

By Senator Alexander

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

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

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

23 Section 3.

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

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

32 (5) To acquire, lease as lessee or lessor, construct,
33 reconstruct, improve, extend, enlarge, equip, repair, maintain,
34 and operate any airport and other ~~industrial~~ facilities,
35 ~~(including tire and automobile testing and racing,)~~ and
36 commercial and industrial facilities, which may be located on
37 the property of the authority. Nothing in this act shall exempt
38 the Sebring Airport Authority from the provisions of chapter
39 333, Florida Statutes.

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

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

48 Section 8. (1) No contract for the construction, repair, or
49 alteration of any facility or part of the same, or the purchase
50 of equipment, services, or supplies involving an expenditure of
51 more than \$10,000, shall be awarded by the authority unless the
52 authority advertises for sealed bids at least once a week for 2
53 consecutive weeks and such contract is awarded to the lowest
54 responsible bidder. However, the authority may reject all bids.

55 (2) The authority may purchase commodities or contractual
56 services from the purchasing agreements of other special
57 districts, municipalities, or counties as provided in section
58 189.4221, Florida Statutes.

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