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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. (1) No contract for the construction, repair,
48 or alteration of any facility or part of the same, or the
49 purchase of equipment, services, or supplies involving an
50 expenditure of more than \$10,000, shall be awarded by the
51 authority unless the authority advertises for sealed bids at
52 least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks and such contract is
53 awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. However, the authority
54 may reject all bids.

55 (2) The authority may purchase commodities or contractual
56 services from the purchasing agreements of other special

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57 districts, municipalities, or counties as provided in section
58 189.4221, Florida Statutes.

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