

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Wekiva Onsite Disposal System
 3 Compliance Grant Program; creating the program in the
 4 Department of Health; providing purposes; authorizing
 5 certain property owners in certain areas of the Wekiva
 6 basin to apply for grants for certain purposes; providing
 7 grant limitations; providing for annual adjustments of the
 8 amount of the grants; providing for the grant as a rebate
 9 of costs incurred; requiring documentation of costs;
 10 requiring the department to adopt rules to administer the
 11 grant program; providing an appropriation; providing an
 12 effective date.

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

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 16 Section 1. Wekiva Onsite Disposal System Compliance Grant
 17 Program.--

18 (1) The Wekiva Onsite Disposal System Compliance Grant
 19 Program is established in the Department of Health, to be
 20 administered by the department. The purpose of the program is to
 21 provide grants to low-income property owners in the Wekiva Study
 22 Area or the Wekiva River Protection Area using onsite disposal
 23 systems to assist the property owner in complying with rules for
 24 onsite disposal systems developed by the Department of Health,
 25 the Department of Environmental Protection, or the St. Johns
 26 River Water Management District to enforce compliance with
 27 onsite disposal system standards.

CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

28 (2) Any property owner in the Wekiva Study Area or the
 29 Wekiva River Protection Area having an income less than or equal
 30 to 200 percent of the federal poverty level who is required by
 31 rule of the Department of Health, the Department of
 32 Environmental Protection, or the St. Johns River Water
 33 Management District to construct, reconstruct, alter, repair, or
 34 modify any new or existing onsite disposal system on such
 35 property may apply to the Department of Health for a grant to
 36 assist the owner with the cost of compliance.

37 (3) The amount of the grant is limited to \$10,000 per
 38 property and shall be increased each calendar year by the change
 39 in the annual average of the "materials and components for
 40 construction" series of the producer price index, as calculated
 41 and published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau
 42 of Statistics, from the previous calendar year.

43 (4) The grant shall be in the form of a rebate to the
 44 property owner for costs incurred in complying with requirements
 45 for onsite disposal systems. The property owner shall provide to
 46 the Department of Health in the application for a grant
 47 documentation of costs incurred in complying with requirements
 48 for such systems.

49 (5) The Department of Health shall adopt rules providing
 50 forms, procedures, and requirements for applying for and
 51 disbursing grants under this section and for documenting
 52 compliance costs incurred.

53 Section 2. The sum of \$ is appropriated from the
 54 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Health of which \$
 55 is to the department to administer the Wekiva Onsite Disposal

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56 | System Compliance Grant Program and \$ is to provide
57 | grants to applicants under the program.

58 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.