By the Committee on Environmental Preservation; and Senator Garcia

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| 1 | A bill to be entitled |
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| 2 | An act relating to the Miami-Dade County Lake |
| 3 | Belt Plan; amending s. 373.4149, F.S.; revising |
| 4 | the geographic boundaries of the Miami-Dade |
| 5 | County Lake Belt Area; amending s. 373.41492, |
| 6 | F.S.; revising the geographic boundaries for |
| 7 | mining areas subject to the mitigation fees |
| 8 | under the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt |
| 9 | Mitigation Plan; providing for mitigation fee |
| 10 | increases; authorizing proceeds of mitigation |
| 11 | fees to be allocated to the South Florida Water |
| 12 | Management District and Miami-Dade County for |
| 13 | specific purposes; revising the reporting |
| 14 | requirements for the interagency committee; |
| 15 | providing an effective date. |
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| 17 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: |
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| 19 | Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 373.4149, Florida |
| 20 | Statutes, is amended to read: |
| 21 | 373.4149 Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Plan |
| 22 | (3) The Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Area is that area |
| 23 | bounded by the Ronald Reagan Turnpike to the east, the |
| 24 | Miami-Dade-Broward County line to the north, Krome Avenue to |
| 25 | the west and Tamiami Trail to the south together with the land |
| 26 | south of Tamiami Trail in sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, and 18, |
| 27 | Township 54 South, Range 39 East, sections 24, 25, and 36, |
| 28 | Township 54 South, Range 38 East, less those portions of |
| 29 | section 3, Township 52 South, Range 39 East, south of Krome |
| 30 | Avenue and west of U.S. Highway 27, and less section 10, |
| 31 | except the west one half, section 11, except the northeast |

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one quarter and the east one half of the northwest quarter, and tracts 38 through 41, and tracts 49 through 64 inclusive, section 13, except tracts 17 through 35 and tracts 46 through 48, of Florida Fruit Lands Company Subdivision No. 1 according to the plat thereof as recorded in plat book 2, page 17, public records of Miami Dade County, and section 14, except the west three quarters, Township 52 South, Range 39 East, lying north of the Miami Canal, sections 35 and 36 and the east one-half of sections 24 and 25, Township 53 South, Range 39 East and Government Lots 1 and 2, lying between Townships 53 and 54 South, Range 39 East and those portions of sections 1 and 2, Township 54 South, Range 39 East, lying north of Tamiami Trail. Section 2. Subsections (2), (5), and (7), paragraph (a) of subsection (6), and paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section 373.41492, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 373.41492 Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Mitigation Plan; mitigation for mining activities within the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt.--(2) To provide for the mitigation of wetland resources lost to mining activities within the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Plan, effective October 1, 1999, a mitigation fee is imposed on each ton of limerock and sand extracted by any person who engages in the business of extracting limerock or sand from within the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Area and sections 10, 11, 13, 14, Township 52 South, Range 39 East, and the east one-half of sections 24 and, 25 and all of sections, 35, and 36, Township 53 South, Range 39 East. The mitigation fee is imposed at the rate of 5 cents for each ton of limerock and sand sold from within the properties where the fee applies

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limited to, sized aggregate, asphalt, cement, concrete, and other limerock and concrete products. The mitigation fee imposed by this subsection for each ton of limerock and sand that is sold shall be 12 cents per ton beginning October 1, 2006, 18 cents per ton beginning October 1, 2007, and 24 cents per ton beginning October 1, 2008. Any limerock or sand that is used within the mine from which the limerock or sand is extracted is exempt from the fee. The amount of the mitigation fee imposed under this section must be stated separately on the invoice provided to the purchaser of the limerock or sand product from the limerock or sand miner, or its subsidiary or affiliate, for which the mitigation fee applies. The limerock or sand miner, or its subsidiary or affiliate, who sells the limerock or sand product shall collect the mitigation fee and forward the proceeds of the fee to the Department of Revenue on or before the 20th day of the month following the calendar month in which the sale occurs.

each October 1 January 1 thereafter, the per-ton mitigation fee shall be increased by 2.1 percentage points, plus a cost growth index. The cost growth index shall be the percentage change in the weighted average of the Employment Cost Index for All Civilian Workers (ecu 10001I), issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending on September 30, and the percentage change in the Producer Price Index for All Commodities (WPU 00000000), issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending on September 30, compared to the weighted average of these indices for the previous year. The weighted average shall be calculated as 0.6 times the percentage change in the Employment Cost Index for All

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Civilian Workers (ecu 10001I), plus 0.4 times the percentage change in the Producer Price Index for All Commodities (WPU 00000000). If either index is discontinued, it shall be replaced by its successor index, as identified by the United States Department of Labor.

- (6)(a) The proceeds of the mitigation fee must be used to conduct mitigation activities that are appropriate to offset the loss of the value and functions of wetlands as a result of mining activities and must be used in a manner consistent with the recommendations contained in the reports submitted to the Legislature by the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Plan Implementation Committee and adopted under s. 373.4149. The Such mitigation may include the purchase, enhancement, restoration, and management of wetlands and uplands, the purchase of mitigation credit from a permitted mitigation bank, and any structural modifications to the existing drainage system to enhance the hydrology of the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Area. Funds may also be used to reimburse other funding sources, including the Save Our Rivers Land Acquisition Program, and the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the South Florida Water Management District, and Miami-Dade County, for the purchase of lands that were acquired in areas appropriate for mitigation due to rock mining and to reimburse governmental agencies that exchanged land under s. 373.4149 for mitigation due to rock mining rockmining.
- (7) Payment of the fee imposed by this section satisfies the mitigation requirements imposed under ss. 373.403-373.439 and any applicable county ordinance for loss of the value and functions from mining of the wetlands identified as rock mining rockmining supported and allowable

areas of the Miami-Dade County Lake Plan adopted by s. 373.4149(1). In addition, it is the intent of the Legislature 3 that the payment of the mitigation fee imposed by this section 4 satisfy all federal mitigation requirements for the wetlands 5 mined. 6 (9) 7 (b) No sooner than January 31, 2010, and no more 8 frequently than every 5 + 9 years thereafter, the interagency 9 committee shall submit to the Legislature a report 10 recommending any needed adjustments to the mitigation fee to ensure that the revenue generated reflects the actual costs of 11 12 the mitigation. 13 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a 14 law. 15 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN 16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR 17 Senate Bill 1306 18 19 The committee substitute further revises the boundaries of the Lake Belt Area and the properties within the Lake Belt Area 2.0 that are subject to the mitigation fee. The interagency committee created in s. 373.41492, F.S., to oversee the mitigation expenditures, is required to submit a report to the 21 Legislature every 5 years instead of every 10 years recommending any needed adjustments to the mitigation fee to 22 ensure that the revenue generated reflects the actual costs of 23 the mitigation. 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31