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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to Sebring Airport Authority, Highlands  
3 County; amending chapter 2005-300, Laws of Florida;  
4 revising powers of the authority; providing that the  
5 authority may acquire, lease as lessee or lessor,  
6 construct, reconstruct, improve, extend, enlarge, equip,  
7 repair, maintain, and operate commercial and industrial  
8 facilities; providing that the authority may establish,  
9 operate, and maintain foreign-trade zone status under the  
10 alternative site framework in DeSoto, Glades, Hardee,  
11 Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties and the Cities  
12 of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay; expanding the  
13 power of the authority to purchase commodities or  
14 contractual services; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 3, subsections (5)  
19 and (14) of section 6, and section 8 of section 3 of chapter  
20 2005-300, Laws of Florida, are amended, and subsection (15) is  
21 added to section 6 of section 3 of that chapter, to read:

22 Section 3.

23 (2) The Sebring Airport Authority is authorized to  
24 exercise its powers over properties in addition to the Sebring  
25 Regional Airport and Industrial Park so long as they are  
26 exercised pursuant to contracts with other governmental entities  
27 ~~for the operation and supervision of other airports, airfields,~~  
28 ~~and related facilities.~~

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29 Section 6. The Sebring Airport Authority is hereby  
 30 authorized and empowered:

31 (5) To acquire, lease as lessee or lessor, construct,  
 32 reconstruct, improve, extend, enlarge, equip, repair, maintain,  
 33 and operate any airport and other ~~industrial~~ facilities,  
 34 ~~(including tire and automobile testing and racing,)~~ and  
 35 commercial and industrial facilities, which may be located on  
 36 the property of the authority. Nothing in this act shall exempt  
 37 the Sebring Airport Authority from the provisions of chapter  
 38 333, Florida Statutes.

39 (14) To contract with other governmental entities to  
 40 operate airports, airfields, ~~and other related facilities~~ and  
 41 services, including providing all personnel, tools, equipment,  
 42 supervision, and other materials and services required therefor.

43 (15) To establish, operate, and maintain foreign-trade  
 44 zone status under the alternative site framework in DeSoto,  
 45 Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties and  
 46 the Cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay.

47 Section 8. No contract for the construction, repair, or  
 48 alteration of any facility or part of the same, or the purchase  
 49 of equipment, services, or supplies involving an expenditure of  
 50 more than \$10,000, shall be awarded by the authority unless the  
 51 authority advertises for sealed bids at least once a week for 2  
 52 consecutive weeks and such contract is awarded to the lowest  
 53 responsible bidder. However, the authority may purchase  
 54 commodities or contractual services pursuant to state term  
 55 contracts and may also purchase from the lowest and best bidder  
 56 under a competitive bidding or negotiation process of another

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57 governmental entity, including a county, school board, or other  
58 municipality, or may reject all bids.

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