

By Senator Bennett

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to trust funds; creating s.  
3           370.1203, F.S.; creating the Manatee Population  
4           Study Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife  
5           Conservation Commission; providing for the use  
6           of funds and the source of funds; providing for  
7           review and termination or re-creation of the  
8           trust fund; providing a contingent effective  
9           date.

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

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13           Section 1. Section 370.1203, Florida Statutes, is  
14 created to read:

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370.1203 Manatee Population Study Trust Fund.--

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(1) The Manatee Population Study Trust Fund is created  
within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the  
purpose of providing funds for scientific studies of the  
manatee or sea cow (Trichechus manatus). Trust fund moneys  
shall be used exclusively for the purpose of conducting  
population, marine habitat, food source, and other scientific  
studies of the manatee. Funds credited to the trust funds  
consist of those funds annually appropriated from the Marine  
Fuel Tax and the Save the Manatee Trust Fund.

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(2) In accordance with Section 19(f)(2) of Article III  
of the State Constitution, the trust fund shall be terminated  
on July 1, 2008, unless terminated sooner. Before its  
scheduled termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as  
provided in section 215.3206(1) and (2), Florida Statutes.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, if  
31 SB \_\_\_\_ or similar legislation requiring a manatee population

1 study is adopted in the same legislative session, or an  
2 extension thereof, and becomes law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Creates the Manatee Population Study Trust Fund, to be administered by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Provides for sources of funds and purposes. Provides for review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund.