

By Senator Saunders

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Save Our Everglades
3 Trust Fund; providing legislative intent with
4 respect to the need to expeditiously implement
5 the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan;
6 amending s. 373.470, F.S.; removing obsolete
7 provisions; directing the deposit of funds
8 into the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund within
9 the Department of Environmental Protection;
10 requiring that a portion of those funds be used
11 for land acquisition; providing an
12 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

16 Section 1. The Legislature finds that increases in
17 land prices and market competition for lands that are
18 appropriate for acquisition under the Comprehensive Everglades
19 Restoration Plan may increase overall costs or limit
20 implementation of the restoration of the Everglades. The
21 Legislature intends that the restoration of the Everglades
22 under the comprehensive plan be implemented expeditiously to
23 avoid increasing land-acquisition costs and competition for
24 available lands. As used in this section, the term
25 "Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan" or "comprehensive
26 plan" has the same meaning as "comprehensive plan" in section
27 373.470(2), Florida Statutes.

28 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
29 373.470, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

30 373.470 Everglades restoration.--
31 (5) SAVE OUR EVERGLADES TRUST FUND SUPPLEMENTED.--

1 (a)1. ~~For fiscal year 2000-2001, \$50 million of state~~
2 ~~funds shall be deposited into the Save Our Everglades Trust~~
3 ~~Fund created by s. 373.472.~~

4 1.2. For each year of the 5 ~~9~~ consecutive years
5 beginning with fiscal year 2005-2006, \$200 ~~2001-2002, \$75~~
6 million of state funds shall be deposited into the Save Our
7 Everglades Trust Fund created by s. 373.472; however, \$100
8 million of the deposit must be used solely to acquire lands
9 for the comprehensive plan.

10 2. The sum of \$200 million is appropriated from the
11 General Revenue Fund to the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund for
12 the purpose of implementing this section.

13 3. As an alternative to subparagraph 1. 2-, proceeds
14 of bonds issued under s. 215.619 may be deposited into the
15 Save Our Everglades Trust Fund created under s. 373.472. To
16 enhance flexibility, funds to be deposited into the Save Our
17 Everglades Trust Fund may consist of any combination of state
18 funds and Everglades restoration bonds.

19 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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22 SENATE SUMMARY

23 Directs the deposit of funds into the Save Our Everglades
24 Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental
25 Protection. Provides an appropriation.