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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Comprehensive Everglades 3 Restoration Plan; requiring the Department of 4 Environmental Protection to expend appropriated funds for 5 certain acquisitions relating to restoration of the Everglades in accordance with the comprehensive plan; 6 7 prohibiting reversion of appropriated funds to the General 8 Revenue Fund; providing for the sale of lands acquired 9 using appropriated funds after a finding by the department 10 and the South Florida Water Management District that the land is no longer needed for the comprehensive plan; 11 12 providing for deposit of the proceeds of the sale, or an equivalent amount, into the Save Our Everglades Trust 13 Fund; providing for use of such deposited moneys to 14 15 implement the comprehensive plan; providing an 16 appropriation; providing an effective date. 17 18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 19 20 Section 1. (1) The Department of Environmental Protection 21 shall, within the 2005-2006 fiscal year, expend or contract to 22 expend the sum appropriated by this act in a manner that expends \$100 million in the 2005-2006 fiscal year and expends \$100 23 million in each of the following 4 fiscal years for the purpose 24 25 of implementing the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. 26 The funds shall be used to acquire and improve land, water 27 areas, and related property interests and resources for the 28 purpose of implementing the comprehensive plan.

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29 (2) Notwithstanding any provision in section 216.301, 30 Florida Statutes, the funds appropriated by this act and 31 expended or committed for expenditure as directed by subsection 32 (1) shall not revert to the General Revenue Fund. 33 (3) Lands purchased pursuant to this section which are 34 later determined by the South Florida Water Management District 35 and the Department of Environmental Protection not to be needed 36 to implement the comprehensive plan shall be sold as surplus at no less than appraised value, and the proceeds from the sale of 37 38 such lands deposited into the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund to be used to implement the comprehensive plan, or the South 39 Florida Water Management District shall use a different source 40 of funds to pay for or reimburse the Save Our Everglades Trust 41 42 Fund for that portion of land not needed to implement the 43 comprehensive plan. 44 Section 2. The sum of \$500 million is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Environmental 45 46 Protection for the acquisition and improvement of land, water 47 areas, and related property interests and resources for the purpose of implementing the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration 48 49 Plan under section 373.470, Florida Statutes. 50 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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