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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 17.45, F.S.; creating the Department of Financial Services Oil Spill Mitigation Clearing Trust Fund; providing for sources of moneys and purposes; providing for exemption from various service charges; providing for disbursement of funds to the oil spill mitigation trust funds of the various agencies; providing for the annual carryforward of funds; providing that the trust fund is exempt from constitutional termination; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 17.45, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

17.45 Department of Financial Services Oil Spill Mitigation Clearing Trust Fund.—

(1) The Department of Financial Services Oil Spill
Mitigation Clearing Trust Fund is created within the Department
of Financial Services. Funds to be credited to the trust fund
shall consist of all payments received by the state to mitigate
the financial impact to the state which results from the oil
spill in the Gulf of Mexico following the April 20, 2010,
explosion and subsequent fire on the Deepwater Horizon
semisubmersible Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit. Such payments may
include, but are not limited to, funds received under any
settlement agreement entered into between the state and BP,

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p.l.c.; Transocean Ltd.; or any other person or any financial

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assistance provided to the state by the Federal Government.

Funds received pursuant to individual claims or grant
applications submitted by any state agency, county,
municipality, or political subdivision or by any person may not
be credited to the trust fund. Moneys deposited into the trust
fund are exempt from the service charges imposed under s.

215.20.

- (2) The department shall disburse funds, by nonoperating transfer, from the Department of Financial Services Oil Spill Mitigation Clearing Trust Fund to the oil spill mitigation trust funds of the various agencies in amounts equal to the annual appropriations made from those agencies' trust funds in the General Appropriations Act.
- (3) Notwithstanding s. 216.301, and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the Department of Financial Services Oil Spill Mitigation Clearing Trust Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund.
- (4) In accordance with s. 19(f)(3), Art. III of the State Constitution, the Department of Financial Services Oil Spill Mitigation Clearing Trust Fund is exempt from the termination provisions of s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution.

  Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.