HB 17 2006

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to seaports; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to develop a program to survey the underwater areas of certain deepwater seaports; designating certain deepwater seaports; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. On or before July 1, 2007, the Department of Law Enforcement shall develop and implement a program to conduct, at least biennially, a survey using a sonar scanning system that generates highly detailed two-dimensional and threedimensional maps and charts of the underwater areas of each deepwater seaport in this state that serves cargo or passenger vessels. For purposes of this section, the term "deepwater seaport" means each of the ports of Jacksonville, Port Canaveral, Palm Beach, Port Everglades, Miami, Port Manatee, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Panama City, Pensacola, Key West, and Fernandina.

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Section 2. The sum of \$1.5 million is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Law Enforcement to administer this act.

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