

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to cargo container inspections; directing  
 3           the Department of Transportation to make a study of  
 4           procedures and equipment used to inspect cargo containers  
 5           at airports, seaports, and railroad stations; requiring a  
 6           report to the Governor and Legislature; providing for  
 7           content of the report; providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Cargo container inspections; study by the  
 12 Department of Transportation.--The Department of Transportation  
 13 is directed to conduct a comprehensive study of current  
 14 procedures for inspecting cargo containers at airports,  
 15 seaports, and railroad stations in this state. The study shall  
 16 include a review of the current inspection procedures, number of  
 17 inspections relative to the total number of cargo containers,  
 18 equipment and technology used and available for the inspections,  
 19 and the costs of that equipment and technology. The department  
 20 shall report its findings to the Governor, the President of the  
 21 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives before  
 22 July 1, 2007. The report shall also include suggested methods to  
 23 increase the number of inspections to 100 percent of all cargo  
 24 containers, equipment and technology available to improve and  
 25 increase the number of inspections, and funding sources to help  
 26 defray the costs of improving and increasing the number of  
 27 inspections.

28           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.