

By Senator Garcia

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to historic properties; amending s.
3 267.061, F.S.; declaring a state policy of assistance
4 to community organizations in their efforts to
5 preserve historic resources; providing an effective
6 date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
11 267.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 267.061 Historic properties; state policy,
13 responsibilities.—

14 (1) STATE POLICY RELATIVE TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES.—

15 (a) The rich and unique heritage of historic properties in
16 this state, representing more than 10,000 years of human
17 presence, is an important legacy to be valued and conserved for
18 present and future generations. The destruction of these
19 nonrenewable historical resources will engender a significant
20 loss to the state's quality of life, economy, and cultural
21 environment. It is therefore declared to be state policy to:

22 1. Provide leadership in the preservation of the state's
23 historic resources;

24 2. Administer state-owned or state-controlled historic
25 resources in a spirit of stewardship and trusteeship;

26 3. Contribute to the preservation of non-state-owned
27 historic resources and to give encouragement to organizations
28 and individuals undertaking preservation by private means;

29 4. Foster conditions, using measures that include financial

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30 and technical assistance, for a harmonious coexistence of
31 society and state historic resources;

32 5. Encourage the public and private preservation and
33 utilization of elements of the state's historically built
34 environment; ~~and~~

35 6. Assist local governments to expand and accelerate their
36 historic preservation programs and activities; and-

37 7. Assist community organizations in their efforts to
38 preserve historical resources.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.