CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Health Care General Committee recommends the following: 2 3 Council/Committee Substitute 4 Remove the entire bill and insert: 5 6 A bill to be entitled 7 An act relating to emergency management; amending s. 8 252.355, F.S.; providing that the Department of Community 9 Affairs shall be the designated lead agency responsible 10 for community education and outreach to the general 11 public, including special needs clients, regarding 12 registration as a person with special needs, special needs 13 shelters, and general information regarding shelter stays; 14 requiring the department to disseminate educational and 15 outreach information through local emergency management 16 offices; amending s. 381.0303, F.S.; removing a condition 17 of specified funding as a prerequisite to the assumption 18 of lead responsibility by the Department of Health for 19 specified coordination with respect to the development of 20 a plan for the staffing and medical management of special 21 needs shelters; providing that the local Children's 22 Medical Services offices shall assume lead responsibility 23 for specified coordination with respect to the development Page 1 of 19

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24 of a plan for the staffing and medical management of 25 pediatric special needs shelters; requiring such plans to 26 be in conformance with the local comprehensive emergency 27 management plan; requiring county governments to assist in the process of coordinating the recruitment of health care 28 29 practitioners to staff local special needs shelters; 30 providing that the appropriate county health department, Children's Medical Services, and local emergency 31 management agency shall jointly determine the 32 33 responsibility for medical supervision in a special needs 34 shelter; providing that the Department of Elderly Affairs 35 shall be the lead agency responsible for ensuring the placement of special needs residents rendered homeless due 36 37 to a disaster event and for appropriate discharge 38 planning; providing that the Agency for Persons with 39 Disabilities shall be the lead agency responsible for 40 ensuring the placement of developmentally disabled special needs residents; providing that the Department of Elderly 41 42 Affairs shall be the lead agency responsible for ensuring the placement of elderly residents in programs, 43 44 Alzheimer's patients, and adult special needs residents 45 rendered homeless due to a disaster event; providing that the Department of Children and Family Services shall be 46 47 the lead agency responsible for ensuring the placement of 48 children within the welfare system and individuals 49 receiving mental health services from the department; 50 providing that the appropriate agency shall provide 51 necessary discharge planning for their respective clients; Page 2 of 19

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52 providing that state employees with a preestablished role 53 in disaster response may be called upon to serve in times 54 of disaster in specified capacities; requiring hospitals 55 that are used to shelter special needs persons during and after an evacuation to submit invoices for reimbursement 56 57 from the state for expenses incurred for medical care 58 provided at the request of the Department of Health in 59 special needs shelters or at other locations during times 60 of emergency or major disaster; revising the role of the 61 special needs shelter interagency committee with respect 62 to the planning and operation of special needs shelters; 63 providing required functions of the committee; providing 64 that the Department of Health shall establish a statewide 65 database to capture and disseminate special needs 66 registration information; revising the composition of the 67 special needs shelter interagency committee; providing for 68 the inclusion of specified rules with respect to health practitioner recruitment for special needs shelters; 69 70 providing requirements with respect to emergency 71 management plans submitted by home health agencies, nurse 72 registries, and hospice programs to county health 73 departments for review; removing a condition of specified funding as a prerequisite to the submission of such plans; 74 75 amending s. 252.385, F.S.; requiring inspection of public hurricane evacuation shelter facilities by local emergency 76 management agencies prior to activation of such 77 78 facilities; requiring the Department of Management 79 Services to annually review the registry of persons with Page 3 of 19

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80 special needs to ensure that the construction of special 81 needs shelters is sufficient and suitable to house such 82 persons during and after an evacuation; amending s. 83 400.492, F.S.; providing that home health, hospice, and durable medical equipment provider agencies shall not be 84 85 required to continue to provide care to patients in 86 emergency situations that are beyond their control and 87 that make it impossible to provide services; authorizing 88 home health agencies and durable medical equipment 89 providers to establish links to local emergency operations 90 centers to determine a mechanism to approach areas within 91 a disaster area in order for the agency to reach its 92 clients; providing that the presentation of home care 93 clients to the special needs shelter without the home 94 health agency making a good faith effort to provide 95 services in the shelter setting constitutes abandonment of 96 the client; requiring regulatory review in such cases; amending s. 408.831, F.S.; providing that entities 97 98 regulated or licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration may exceed their licensed capacity to act 99 100 as a receiving facility under specified circumstances; 101 providing requirements while such entities are in an overcapacity status; providing for issuance of an inactive 102 103 license to such licensees under specified conditions; 104 providing requirements and procedures with respect to the issuance and reactivation of an inactive license; 105 106 providing fees; providing an effective date. 107

