

1 all lighthouses in the state and ensure that all historically
2 significant lighthouses are nominated for inclusion on the
3 National Register of Historic Places. The study must assess
4 the condition and restoration needs of historic lighthouses
5 and develop plans for appropriate future public access and
6 use. The Coastal Management Program and the Division of
7 Historical Resources shall take a leadership role in
8 implementing plans to stabilize lighthouses and associated
9 structures and to preserve and protect them from future
10 deterioration. When possible, the lighthouses and associated
11 buildings should be made available to the public for
12 educational and recreational purposes. The Department of
13 Community Affairs should consider these responsibilities to be
14 a priority of the Florida Coastal Management Program and
15 implementation of this act should be a priority in the use of
16 coastal management funds.

17 (2) The Department of Community Affairs and the
18 Department of State shall request in their annual legislative
19 budget requests funding necessary to carry out the duties and
20 responsibilities specified in this act. Funds for the
21 rehabilitation of lighthouses should be allocated through
22 matching grants-in-aid to state and local government agencies
23 and to nonprofit organizations. The Department of Community
24 Affairs may assist the Division of Historical Resources in
25 projects to accomplish lighthouse identification, assessment,
26 restoration, and interpretation.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
28 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Directs the Department of Community Affairs and the Department of State to conduct a study of lighthouses in the state and plan for the funding, restoration, and public access and use of the facilities.