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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to local governments in a state of financial emergency; ratifying actions taken by local governments pursuant to s. 218.503, F.S., 1999, before its amendment by Senate Bill 54-B; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Legislature sought by passage of section 132, chapter 99-251, Laws of Florida, which created section 218.503(5), Florida Statutes, to enact a general law authorizing municipalities to impose parking surcharges under certain circumstances and to specify the purposes for which those surcharges may be expended, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 54-B in its 2001 Special Session "B" to amend section 218.503(5), Florida Statutes, to create a general law authorizing municipalities in a state of emergency to impose a surcharge on the gross revenues of certain parking facilities but did not clarify that the Legislature intended to ratify the use of proceeds collected and expended pursuant to this section before the effective date of the amendment, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Any ordinance of any municipality imposing a surcharge pursuant to section 132, chapter 99-251, Laws of Florida, is hereby ratified. All acts and proceedings, including enforcement procedures, taken in connection with a parking surcharge imposed by a municipality pursuant to section 132, chapter 99-251, Laws of Florida, are ratified, validated, and confirmed, and the surcharge is declared to be