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108 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 109 110 Section 1. Section 252.355, Florida Statutes, is amended 111 to read: 112 252.355 Registry of persons with special needs; notice .--113 In order to meet the special needs of persons who (1)would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because 114 of physical, mental, or sensory disabilities, each local 115 116 emergency management agency in the state shall maintain a 117 registry of persons with special needs located within the 118 jurisdiction of the local agency. The registration shall identify those persons in need of assistance and plan for 119 120 resource allocation to meet those identified needs. To assist 121 the local emergency management agency in identifying such 122 persons, the Department of Children and Family Services, 123 Department of Health, Agency for Health Care Administration, 124 Department of Labor and Employment Security, and Department of 125 Elderly Affairs shall provide registration information to all of 126 their special needs clients and to all incoming clients as a 127 part of the intake process. The registry shall be updated annually. The registration program shall give persons with 128 129 special needs the option of preauthorizing emergency response 130 personnel to enter their homes during search and rescue 131 operations if necessary to assure their safety and welfare following disasters. 132 133 (2) The Department of Community Affairs shall be the 134 designated lead agency responsible for community education and

135 outreach to the general public, including special needs clients, Page 5 of 19

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136 regarding registration and special needs shelters and general 137 information regarding shelter stays. The Department of Community 138 Affairs shall disseminate such educational and outreach 139 information through the local emergency management offices.

140 (3)(2) On or before May 1 of each year each electric 141 utility in the state shall annually notify residential customers 142 in its service area of the availability of the registration 143 program available through their local emergency management 144 agency.

145 <u>(4)(3)</u> All records, data, information, correspondence, and 146 communications relating to the registration of persons with 147 special needs as provided in subsection (1) are confidential and 148 exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1), except that such 149 information shall be available to other emergency response 150 agencies, as determined by the local emergency management 151 director.

152 (5) (4) All appropriate agencies and community-based service providers, including home health care providers, and 153 154 hospices shall assist emergency management agencies by 155 collecting registration information for persons with special 156 needs as part of program intake processes, establishing programs 157 to increase the awareness of the registration process, and educating clients about the procedures that may be necessary for 158 159 their safety during disasters. Clients of state or federally funded service programs with physical, mental, or sensory 160 disabilities who need assistance in evacuating, or when in 161 162 shelters, must register as persons with special needs.

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163 Section 2. Section 381.0303, Florida Statutes, is amended 164 to read:

165 381.0303 Health practitioner recruitment for special needs 166 shelters.--

167 (1)PURPOSE. -- The purpose of this section is to designate 168 the Department of Health, through its county health departments, as the lead agency for coordination of the recruitment of health 169 170 care practitioners, as defined in s. 456.001(4), to staff 171 special needs shelters in times of emergency or disaster and to 172 provide resources to the department to carry out this 173 responsibility. However, nothing in this section prohibits a county health department from entering into an agreement with a 174 175 local emergency management agency to assume the lead 176 responsibility for recruiting health care practitioners.

(2) SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER PLAN AND STAFFING. -- Provided 177 178 funds have been appropriated to support medical services 179 disaster coordinator positions in county health departments, The 180 department shall assume lead responsibility for the local 181 coordination of local medical and health care providers, the 182 American Red Cross, and other interested parties in developing a 183 plan for the staffing and medical management of special needs 184 shelters. The local Children's Medical Services offices shall 185 assume lead responsibility for the local coordination of local 186 medical and health care providers, the American Red Cross, and 187 other interested parties in developing a plan for the staffing 188 and medical management of pediatric special needs shelters. 189 Plans The plan shall be in conformance with the local 190 comprehensive emergency management plan.

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191 (a) County health departments shall, in conjunction with 192 the local emergency management agencies, have the lead responsibility for coordination of the recruitment of health 193 194 care practitioners to staff local special needs shelters. County 195 health departments shall assign their employees to work in 196 special needs shelters when needed to protect the health of 197 patients. County governments shall assist in this process. The appropriate county health department, Children's 198 (b) 199 Medical Services, and local emergency management agency shall jointly determine who has responsibility for medical supervision 200 201 in a special needs shelter. 202 The Department of Elderly Affairs shall be the lead (C) 203 agency responsible for ensuring the placement of special needs 204 residents rendered homeless due to a disaster event and for 205 appropriate and necessary discharge planning for special needs shelter residents. Other elder service agencies and 206 207 organizations shall assist Department of Elderly Affairs in this 208 effort. 209 (d)1. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall be 210 the lead agency responsible for ensuring the placement of 211 developmentally disabled special needs residents. 212 2. The Department of Elderly Affairs shall be the lead 213 agency responsible for ensuring the placement of elderly 214 residents in programs, Alzheimer's patients, and adult special 215 needs residents rendered homeless due to a disaster event. 216 3. The Department of Children and Family Services shall be 217 the lead agency responsible for ensuring the placement of

