

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Rural Lands Program Trust Fund;
 3 creating s. 570.209, F.S.; creating the Rural Lands
 4 Program Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture
 5 and Consumer Services; providing for sources of funds and
 6 purposes; providing for an annual carryforward of funds;
 7 providing for future legislative review and termination or
 8 re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent
 9 effective 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 570.209, Florida Statutes, is created
 14 to read:

15 570.209 Rural Lands Program Trust Fund of the Department
 16 of Agriculture and Consumer Services.--

17 (1) The Rural Lands Program Trust Fund is created within
 18 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The purpose
 19 of the trust fund is to receive funds pursuant to s.
 20 201.15(1)(d) in order to pay debt service on bonds issued under
 21 s. 215.6195.

22 (2) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351,
 23 any balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year
 24 shall remain in the trust fund at the end of the year and shall
 25 be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund.

26 (3) Pursuant to s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State
 27 Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be
 28 terminated on July 1, 2009. Prior to its scheduled termination,

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29 the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1)
30 and (2).

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, if
32 House Bill 1279 or similar legislation is adopted in the same
33 legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.