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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 260.22, F.S.;
 creating the Florida National Scenic Trail Trust Fund
 within the Department of Environmental Protection;
 providing for source of moneys and purposes; providing for
 a public-private partnership; providing for annual
 carryforward of unused funds; providing for future review
 and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; amending
 s. 259.1051, F.S.; transferring certain funds from the
 Florida Forever Trust Fund to the Florida National Scenic
 Trail Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 260.22, Florida Statutes, is created
 to read:

260.22 Florida National Scenic Trail Trust Fund.--

(1) There is created the Florida National Scenic Trail
 Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection.
 The trust fund shall consist of funds transferred to the trust
 fund as provided in s. 259.1051(4) and funds contributed from
 any other source.

(2)(a) Funds shall be used to purchase sufficient legal
 interest in the private property corridor needed to complete and
 maintain the Florida National Scenic Trail.

(b) Funds from the initial transfer under s. 259.1051(4)
 shall be used as a basis for the Florida Green Ribbon Campaign,
 a public-private partnership between the department and
 interested greenways, trails, and waterways organizations, the
 purpose of which is to solicit sufficient moneys from federal



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31 and local governments, corporations and other business entities,
32 private citizens, and any other source to complete the Florida
33 National Scenic Trail by 2010.

34 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and
35 pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end
36 of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of
37 the year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of
38 the trust fund.

39 (4) Pursuant to the provisions of s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of
40 the State Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated
41 sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2007. Prior to its scheduled
42 termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s.
43 215.3206.

44 Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 259.1051,
45 Florida Statutes, to read:

46 259.1051 Florida Forever Trust Fund.--

47 (4) For the 2003-2004 fiscal year only, and
48 notwithstanding any other provision of this section and s.
49 259.105(3) to the contrary, the sum of \$20 million shall be
50 transferred from the Florida Forever Trust Fund to the Florida
51 National Scenic Trail Trust Fund to be used for the purposes
52 specified in s. 260.22. Such transfer shall occur not later than
53 September 30, 2003, and prior to the transfer of proceeds
54 pursuant to s. 259.105(3). This subsection expires July 1, 2004.

55 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.