

By Representative Sorensen

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the excise tax on documents;  
 3           amending s. 201.15, F.S.; revising a provision  
 4           relating to the distribution of a portion of  
 5           the excise tax on documents to provide funding  
 6           for wastewater and stormwater construction  
 7           projects in the Florida Keys and Key West Areas  
 8           of Critical State Concern; providing a  
 9           contingent effective date.

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

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 13           Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 201.15, Florida  
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15           201.15 Distribution of taxes collected.--All taxes  
 16 collected under this chapter shall be distributed as follows  
 17 and shall be subject to the service charge imposed in s.  
 18 215.20(1), except that such service charge shall not be levied  
 19 against any portion of taxes pledged to debt service on bonds  
 20 to the extent that the amount of the service charge is  
 21 required to pay any amounts relating to the bonds:

22           (8) One-half of one percent of the remaining taxes  
 23 collected under this chapter shall be paid into the State  
 24 Treasury ~~and divided equally~~ to the credit of the Florida Keys  
 25 and Key West Areas of Critical State Concern Wastewater and  
 26 Stormwater Department of Environmental Protection Water  
 27 Quality Assurance Trust Fund to address water quality in the  
 28 Florida Keys and Key West Areas of Critical State Concern  
 29 ~~impacts associated with nonagricultural nonpoint sources and~~  
 30 ~~to the credit of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer~~  
 31 ~~Services General Inspection Trust Fund to address water~~

1 ~~quality impacts associated with agricultural nonpoint sources,~~  
2 ~~respectively.~~ These funds shall be used for purposes of  
3 funding wastewater and stormwater management construction  
4 projects in the Florida Keys and Key West Areas of Critical  
5 State Concern ~~research, development, demonstration, and~~  
6 ~~implementation of suitable best management practices or other~~  
7 ~~measures used to achieve water quality standards in surface~~  
8 ~~waters and water segments identified pursuant to ss. 303(d) of~~  
9 ~~the Clean Water Act, Pub. L. No. 92-500, 33 U.S.C. ss. 1251 et~~  
10 ~~seq.~~ ~~Implementation of best management practices and other~~  
11 ~~measures may include cost-share grants, technical assistance,~~  
12 ~~implementation tracking, and conservation leases or other~~  
13 ~~agreements for water quality improvement.~~ The Department of  
14 Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture and  
15 Consumer Services may adopt rules governing the distribution  
16 of funds for implementation of best management practices. The  
17 unobligated balance of funds received from the distribution of  
18 taxes collected under this chapter to address water quality  
19 impacts associated with nonagricultural nonpoint sources will  
20 be excluded when calculating the unobligated balance of the  
21 Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund as it relates to the  
22 determination of the applicable excise tax rate.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, if  
24 House Bill \_\_\_\_ or similar legislation is adopted in the same  
25 legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.

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28 HOUSE SUMMARY

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30 Revises a provision relating to the distribution of a  
31 portion of the excise tax on documents to provide funding  
for wastewater and stormwater construction projects in  
the Florida Keys and Key West Areas of Critical State  
Concern. See bill for details.