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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to municipal ordinances; ratifying certain municipal ordinances and certain procedures relating to such ordinances; declaring certain parking surcharges legal and valid; providing an effective date.

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted Senate Bill 54B in the 2001 Special Session B to amend s. 218.503(5), Florida Statutes, to authorize 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 that the use of proceeds collected and expended pursuant to this section prior to the effective date of the amendment is ratified, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Any ordinance imposing a surcharge as provided by s. 218.503(5), Florida Statutes, pursuant to s. 132, chapter 99-251, Laws of Florida, adopted by a municipality is hereby ratified; all acts, proceedings, and enforcement procedures taken in connection with a parking surcharge imposed by such ordinance are ratified, validated, and confirmed; and the surcharge is declared to be legal and

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              Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
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       Ratifies municipal ordinances imposing a parking surcharge, acts, proceedings, and enforcement of such ordinances, and surcharges imposed under such ordinances.
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