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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to transportation funding; amending s. 206.606, F.S.; eliminating the deduction of service charges and administrative costs from the proceeds of the fuel sales taxes on motor fuel and diesel fuel deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund; amending s. 206.608, F.S.; eliminating the deduction of service charges and administrative costs from the proceeds of the State Comprehensive Enhanced Transportation System Taxes on motor fuel and diesel fuel deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund; providing for use of the revenues derived from elimination of the deduction of administrative costs from the proceeds of specified taxes under the act; amending ss. 215.20 and 215.22, F.S.; providing that the 7-percent service charge for the cost of general government and the additional 0.3-percent service charge shall not be deducted from the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund, the Local Alternative Fuel User Fee Clearing Trust Fund, the Local Option Fuel Tax Trust Fund, the State Alternative Fuel User Fee Clearing Trust Fund, and taxes on motor fuels other than gasoline levied under s. 206.87(1)(a), F.S.; providing for use of the revenues derived from elimination of such service charges; amending ss. 206.875, 206.879, 206.9845, 206.9945, and 212.0501, F.S., to conform; amending s. 320.072, F.S.; providing that a portion of the revenues from the additional fee on certain motor vehicle registration transactions shall be used to fund the County Incentive Grant Program rather than deposited in the General Revenue Fund; amending s. 339.1371, F.S., to conform; amending ss. 206.41, 336.021,

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and 336.025, F.S.; providing that the rates of the ninthcent fuel tax on motor fuel and the local option fuel tax on motor fuel shall be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index; providing for notification of tax rates by the Department of Revenue; eliminating the deduction of administrative costs from the proceeds of the local option fuel taxes on motor fuel and diesel fuel; expanding the uses of proceeds from local option fuel taxes on motor fuel and diesel fuel; including governing bodies of certain municipalities as authorized users of certain proceeds; repealing s. 215.211(3), F.S., which provides for the future reduction and elimination of the 7-percent service charge deducted from proceeds of the local option fuel tax distributed under s. 336.025, F.S.; repealing s. 10, ch. 2000-257, Laws of Florida, which eliminates the deposit of a portion of such fee in the General Revenue Fund on July 1, 2005; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 206.606, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.606 Distribution of certain proceeds. --

(1) Moneys collected pursuant to ss. 206.41(1)(g) and 206.87(1)(e) shall be deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund. Such moneys, after deducting the service charges imposed by s. 215.20, the refunds granted pursuant to s. 206.41, and the administrative costs incurred by the department in collecting, administering, enforcing, and distributing the tax, which

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administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections, shall be distributed monthly to the State Transportation Trust Fund, except that:

- (a) \$6.30 million shall be transferred to the Department of Environmental Protection in each fiscal year and deposited in the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund to be used for aquatic plant management, including nonchemical control of aquatic weeds, research into nonchemical controls, and enforcement activities. Beginning in fiscal year 1993-1994, the department shall allocate at least \$1 million of such funds to the eradication of melaleuca.
- (b) \$2.5 million shall be transferred to the State Game Trust Fund in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in each fiscal year and used for recreational boating activities, and freshwater fisheries management and research. The transfers must be made in equal monthly amounts beginning on July 1 of each fiscal year. The commission shall annually determine where unmet needs exist for boating-related activities, and may fund such activities in counties where, due to the number of vessel registrations, sufficient financial resources are unavailable.
- 1. A minimum of \$1.25 million shall be used to fund local projects to provide recreational channel marking, public launching facilities, aquatic plant control, and other local boating related activities. In funding the projects, the commission shall give priority consideration as follows:
- a. Unmet needs in counties with populations of 100,000 or less.
- b. Unmet needs in coastal counties with a high level of boating related activities from individuals residing in other counties.



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- 2. The remaining \$1.25 million may be used for recreational boating activities and freshwater fisheries management and research.
- 3. The commission is authorized to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement a Florida Boating Improvement Program similar to the program administered by the Department of Environmental Protection and established in rules 62D-5.031 62D-5.036, Florida Administrative Code, to determine projects eligible for funding under this subsection.

