney General and the Governor's Office of

1 Planning and Budgeting, shall verify the representations from  
2 the tobacco industry and appropriately resolve  
3 inconsistencies. The Comptroller, with the advice of the  
4 Attorney General, may obtain contractual services necessary to  
5 verify the representations from the tobacco industry. The  
6 Auditor General shall annually review the Comptroller's  
7 verification of the representations from the tobacco industry.

8 Section 2. Effective January 7, 2003, subsection (2)  
9 of section 569.21, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act,  
10 is amended to read:

11 569.21 Expenditure of tobacco settlement  
12 proceeds.--The following guidelines shall be applied to the  
13 expenditure of all funds paid to the State of Florida as a  
14 result of litigation entitled The State of Florida et al. v.  
15 American Tobacco Company et al., Case #95-1466AH, in the  
16 Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for  
17 Palm Beach County:

18 (2) The Chief Financial Officer ~~Comptroller~~ shall  
19 receive representations from the tobacco industry with respect  
20 to calculating the annual tobacco-settlement payments. The  
21 Chief Financial Officer ~~Comptroller~~, in consultation with the  
22 Attorney General and the Governor's Office of Planning and  
23 Budgeting, shall verify the representations from the tobacco  
24 industry and appropriately resolve inconsistencies. The Chief  
25 Financial Officer ~~Comptroller~~, with the advice of the Attorney  
26 General, may obtain contractual services necessary to verify  
27 the representations from the tobacco industry. The Auditor  
28 General shall annually review the Chief Financial Officer's  
29 ~~Comptroller's~~ verification of the representations from the  
30 tobacco industry.

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