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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to state reserves; creating s.
 3 258.166, F.S.; establishing the Rodman
 4 Reservoir State Reserve; directing the Division
 5 of Recreation and Parks of the Department of
 6 Environmental Protection to develop
 7 multipurpose recreational opportunities and
 8 provide supervision of the area; allowing
 9 public hunting; authorizing the Division of
 10 State Lands to acquire adjacent or contiguous
 11 property; requiring the Division of State Lands
 12 to notify persons having easements in the area;
 13 requiring a report; providing an effective
 14 date.
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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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18 Section 1. Section 258.166, Florida Statutes, is
 19 created to read:

20 258.166 Rodman Reservoir State Reserve
 21 designated.--There is designated and established a state
 22 reserve to be known as Rodman Reservoir State Reserve, in
 23 Marion and Putnam Counties, which shall include all
 24 state-owned lands within the floodplain of the Oklawaha River
 25 and those hereafter acquired by the state from Eureka Dam in
 26 Marion County to Buckman Lock in Putnam County. Those lands
 27 are deemed and held to be a state reserve, under the
 28 supervision of the Division of Recreation and Parks of the
 29 Department of Environmental Protection. The division is
 30 charged with the duty of providing for the development of
 31 multipurpose recreational opportunities at this reserve and

1 the care, upkeep, maintenance, and beautification of the
2 Rodman Reservoir State Reserve, including all those dams,
3 locks, and other structures transferred by the Federal
4 Government to the state. Any action that would substantially
5 alter the reserve as it existed on January 1, 2005, must be
6 approved by law.

7 (1) Public hunting is allowed in the state reserve as
8 authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

9 (2) The Division of State Lands of the Department of
10 Environmental Protection may acquire in the name of the Board
11 of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund any
12 additional property adjacent or contiguous to the Rodman
13 Reservoir State Reserve from private owners or from the United
14 States Government for improved management and recreational
15 opportunities.

16 (3) The Division of State Lands shall identify,
17 contact, and inform all property owners who hold easements
18 located within the taking line of the Rodman Reservoir of the
19 designation of this area as a state reserve.

20 (4) By January 1, 2006, the Division of State Lands
21 shall submit a report to the Executive Office of the Governor,
22 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives which:

24 (a) Identifies the entities that hold easements within
25 the taking line of the reservoir.

26 (b) Indicates whether the holder of an easement is
27 willing to sell the easement.

28 (c) Estimates the cost of acquiring the easements.

29 (d) Identifies any additional issues resulting from
30 this designation.

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