- On February 1 of each year, the commission shall file an annual report with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives outlining the status of its Florida Boating Improvement Program, including the projects funded, and a list of counties whose needs are unmet due to insufficient financial resources from vessel registration fees.
- (c) 0.65 percent of moneys collected pursuant to s. 206.41(1)(g) shall be transferred to the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund.
- Section 2. Section 206.608, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.608 State Comprehensive Enhanced Transportation System Tax; deposit of proceeds; distribution.--Moneys received pursuant to ss. 206.41(1)(f) and 206.87(1)(d) shall be deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund, and, after deducting the service charge imposed in chapter 215 and administrative costs incurred by the department in collecting, administering, enforcing, and distributing the tax, which administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections, shall be distributed as follows:



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(1) 0.65 percent of the proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to s. 206.41(1)(f) shall be transferred to the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund.

- (2) The remaining proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to s. 206.41(1)(f) and all of the proceeds from the tax imposed by s. 206.87(1)(d) shall be transferred into the State

 Transportation Trust Fund, and may be used only for projects in the adopted work program in the district in which the tax proceeds are collected and, to the maximum extent feasible, such moneys shall be programmed for use in the county where collected. However, no revenue from the taxes imposed pursuant to ss. 206.41(1)(f) and 206.87(1)(d) in a county shall be expended unless the projects funded with such revenues have been included in the work program adopted pursuant to s. 339.135.
- Section 3. <u>Use of revenues derived from elimination of</u> deduction of administrative costs on certain taxes.—Beginning July 1, 2003, the increased revenues derived from the elimination of the deduction of administrative costs from the proceeds of the fuel sales taxes on motor fuel and diesel fuel under s. 206.606, Florida Statutes, the State Comprehensive Enhanced Transportation System Tax under s. 206.608, Florida Statutes, and the local option fuel taxes on motor fuel and diesel fuel under s. 336.025, Florida Statutes, shall be deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund and used to fund the County Incentive Grant Program.
- Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 215.20, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 61 of chapter 2002-402, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:
- 215.20 Certain income and certain trust funds to contribute to the General Revenue Fund.--

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151	(4) The income of a revenue nature deposited in the
152	following described trust funds, by whatever name designated, is
153	that from which the deductions authorized by subsection (3)
154	shall be made:
155	(a) The Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund created by s.
156	206.875.
157	$\underline{(a)}$ All income derived from outdoor advertising and
158	overweight violations which is deposited in the State
159	Transportation Trust Fund created by s. 206.46.
160	(c) All taxes levied on motor fuels other than gasoline
161	levied pursuant to the provisions of s. 206.87(1)(a).
162	(d) The State Alternative Fuel User Fee Clearing Trust
163	Fund established pursuant to s. 206.879(1).
164	(e) The Local Alternative Fuel User Fee Clearing Trust
165	Fund established pursuant to s. 206.879(2).
166	$\underline{(b)}$ (f) The Cigarette Tax Collection Trust Fund created by
167	s. 210.20.
168	$\underline{(c)}_{\{g\}}$ The Nonmandatory Land Reclamation Trust Fund
169	established pursuant to s. 211.3103.
170	$\underline{(d)}$ (h) The Phosphate Research Trust Fund established
171	pursuant to s. 211.3103.
172	(e)(i) The Land Reclamation Trust Fund established
173	pursuant to s. $211.32(1)(f)$.
174	$\frac{(f)}{(j)}$ The Educational Certification and Service Trust
175	Fund created by s. 1012.59.
176	(g) (k) The trust funds administered by the Division of
177	Historical Resources of the Department of State.
178	$\frac{(h)}{(1)}$ The Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund

created by s. 370.0603, with the exception of those fees



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180	HB 0929 collected for recreational saltwater fishing licenses as
181	provided in s. 372.57.
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182	(m) The Local Option Fuel Tax Trust Fund created pursuant
183	to s. 336.025.
184	(i)(n) The Florida Public Service Regulatory Trust Fund
185	established pursuant to s. 350.113.
186	$\underline{(j)}$ The State Game Trust Fund established by s. 372.09.
187	$\frac{(k)}{(p)}$ The Special Disability Trust Fund created by s.
188	440.49.
189	$\frac{(1)}{(q)}$ The Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund
190	created by s. 440.50(1)(a).
191	$\frac{(m)(r)}{r}$ The Employment Security Administration Trust Fund
192	created by s. 443.211(1).
193	$\underline{(n)}$ The Special Employment Security Administration
194	Trust Fund created by s. 443.211(2).
195	$\underline{(o)}$ (t) The Professional Regulation Trust Fund established
196	pursuant to s. 455.219.
197	(p)(u) The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Trust
198	Fund.
199	$\underline{(q)}$ (v) The Division of Licensing Trust Fund established
200	pursuant to s. 493.6117.
201	$\underline{(r)}$ (w) The Division of Florida Land Sales, Condominiums,
202	and Mobile Homes Trust Fund established pursuant to s. 498.019.
203	$\underline{(s)}(rak{x})$ The trust fund of the Division of Hotels and
204	Restaurants, as defined in s. 509.072, with the exception of
205	those fees collected for the purpose of funding of the
206	hospitality education program as stated in s. 509.302.
207	$\frac{(t)}{(y)}$ The trust funds administered by the Division of
208	Pari-mutuel Wagering and the Florida Quarter Horse Racing

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Promotion Trust Fund.

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 $\underline{(u)}(z)$ The General Inspection Trust Fund and subsidiary accounts thereof, unless a different percentage is authorized by s. 570.20.

 $\underline{(v)}_{(aa)}$ The Florida Citrus Advertising Trust Fund created by s. 601.15(7), including transfers from any subsidiary accounts thereof, unless a different percentage is authorized in that section.

 $\underline{\text{(w)}}$ (bb) The Agents and Solicitors County Tax Trust Fund created by s. 624.506.

 $\underline{\text{(x)}}$ (cc) The Insurance Commissioner's Regulatory Trust Fund created by s. 624.523.

 $\underline{(y)}$ (dd) The Financial Institutions' Regulatory Trust Fund established pursuant to s. 655.049.

 $\underline{(z)}$ (ee) The Crimes Compensation Trust Fund established pursuant to s. 960.21.

(aa)(ff) The Records Management Trust Fund established pursuant to s. 257.375.

(bb)(gg) The Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Trust Fund established pursuant to s. 561.025.

 $\underline{\text{(cc)}(hh)}$ The Health Care Trust Fund established pursuant to s. 408.16.

 $\underline{(dd)}$ (ii) The Police and Firefighters' Premium Tax Trust Fund established within the Department of Management Services.

The enumeration of the foregoing moneys or trust funds shall not prohibit the applicability thereto of s. 215.24 should the Governor determine that for the reasons mentioned in s. 215.24 the money or trust funds should be exempt herefrom, as it is the purpose of this law to exempt income from its force and effect when, by the operation of this law, federal matching funds or



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contributions or private grants to any trust fund would be lost to the state.

Section 5. Paragraphs (y), (z), (aa), (bb), and (cc) are added to subsection (1) of section 215.22, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 63 of chapter 2002-402, Laws of Florida, to read:

- 215.22 Certain income and certain trust funds exempt. --
- (1) The following income of a revenue nature or the following trust funds shall be exempt from the deduction required by s. 215.20(1):
- (y) The Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund created by s. 206.875.
- (z) All taxes levied on motor fuels other than gasoline levied pursuant to the provisions of s. 206.87(1)(a).
- (aa) The State Alternative Fuel User Fee Clearing Trust Fund established pursuant to s. 206.879(1).
- (bb) The Local Alternative Fuel User Fee Clearing Trust Fund established pursuant to s. 206.879(2).
- (cc) The Local Option Fuel Tax Trust Fund created pursuant to s. 336.025.

Section 6. <u>Use of revenues derived from elimination of deduction of service charges.--Beginning July 1, 2003, the increased revenues derived from the elimination of the deduction of the service charges imposed under s. 215.20(1) and (3), Florida Statutes, from the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund, all taxes on motor fuels other than gasoline levied under s.

206.87(1)(a), Florida Statutes, the State Alternative Fuel User Fee Clearing Trust Fund, the Local Alternative Fuel User Fee Clearing Trust Fund, and the Local Option Fuel Tax Trust Fund</u>

shall be deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund and



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used to fund the County Incentive Grant Program, except that the increased revenues derived from the elimination of the deduction of the service charge imposed under s. 215.20(1), Florida

Statutes, from the proceeds of any tax levied by a county under s. 336.025(1)(b), Florida Statutes, shall be returned directly

Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 206.875, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.875 Allocation of tax.--

to the county levying such tax.