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218 children within the welfare system and individuals receiving 219 mental health services from the department. 220 221 In all cases, the appropriate agency shall provide the 222 appropriate and necessary discharge planning for their 223 respective clients. Other social service agencies or organizations shall assist the aforementioned agencies in this 224 225 effort. 226 (e) State employees with a preestablished role in disaster

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 response may be called upon to serve in times of disaster
 commensurate with their knowledge, skills, and abilities and any
 needed activities related to the situation.

230 <u>(f)(c)</u> Local emergency management agencies shall be 231 responsible for the designation and operation of special needs 232 shelters during times of emergency or disaster. County health 233 departments shall assist the local emergency management agency 234 with regard to the management of medical services in special 235 needs shelters.

236 (3) REIMBURSEMENT TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS.--The 237 Department of Health shall reimburse, subject to the 238 availability of funds for this purpose, health care 239 practitioners, as defined in s. 456.001, provided the practitioner is not providing care to a patient under an 240 241 existing contract, and emergency medical technicians and 242 paramedics licensed pursuant to chapter 401 for medical care 243 provided at the request of the department in special needs 244 shelters or at other locations during times of emergency or 245 major disaster. Reimbursement for health care practitioners, Page 9 of 19

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246 except for physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 458 or chapter 459, shall be based on the average hourly rate that such 247 248 practitioners were paid according to the most recent survey of 249 Florida hospitals conducted by the Florida Hospital Association. 250 Reimbursement shall be requested on forms prepared by the 251 Department of Health. If a Presidential Disaster Declaration has been made, and the Federal Government makes funds available, the 252 department shall use such funds for reimbursement of eligible 253 254 expenditures. In other situations, or if federal funds do not 255 fully compensate the department for reimbursement made pursuant 256 to this section, the department shall submit to the Cabinet or 257 Legislature, as appropriate, a budget amendment to obtain 258 reimbursement from the working capital fund. Hospitals that are 259 used to shelter special needs persons during and after an evacuation shall submit invoices for reimbursement from the 260 261 state for expenses incurred in this effort. Travel expense and 262 per diem costs shall be reimbursed pursuant to s. 112.061.

(4) HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER REGISTRY.--The department may use the registries established in ss. 401.273 and 456.38 when health care practitioners are needed to staff special needs shelters or to staff disaster medical assistance teams.

267 (5) SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE.--The
268 Department of Health may establish a special needs shelter
269 interagency committee, to be chaired and staffed by the
270 department. The committee shall resolve problems related to
271 special needs shelters not addressed in the state comprehensive
272 emergency medical plan and shall serve in a consultative role in

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273	as an oversight committee to monitor the planning and operation
274	of special needs shelters.
275	(a) The committee <u>shall</u> may:
276	1. Develop and negotiate any necessary interagency
277	agreements.
278	2. Undertake other such activities as the department deems
279	necessary to facilitate the implementation of this section.
280	3. Submit recommendations to the Legislature as necessary.
281	Such recommendations shall include, but not be limited to, the
282	following:
283	a. Defining "special needs shelter."
284	b. Defining "special needs person."
285	c. Development of a uniform registration form.
286	d. The improvement of public awareness regarding the
287	registration process.
288	e. The improvement of overall communications with special
289	needs persons both before and after a disaster.
290	f. The establishment of special needs shelter guidelines
291	for staffing, supplies, including durable medical, emergency
292	power, and transportation.
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294	The Department of Health shall establish a statewide database
295	designed to collect and disseminate timely and appropriate
296	special needs registration information.
297	(b) The special needs shelter interagency committee shall
298	be composed of representatives of emergency management, health,
299	medical, and social services organizations. Membership shall
300	include, but shall not be limited to, the Departments of Page 11 of 19

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301 Community Affairs, Children and Family Services, Elderly 302 Affairs, Labor and Employment Security, and Education; the 303 Agency for Health Care Administration; the Agency for Workforce 304 Innovation; the Florida Medical Association; the Florida 305 Osteopathic Medical Association; Associated Home Health 306 Industries of Florida, Inc.; the Florida Nurses Association; the Florida Health Care Association; the Florida Assisted Living 307 308 Association; the Florida Hospital Association; the Florida 309 Statutory Teaching Hospital Council; the Florida Association of 310 Homes for the Aging; the Florida Emergency Preparedness 311 Association; the American Red Cross; Florida Hospices, Inc.; the 312 Association of Community Hospitals and Health Systems; the 313 Florida Association of Health Maintenance Organizations; the 314 Florida League of Health Systems; Private Care Association; and the Salvation Army; the Florida Association of Aging Services 315 316 Providers; and the American Association of Retired Persons.

