

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

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

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

25           Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section  
 26 373.470, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

27           373.470 Everglades restoration.--

28           (5) SAVE OUR EVERGLADES TRUST FUND SUPPLEMENTED.--

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

32           ~~2.~~ For each year of the 5 ~~9~~ consecutive years beginning  
 33 with the 2006-2007 fiscal year, \$200 ~~2001-2002, \$75~~ million of  
 34 state funds shall be deposited into the Save Our Everglades  
 35 Trust Fund created by s. 373.472; however, \$100 million of the  
 36 deposit must be used solely to acquire lands for the  
 37 comprehensive plan.

38           2. For each year of the 5 consecutive years beginning with  
 39 the 2006-2007 fiscal year, \$200 million is appropriated from the  
 40 General Revenue Fund to the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund for  
 41 the purpose of implementing this section.

42           3. As an alternative to subparagraph 1. ~~2.~~, proceeds of  
 43 bonds issued under s. 215.619 may be deposited into the Save Our  
 44 Everglades Trust Fund created under s. 373.472. To enhance  
 45 flexibility, funds to be deposited into the Save Our Everglades  
 46 Trust Fund may consist of any combination of state funds and  
 47 Everglades restoration bonds.

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