(1) All moneys derived from the taxes imposed by this part shall be paid into the State Treasury by the department for deposit in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund, from which the following transfers shall be made: After withholding \$10,000 from the proceeds of 4 cents of such tax, to be used as a revolving cash balance, all other moneys shall be transferred in the same manner and for the same purpose as provided by law for allocation of the taxes levied in part I, including deduction of the service charges provided for in s. 215.20 and the administrative costs incurred by the department in collecting, administering, enforcing, and distributing the tax, which administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections.

Section 8. Section 206.879, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.879 State and local alternative fuel user fee clearing trust funds; distribution.--

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 206.875, the revenues from the state alternative fuel fees imposed by s. 206.877 shall be deposited into the State Alternative Fuel User Fee Clearing Trust Fund, which is hereby created. After deducting the service charges provided in s. 215.20, The



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proceeds in this trust fund shall be distributed as follows: one-fifth of the proceeds in calendar year 1991, one-third of the proceeds in calendar year 1992, three-sevenths of the proceeds in calendar year 1993, and one-half of the proceeds in each calendar year thereafter shall be transferred to the State Transportation Trust Fund; the remainder shall be distributed as follows: 50 percent shall be transferred to the State Board of Administration for distribution according to the provisions of s. 16, Art. IX of the State Constitution of 1885, as amended; 25 percent shall be transferred to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities; and the remaining 25 percent shall be distributed using the formula contained in s. 206.60(1).

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 206.875, the revenues from the local alternative fuel fees imposed in lieu of s. 206.87(1)(b) or (c) shall be deposited into the Local Alternative Fuel User Fee Clearing Trust Fund, which is hereby created. After deducting the service charges provided in s. 215.20, The proceeds in this trust fund shall be returned monthly to the appropriate county.

Section 9. Section 206.9845, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.9845 Distribution of proceeds.--Moneys collected pursuant to this part shall be deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund. Such moneys, after deducting the service charges imposed by s. 215.20, the refunds granted pursuant to s. 206.9855, and the administrative costs incurred by the department in collecting, administering, enforcing, and distributing the tax, which administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections, shall be distributed monthly to the State Transportation Trust Fund.



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Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 206.9945, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 206.9945 Funds collected; disposition; department authority.--
- (1) The department shall deposit all funds received and collected by it under this part into the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund to be transferred, less the costs of administration and less the service charges to be deducted pursuant to s. 215.20, as follows:
- (a) Moneys collected pursuant to s. 206.9935(1) shall be transferred to the Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund as provided in s. 376.11;
- (b) Moneys collected pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) shall be transferred to the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund as provided in s. 376.307; and
- (c) Moneys collected pursuant to s. 206.9935(3), less any refunds granted under s. 206.9942, shall be transferred to the Inland Protection Trust Fund as provided in s. 376.3071.
- Section 11. Subsection (6) of section 212.0501, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 212.0501 Tax on diesel fuel for business purposes; purchase, storage, and use.--
- (6) All taxes required to be paid on fuel used in self-propelled off-road equipment shall be deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund, to be distributed, after deduction of the general revenue service charge pursuant to s. 215.20, to the State Transportation Trust Fund. The department shall, each month, make a transfer, from general revenue collections, equal to such use tax reported on dealers' sales and use tax returns.



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Section 12. Subsection (4) of section 320.072, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 320.072 Additional fee imposed on certain motor vehicle registration transactions.--
- (4) A tax collector or other duly authorized agent of the department shall promptly remit all moneys collected pursuant to this section, less any refunds granted pursuant to subsection (3), to the department. The department shall deposit 30 percent of such moneys as they are received into the General Revenue Fund. The remainder of the proceeds, after deducting the service charge imposed by s. 215.20, shall be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund. Thirty percent of such moneys shall be used to fund the County Incentive Grant Program provided for under s. 339.2817.
- Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 339.1371, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 339.1371 Mobility 2000; Transportation Outreach Program; funding.--
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal year 2001-2002 and each year thereafter, the increase in revenue to the State Transportation Trust Fund derived from ss. 1, 2, 3, 7, and 9, and 10, ch. 2000-257, Laws of Florida, shall be first used by the Department of Transportation to fund the Mobility 2000 initiative and any remaining funds shall be used to fund the Transportation Outreach Program created pursuant to s. 339.137. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the requirements of ss. 206.46(3) and 206.606(2) shall not apply to the Mobility 2000 initiative.
- Section 14. Paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) of subsection (1) of section 206.41, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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206.41 State taxes imposed on motor fuel.--