(c) Meetings of the committee shall be held in Tallahassee, and members of the committee shall serve at the expense of the agencies or organizations they represent. <u>The</u> <u>committee shall make every effort to use teleconference or video</u> <u>conference capabilities in order to ensure widespread input and</u> <u>to accommodate persons from other areas of the state.</u>

(6) RULES.--The department has the authority to adopt
rules necessary to implement this section. Rules <u>shall</u> may
include a definition of a special needs patient, <u>specification</u>
<u>with respect to</u> <del>specify</del> physician reimbursement, and <u>the</u>
designation of <del>designate which</del> county health departments which

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328 will have responsibility for <u>the</u> implementation of subsections 329 (2) and (3).

REVIEW OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS. -- The submission 330 (7) 331 of Emergency management plans submitted to county health 332 departments by home health agencies pursuant to s. 400.497(8)(c) 333 and (d) and by nurse registries pursuant to s. 400.506(16)(e) and by hospice programs pursuant to s. 400.610(1)(b) shall 334 specifically address an agency's functional staffing plan for 335 336 the shelters to ensure continuity of care and services for 337 clients is conditional upon the receipt of an appropriation by 338 the department to establish medical services disaster 339 coordinator positions in county health departments unless the 340 secretary of the department and a local county commission 341 jointly determine to require such plans to be submitted based on 342 a determination that there is a special need to protect public 343 health in the local area during an emergency.

344 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 252.385, Florida 345 Statutes, is amended to read:

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252.385 Public shelter space.--

347 Public facilities, including schools, postsecondary (4)(a) education facilities, and other facilities owned or leased by 348 349 the state or local governments, but excluding hospitals or 350 nursing homes, which are suitable for use as public hurricane 351 evacuation shelters shall be made available at the request of 352 the local emergency management agencies. The local emergency 353 management agency shall inspect a facility prior to activating 354 such facility for a specific hurricane or disaster. Such 355 agencies shall coordinate with the appropriate school board,

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356 university, community college, or local governing board when 357 requesting the use of such facilities as public hurricane 358 evacuation shelters.

359 (b) The Department of Management Services shall 360 incorporate provisions for the use of suitable leased public 361 facilities as public hurricane evacuation shelters into lease agreements for state agencies. Suitable leased public facilities 362 363 include leased public facilities that are solely occupied by 364 state agencies and have at least 2,000 square feet of net floor 365 area in a single room or in a combination of rooms having a 366 minimum of 400 square feet in each room. The net square footage 367 of floor area must be determined by subtracting from the gross 368 square footage the square footage of spaces such as mechanical 369 and electrical rooms, storage rooms, open corridors, restrooms, 370 kitchens, science or computer laboratories, shop or mechanical 371 areas, administrative offices, records vaults, and crawl spaces.

372 (c) The Department of Management Services shall annually
 373 review the registry of persons with special needs to ensure that
 374 the construction of special needs shelters is sufficient and
 375 suitable to house such persons during and after an evacuation.

376 <u>(d)(c)</u> The Department of Management Services shall, in 377 consultation with local and state emergency management agencies, 378 assess Department of Management Services facilities to identify 379 the extent to which each facility has public hurricane 380 evacuation shelter space. The Department of Management Services 381 shall submit proposed facility retrofit projects that 382 incorporate hurricane protection enhancements to the department

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383 for assessment and inclusion in the annual report prepared in 384 accordance with subsection (3).

385 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 400.492, Florida 386 Statutes, is amended to read:

387 400.492 Provision of services during an emergency.--Each 388 home health agency shall prepare and maintain a comprehensive emergency management plan that is consistent with the standards 389 390 adopted by national accreditation organizations and consistent 391 with the local special needs plan. The plan shall be updated 392 annually and shall provide for continuing home health services 393 during an emergency that interrupts patient care or services in 394 the patient's home. The plan shall describe how the home health 395 agency establishes and maintains an effective response to 396 emergencies and disasters, including: notifying staff when 397 emergency response measures are initiated; providing for 398 communication between staff members, county health departments, 399 and local emergency management agencies, including a backup 400 system; identifying resources necessary to continue essential 401 care or services or referrals to other organizations subject to 402 written agreement; and prioritizing and contacting patients who 403 need continued care or services.

