

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Local Government & Veterans' Affairs recommends
2 the following:

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4 **Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to the St. Lucie County Fire District;
8 establishing an exemption from payment to redevelopment
9 trust funds created by community redevelopment agencies;
10 providing for the St. Lucie County Fire District to
11 appropriate to the redevelopment trust fund to the extent
12 funds are insufficient to cover debt service on any bonds
13 authorized and issued before the effective date of the act
14 but not after the effective date of the act; providing an
15 effective date.

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17 WHEREAS, the St. Lucie County Fire District is solely
18 responsible for fire suppression, prevention, rescue, and
19 emergency medical services throughout St. Lucie County, and

20 WHEREAS, the St. Lucie County Fire District derives a
21 substantial portion of its revenues from ad valorem taxes and a
22 substantial portion of its expenses are personnel costs, and

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23 WHEREAS, the implementation of community redevelopment
24 plans by community redevelopment agencies in St. Lucie County
25 creates an increasing demand for fire and rescue services
26 without providing the revenues to support such services, and

27 WHEREAS, the continued payments to redevelopment trust
28 funds created by community redevelopment agencies in St. Lucie
29 County will adversely affect the ability of the St. Lucie County
30 Fire District to provide critical public safety services to the
31 citizens and visitors of St. Lucie County, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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35 Section 1. Effective October 1, 2007, and thereafter, the
36 St. Lucie County Fire District shall be exempt from payment to
37 redevelopment trust funds created by community redevelopment
38 agencies in St. Lucie County.

39 Section 2. Notwithstanding the exemption provided in
40 section 1 commencing October 1, 2007, for bonds authorized and
41 issued under section 163.385, Florida Statutes, prior to the
42 effective date of this act and which remain outstanding, the St.
43 Lucie County Fire District shall appropriate to the
44 redevelopment trust fund established for such outstanding bonds
45 an amount sufficient to pay, when due, its annual pro rata share
46 to cover debt service, to the extent funds deposited into the
47 redevelopment trust fund by other taxing authorities pursuant to
48 section 163.387, Florida Statutes, are insufficient to cover
49 debt service. The obligation of the St. Lucie County Fire
50 District to make such appropriations to a redevelopment trust

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51 | fund for any debt service deficiency shall not arise for any
52 | bonds authorized and issued subsequent to the effective date of
53 | this act, pursuant to section 163.385, Florida Statutes.

54 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.