- (1) The following taxes are imposed on motor fuel under the circumstances described in subsection (6):
- (d) An additional tax of 1 cent per net gallon may be imposed by each county on motor fuel, which shall be designated as the "ninth-cent fuel tax." This tax shall be levied and used as provided in s. 336.021.
- 2. Beginning January 1, 2004, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the tax rate provided in subparagraph 1. shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2002, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent. However, the rate shall never be adjusted lower than the rate in effect under subparagraph 1. on December 31, 2003.
- 3. The department shall notify each terminal supplier, position holder, wholesaler, and importer of the tax rate applicable under this paragraph for the 12-month period beginning January 1.
- (e) $\underline{1.}$ An additional tax of between 1 cent and 11 cents per net gallon may be imposed on motor fuel by each county, which shall be designated as the "local option fuel tax." This tax shall be levied and used as provided in s. 336.025.
- 2. Beginning January 1, 2004, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the rates of the taxes on motor fuel provided in s. 336.025(1)(a) and (b) shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period

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ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2002, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent. However, the rates shall never be adjusted lower than the rates in effect under s. 336.025(1)(a) and (b) on December 31, 2003.

- 3. The department shall notify each terminal supplier, position holder, wholesaler, and importer of the tax rate applicable under this paragraph for the 12-month period beginning January 1.
- (f)1. An additional tax designated as the State Comprehensive Enhanced Transportation System Tax is imposed on each net gallon of motor fuel in each county. This tax shall be levied and used as provided in s. 206.608.
- 2. The rate of the tax in each county shall be equal to two-thirds of the lesser of the sum of the taxes imposed on motor fuel pursuant to paragraphs (d) and (e) in such county, after the adjustments made pursuant to subparagraphs (d)2. and (e)2., or 6 cents, rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.
- 3. Beginning January 1, 1992, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the tax rate provided in subparagraph 2. shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 1990, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.
- 4. The department shall notify each terminal supplier, position holder, wholesaler, and importer of the tax rate applicable under this paragraph for the 12-month period beginning January 1.



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Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 336.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 336.021 County transportation system; levy of ninth-cent fuel tax on motor fuel and diesel fuel.--
- (1)(a)1. Any county in the state, by extraordinary vote of the membership of its governing body or subject to a referendum, may levy the tax imposed by ss. 206.41(1)(d) and 206.87(1)(b).
- 2. The rate of the ninth-cent fuel tax on motor fuel shall be adjusted each January 1 as provided in s. 206.41(1)(d)2. The rate of any such tax being levied on that date shall be automatically adjusted, and any such tax first levied during the following calendar year shall be levied at the adjusted rate. Such adjustment shall apply to any such tax being levied by a county pursuant to an ordinance adopted prior to July 1, 2003, and such county shall not be required to amend its original ordinance imposing the tax. Any ordinance levying such a tax adopted on or after July 1, 2003, shall specify that the rate of the tax is subject to adjustment as provided in s. 206.41(1)(d)2.
- 3. County and municipal governments may use the moneys received under this paragraph only for transportation expenditures as defined in s. 336.025(7).
- Section 16. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (2), and subsections (7) and (8) of section 336.025, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 336.025 County transportation system; levy of local option fuel tax on motor fuel and diesel fuel.--
- (1)(a) In addition to other taxes allowed by law, there may be levied as provided in ss. 206.41(1)(e) and 206.87(1)(c) a 1-cent, 2-cent, 3-cent, 4-cent, 5-cent, or 6-cent local option

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fuel tax upon every gallon of motor fuel and diesel fuel sold in a county and taxed under the provisions of part I or part II of chapter 206. The rates of the local option fuel tax on motor fuel authorized by this paragraph shall be adjusted each January 1 as provided in s. 206.41(1)(e)2. The rate of any such tax being levied on that date shall be automatically adjusted, and any such tax first levied during the following calendar year shall be levied at the adjusted rate. Such adjustment shall apply to any such tax being levied by a county pursuant to an ordinance or resolutions adopted prior to July 1, 2003, and such county shall not be required to amend the original ordinance or resolutions imposing the tax. Any ordinance or resolutions levying such a tax adopted on or after July 1, 2003, shall specify that the rate of the tax is subject to adjustment as provided in s. 206.41(1)(e)2.