404 (3) Home health, hospice, and durable medical equipment 405 provider agencies shall not be required to continue to provide 406 care to patients in emergency situations that are beyond their 407 control and that make it impossible to provide services, such as 408 when roads are impassable or when patients do not go to the 409 location specified in their patient records. Home health 410 agencies and durable medical equipment providers may establish Page 15 of 19

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411 links to local emergency operations centers to determine a mechanism to approach areas within the disaster area in order 412 413 for the agency to reach its clients. The presentation of home 414 care clients to a special needs shelter without the home health 415 agency making a good faith effort to provide the home health 416 services in the shelter setting, which the agency is currently providing in the client's home, will constitute abandonment of 417 the client and will result in regulatory review. 418

419 Section 5. Section 408.831, Florida Statutes, is amended 420 to read:

421 408.831 Denial, suspension, or revocation of a license,
422 registration, certificate, or application.--

(1) In addition to any other remedies provided by law, the agency may deny each application or suspend or revoke each license, registration, or certificate of entities regulated or licensed by it:

If the applicant, licensee, registrant, or 427 (a) certificateholder, or, in the case of a corporation, 428 429 partnership, or other business entity, if any officer, director, 430 agent, or managing employee of that business entity or any 431 affiliated person, partner, or shareholder having an ownership 432 interest equal to 5 percent or greater in that business entity, has failed to pay all outstanding fines, liens, or overpayments 433 434 assessed by final order of the agency or final order of the 435 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, not subject to 436 further appeal, unless a repayment plan is approved by the 437 agency; or

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(b) For failure to comply with any repayment plan. Page 16 of 19

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439 (2) In reviewing any application requesting a change of 440 ownership or change of the licensee, registrant, or certificateholder, the transferor shall, prior to agency 441 442 approval of the change, repay or make arrangements to repay any amounts owed to the agency. Should the transferor fail to repay 443 444 or make arrangements to repay the amounts owed to the agency, 445 the issuance of a license, registration, or certificate to the 446 transferee shall be delayed until repayment or until 447 arrangements for repayment are made. 448 Entities subject to this section may exceed their (3)

449 licensed capacity to act as a receiving facility in accordance 450 with an emergency operations plan for clients of evacuating 451 providers from a geographic area where an evacuation order has been issued by a local authority having jurisdiction. While in 452 453 an overcapacity status, each provider must furnish or arrange 454 for appropriate care and services to all clients and comply with 455 all firesafety requirements of state and local authorities. 456 Overcapacity status in excess of 30 days requires prior written 457 approval by the agency, which shall be based upon satisfactory 458 justification and need.

459 (4) An inactive license may be issued to a licensee 460 subject to this section when the provider is located in a 461 geographic area where a state of emergency was declared by the 462 Governor of Florida if the provider:

# 463 (a) Suffered damage to the provider's operation during 464 that state of emergency.

- (b) Is currently licensed.
- 466 (c) Does not have a provisional license. Page 17 of 19

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467	(d) Will be temporarily unable to provide services but is
468	reasonably expected to resume services within 12 months.
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470	An inactive license may be issued for a period not to exceed 12
471	months but may be renewed by the agency for up to 6 additional
472	months upon demonstration to the agency of progress toward
473	reopening. A request by a licensee for an inactive license or to
474	extend the previously approved inactive period must be submitted
475	in writing to the agency, accompanied by written justification
476	for the inactive license which states the beginning and ending
477	dates of inactivity and includes a plan for the transfer of any
478	clients to other providers and appropriate licensure fees. Upon
479	agency approval, the licensee shall notify clients of any
480	necessary discharge or transfer as required by authorizing
481	statutes or applicable rules. The beginning of the inactive
482	licensure period shall be the date the provider ceases
483	operations. The end of the inactive period shall become the
484	licensee expiration date and all licensure fees must be current,
485	paid in full, and may be prorated. Reactivation of an inactive
486	license requires the prior approval by the agency of a renewal
487	application, including payment of licensure fees and agency
488	inspections indicating compliance with all requirements of this
489	part and applicable rules and statutes.
490	(5) (3) This section provides standards of enforcement
491	applicable to all entities licensed or regulated by the Agency
492	for Health Care Administration. This section controls over any

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conflicting provisions of chapters 39, 381, 383, 390, 391, 393,

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494 394, 395, 400, 408, 468, 483, and 641 or rules adopted pursuant

495 to those chapters.

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Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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