

By Senator Peaden

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1                           A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the  
3           Department of Veterans' Affairs Tobacco  
4           Settlement Trust Fund within the department  
5           without modification; carrying forward current  
6           balances and continuing current sources and  
7           uses thereof; providing an effective date.

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9           WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to extend the life of  
10          the Department of Veterans' Affairs Tobacco Settlement Trust  
11          Fund within the department, which is otherwise scheduled to be  
12          terminated pursuant to constitutional mandate, and

13           WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed the trust fund  
14          before its scheduled termination date and has found that it  
15          continues to meet an important public purpose, and

16           WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that existing public  
17          policy concerning the trust fund sets adequate parameters for  
18          its use, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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22           Section 1. (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs  
23          Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund within the department, FLAIR  
24          number 50-2-122, which is to be terminated pursuant to Section  
25          19(f), Article III of the State Constitution on November 4,  
26          2004, is re-created.

27           (2) All current balances of the trust fund are carried  
28          forward, and all current sources and uses of the trust fund  
29          are continued.

30           Section 2. This act shall take effect November 4,  
31          2004.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Re-creates the Department of Veterans' Affairs Tobacco  
Settlement Trust Fund within the department.