- 1. All impositions and rate changes of the tax shall be levied before July 1 to be effective January 1 of the following year for a period not to exceed 30 years, and the applicable method of distribution shall be established pursuant to subsection (3) or subsection (4). However, levies of the tax which were in effect on July 1, 2002, and which expire on August 31 of any year may be reimposed at the current authorized rate effective September 1 of the year of expiration. Upon expiration, the tax may be relevied provided that a redetermination of the method of distribution is made as provided in this section.
- 2. County and municipal governments shall utilize moneys received pursuant to this paragraph only for transportation expenditures.



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3. Any tax levied pursuant to this paragraph may be extended on a majority vote of the governing body of the county. A redetermination of the method of distribution shall be established pursuant to subsection (3) or subsection (4), if, after July 1, 1986, the tax is extended or the tax rate changed, for the period of extension or for the additional tax.

- In addition to other taxes allowed by law, there may be levied as provided in s. 206.41(1)(e) a 1-cent, 2-cent, 3cent, 4-cent, or 5-cent local option fuel tax upon every gallon of motor fuel sold in a county and taxed under the provisions of part I of chapter 206. The tax shall be levied by an ordinance adopted by a majority plus one vote of the membership of the governing body of the county or by referendum. The rate of the local option fuel tax on motor fuel authorized by this paragraph shall be adjusted each January 1 as provided in s. 206.41(1)(e)2. The rate of any such tax being levied on that date shall be automatically adjusted, and any such tax first levied during the following calendar year shall be levied at the adjusted rate. Such adjustment shall apply to any such tax being levied by a county pursuant to an ordinance adopted prior to July 1, 2003, and such county shall not be required to amend its original ordinance imposing the tax. Any ordinance levying such a tax adopted on or after July 1, 2003, shall specify that the rate of the tax is subject to adjustment as provided in s. 206.41(1)(e)2.
- 1. All impositions and rate changes of the tax shall be levied before July 1, to be effective January 1 of the following year. However, levies of the tax which were in effect on July 1, 2002, and which expire on August 31 of any year may be reimposed



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at the current authorized rate effective September 1 of the year of expiration.

- The county may, prior to levy of the tax, establish by interlocal agreement with one or more municipalities located therein, representing a majority of the population of the incorporated area within the county, a distribution formula for dividing the entire proceeds of the tax among county government and all eligible municipalities within the county. If no interlocal agreement is adopted before the effective date of the tax, tax revenues shall be distributed pursuant to the provisions of subsection (4). If no interlocal agreement exists, a new interlocal agreement may be established prior to June 1 of any year pursuant to this subparagraph. However, any interlocal agreement agreed to under this subparagraph after the initial levy of the tax or change in the tax rate authorized in this section shall under no circumstances materially or adversely affect the rights of holders of outstanding bonds which are backed by taxes authorized by this paragraph, and the amounts distributed to the county government and each municipality shall not be reduced below the amount necessary for the payment of principal and interest and reserves for principal and interest as required under the covenants of any bond resolution outstanding on the date of establishment of the new interlocal agreement.
- 3. County and municipal governments shall <u>use utilize</u> moneys received pursuant to this paragraph only for transportation expenditures needed to meet the requirements of the capital improvements element of an adopted comprehensive plan <u>or for expenditures needed to meet immediate local</u> transportation problems and for other transportation-related



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expenditures that are critical for building comprehensive roadway networks by local governments. For purposes of this paragraph, expenditures for the construction of new roads, the reconstruction or resurfacing of existing paved roads, or the paving of existing graded roads shall be deemed to increase capacity and such projects shall be included in the capital improvements element of an adopted comprehensive plan. Expenditures for purposes of this paragraph shall not include routine maintenance of roads.

(2)(a) The tax levied pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) shall be collected and remitted in the same manner provided by ss. 206.41(1)(e) and 206.87(1)(c). The tax levied pursuant to paragraph (1)(b) shall be collected and remitted in the same manner provided by s. 206.41(1)(e). The taxes remitted pursuant to this section shall be transferred to the Local Option Fuel Tax Trust Fund, which fund is created for distribution to the county and eligible municipal governments within the county in which the tax was collected and which fund is subject to the service charge imposed in chapter 215. The tax shall be distributed monthly by the department in the same manner provided by s. 336.021(1)(c) and (d). The department shall deduct the administrative costs incurred by it in collecting, administering, enforcing, and distributing back to the counties the tax, which administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections authorized by this section. The total administrative costs shall be prorated among those counties levying the tax according to the following formula, which shall be revised on July 1 of each year: Two-thirds of the amount deducted shall be based on the county's proportional share of the number of dealers who are registered for purposes of chapter 212 on June



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30 of the preceding state fiscal year, and one-third of the amount deducted shall be based on the county's share of the total amount of the tax collected during the preceding state fiscal year. The department has the authority to prescribe and publish all forms upon which reports shall be made to it and other forms and records deemed to be necessary for proper administration and collection of the taxes levied by any county and shall promulgate such rules as may be necessary for the enforcement of this section, which rules shall have the full force and effect of law. The provisions of ss. 206.026, 206.027, 206.028, 206.051, 206.052, 206.054, 206.055, 206.06, 206.07, 206.075, 206.08, 206.09, 206.095, 206.10, 206.11, 206.12, 206.13, 206.14, 206.15, 206.16, 206.17, 206.175, 206.18, 206.199, 206.20, 206.204, 206.205, 206.21, 206.215, 206.22, 206.24, 206.27, 206.28, 206.41, 206.416, 206.44, 206.45, 206.48, 206.49, 206.56, 206.59, 206.626, 206.87, 206.872, 206.873, 206.8735, 206.874, 206.8741, 206.94, and 206.945 shall, as far as practicable, be applicable to the levy and collection of taxes imposed pursuant to this section as if fully set out in this section.

- (7) For the purposes of this section, "transportation expenditures" means expenditures by the local government from local or state shared revenue sources, excluding expenditures of bond proceeds, for the following programs:
 - (a) Public transportation operations and maintenance.
- (b) Roadway and right-of-way maintenance and equipment and structures used primarily for the storage and maintenance of such equipment.
 - (c) Roadway and right-of-way drainage.
 - (d) Street lighting.



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- (e) Traffic signs, traffic engineering, signalization, and pavement markings.
 - (f) Bridge maintenance and operation.
- (g) Debt service and current expenditures for transportation capital projects in the foregoing program areas, including construction or reconstruction of roads <u>and sidewalks</u>.
- In addition to the uses specified in subsection (7), the governing body of a county with a population of 50,000 or less on April 1, 1992, or the governing body of a municipality within such a county, may use the proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) in any fiscal year to fund infrastructure projects, if such projects are consistent with the local government's approved comprehensive plan or, if the approval or denial of the plan has not become final, consistent with the plan last submitted to the state land planning agency. In addition, no more than an amount equal to the proceeds from 4 cents per gallon of the tax imposed pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) may be used by such county for the express and limited purpose of paying for a court-ordered refund of special assessments. Except as provided in subsection (7), such funds shall not be used for the operational expenses of any infrastructure. Such funds may be used for infrastructure projects under this subsection only after the local government, prior to the fiscal year in which the funds are proposed to be used, or if pledged for bonded indebtedness, prior to the fiscal year in which the bonds will be issued, has held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed use of the funds and has adopted a resolution certifying that the local government has met all of the transportation needs identified in its approved comprehensive plan or, if the approval or denial of the plan has not become



final, consistent with the plan last submitted to the state land planning agency. The proceeds shall not be pledged for bonded indebtedness for a period exceeding 10 years, except that, for the express and limited purpose of using such proceeds in any fiscal year to pay a court-ordered refund of special assessments, the proceeds may be pledged for bonded indebtedness not exceeding 15 years. For the purposes of this subsection, "infrastructure" has the same meaning as provided in s. 212.055.

Section 17. Subsection (3) of section 215.211, Florida

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<u>Statutes, and section 10 of chapter 2000-257, Laws of Florida, are repealed.</u>

Section 18. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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