## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation (Latvala) recommended the following:

## Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. (1) All powers, duties, functions, records, offices, personnel, property, pending issues and existing contracts, administrative authority, administrative rules, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds relating to the Division of Law Enforcement within the Department of Environmental Protection, excluding the Bureau of Emergency Response, are transferred by a type two transfer, as defined in s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to the Division of Law 12



13	Enforcement within the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
14	Commission.
15	(2) The Bureau of Emergency Response within the Department
16	of Environmental Protection is reassigned to the Secretary of
17	Environmental Protection, as the Office of Emergency Response,
18	within the Department of Environmental Protection.
19	(3) The Secretary of Environmental Protection shall
20	transfer to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission the
21	number of administrative, auditing, inspector general, attorney,
22	and operational support positions, including any related powers,
23	duties, functions, property, and funding, proportionate to the
24	number of Division of Law Enforcement full-time equivalent and
25	other personal services positions being transferred from the
26	department to the commission.
27	(4) A memorandum of agreement shall be developed between
28	the department and the commission detailing the responsibilities
29	of the commission to the department, to include, at a minimum,
30	the following:
31	(a) Support and response for oil spills, hazardous spills,
32	and natural disasters.
33	(b) Law enforcement patrol and investigative services for
34	all state-owned lands managed by the department.
35	(c) Law enforcement services, including investigative
36	services, for all criminal law violations of chapters 161, 258,
37	373, 376, and 403, Florida Statutes.
38	(d) Enforcement services for all civil violations of all
39	department administrative rules related to the following program
40	areas:
41	1. The Division of Recreation and Parks.

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42	2. The Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas.
43	3. The Office of Greenways and Trails.
44	(e) Current and future funding for positions and property
45	being transferred from the department to the commission which
46	are funded through any trust fund.
47	Section 2. (1) All powers, duties, functions, records,
48	property, pending issues and existing contracts, administrative
49	authority, administrative rules, and unexpended balances of
50	appropriations, allocations, and other funds relating to sworn
51	positions funded by the Conservation and Recreation Lands
52	Program and assigned to the Florida Forest Service within the
53	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as of July 1,
54	2011, and the investigator responsible for the enforcement of
55	aquaculture violations at the Department of Agriculture and
56	Consumer Services as of July 1, 2011, are transferred by a type
57	two transfer, as defined in s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to
58	the Division of Law Enforcement within the Fish and Wildlife
59	Conservation Commission.
60	(2) A memorandum of agreement shall be developed between
61	the department and the commission detailing the responsibilities
62	between the commission and the department, to include, at a
63	minimum, the following:
64	(a) Law enforcement patrol and investigative services for
65	all state-owned forests managed by the department.
66	(b) Current and future funding for positions and property
67	assigned to the Conservation and Recreation Lands Program which
68	are transferred from the department to the commission.
69	Section 3. (1) The Secretary of Environmental Protection
70	and the Executive Director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation

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71 Commission shall each appoint three staff members to a 72 transition advisory working group to review and determine the 73 following: 74 (a) The appropriate proportionate number of administrative, 75 auditing, inspector general, attorney, and operational support 76 positions and their related funding levels and sources and 77 assigned property to be transferred from the Office of General 78 Counsel, the Office of Inspector General, and the Division of 79 Administrative Services, or other relevant offices or divisions 80 within the Department of Environmental Protection, to the Fish 81 and Wildlife Conservation Commission. 82 (b) The development of a recommended plan addressing the transfer or shared use of buildings, regional offices, and other 83 84 facilities used or owned by the Department of Environmental 85 Protection. 86 (c) Any operating budget adjustments that are necessary to implement the requirements of this act. Adjustments made to the 87 operating budgets of the department and the commission in the 88 89 implementation of this act must be made in consultation with the 90 appropriate substantive and fiscal committees of the Senate and 91 the House of Representatives. The revisions to the approved 92 operating budgets for the 2012-2013 fiscal year which are 93 necessary to reflect the organizational changes made by this act 94 shall be implemented pursuant to s. 216.292(4)(d), Florida 95 Statutes, and subject to s. 216.177, Florida Statutes. 96 Subsequent adjustments between agencies which are determined 97 necessary by the department or commission and approved by the 98 Executive Office of the Governor are authorized and subject to 99 s. 216.177, Florida Statutes. The appropriate substantive

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100	committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall
101	also be notified of the proposed revisions to ensure consistency
102	with legislative policy and intent.
103	(2) The Secretary of Environmental Protection, the
104	Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Executive Director of the
105	Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall each appoint two
106	staff members to a transition advisory working group to identify
107	rules of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Board
108	of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the
109	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Fish
110	and Wildlife Conservation Commission which need to be amended to
111	reflect the changes made by this act.
112	Section 4. (1) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation
113	Commission is assigned all powers, duties, responsibilities,
114	functions, positions, and property necessary for enforcement of
115	the laws and rules governing:
116	(a) Management, protection, conservation, improvement, and
117	expansion of the state-owned lands managed by the Department of
118	Environmental Protection, including state parks, coastal and
119	aquatic managed areas, and greenways and trails.
120	(b) Conservation and recreation lands and commercial
121	aquaculture managed by the Department of Agriculture and
122	Consumer Services.
123	(2) Law enforcement officers of the Fish and Wildlife
124	Conservation Commission are conferred full power to investigate
125	and arrest for any violation of the rules of the Department of
126	Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of
127	Environmental Protection, and the Board of Trustees of the
128	Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

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129	Section 5. (1) Notwithstanding ss. 110.2035 and 216.251,
130	Florida Statutes, the Division of Law Enforcement within the
131	Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may use available
132	funds to provide for general salary increases or pay additives
133	for positions sharing the same job classification or job
134	occupations in order to bring pay parity between positions of
135	the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the positions
136	transferring to the commission from the Department of
137	Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of
138	Environmental Protection and for those positions assuming
139	significant additional duties or an increased work load as a
140	result of this act.
141	(2) Notwithstanding chapter 60K-5, Florida Administrative
142	Code, or any provision of law to the contrary, employees who are
143	transferred from the Department of Environmental Protection and
144	the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to fill
145	positions transferred to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
146	Commission shall retain and transfer any accrued annual leave,
147	sick leave, and regular and special compensatory leave balances.
148	Section 6. Part IV of chapter 258, Florida Statutes,
149	consisting of section 258.601, is created to read:
150	PART IV
151	MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
152	258.601 Enforcement of prohibited activitiesProhibited
153	activities under this chapter shall be enforced by the
154	Department of Environmental Protection and the Division of Law
155	Enforcement of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and
156	its officers.
157	Section 7. Subsections (5) through (8) of section 20.255,
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158 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) through (7), 159 respectively, and present subsections (2), (3), and (4) of that 160 section are amended to read:

20.255 Department of Environmental Protection.—There iscreated a Department of Environmental Protection.

(2) (a) There shall be three deputy secretaries who are to be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary. The secretary may assign any deputy secretary the responsibility to supervise, coordinate, and formulate policy for any division, office, or district. The following special offices are established and headed by managers, each of whom is to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the secretary:

- 170 1. Office of Chief of Staff;
- 171 2. Office of General Counsel;
- 172 3. Office of Inspector General;
- 173 4. Office of External Affairs;
- 174 5. Office of Legislative Affairs;
- 175 6. Office of Intergovernmental Programs; and
- 176 7. Office of Greenways and Trails; and.
  - 8. Office of Emergency Management.

(b) There shall be six administrative districts involved in
regulatory matters of waste management, water resource
management, wetlands, and air resources, which shall be headed
by managers, each of whom is to be appointed by and serve at the
pleasure of the secretary. Divisions of the department may have
one assistant or two deputy division directors, as required to
facilitate effective operation.

186 The managers of all divisions and offices specifically named in

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187	this section and the directors of the six administrative
188	districts are exempt from part II of chapter 110 and are
189	included in the Senior Management Service in accordance with s.
190	110.205(2)(j).
191	(3) The following divisions of the Department of
192	Environmental Protection are established:
193	(a) Division of Administrative Services.
194	(b) Division of Air Resource Management.
195	(c) Division of Water Resource Management.
196	(d) Division of Law Enforcement.
197	(d) (e) Division of Environmental Assessment and
198	Restoration.
199	<u>(e)</u> Division of Waste Management.
200	(f) (g) Division of Recreation and Parks.
201	(g) <del>(h)</del> Division of State Lands, the director of which is to
202	be appointed by the secretary of the department, subject to
203	confirmation by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board of
204	Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.
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206	In order to ensure statewide and intradepartmental consistency,
207	the department's divisions shall direct the district offices and
208	bureaus on matters of interpretation and applicability of the
209	department's rules and programs.
210	(4) Law enforcement officers of the Department of
211	Environmental Protection who meet the provisions of s. 943.13
212	are constituted law enforcement officers of this state with full
213	power to investigate and arrest for any violation of the laws of
214	this state, and the rules of the department and the Board of
215	Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. The general

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216	laws applicable to investigations, searches, and arrests by
217	peace officers of this state apply to such law enforcement
218	officers.
219	Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 258.008, Florida
220	Statutes, is amended to read:
221	258.008 Prohibited activities; penalties
222	(1) Except as provided in subsection (3), any person who
223	violates or otherwise fails to comply with the rules adopted
224	under this chapter commits a noncriminal infraction for which
225	ejection from all property managed by the Division of Recreation
226	and Parks and a fine of up to \$500 may be imposed by the
227	division. Fines paid under this subsection shall be paid to the
228	Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Department of
229	Environmental Protection and deposited in the State Game Park
230	Trust Fund as provided in ss. 379.338, 379.339, and 379.3395.
231	Section 9. Subsection (16) of section 258.501, Florida
232	Statutes, is amended to read:
233	258.501 Myakka River; wild and scenic segment
234	(16) ENFORCEMENT. Officers of The Fish and Wildlife
235	Conservation Commission and the department shall have full
236	authority to enforce any rule adopted by the department <del>under</del>
237	this section with the same police powers given them by law to
238	enforce the rules of state parks and the rules pertaining to
239	saltwater areas under the jurisdiction of the Florida Marine
240	Patrol.
241	Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
242	282.709, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
243	282.709 State agency law enforcement radio system and
244	interoperability network

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(2) The Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement
Communications is created adjunct to the department to advise
the department of member-agency needs relating to the planning,
designing, and establishment of the statewide communication
system.

(a) The Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement
 Communications shall consist of <u>the following</u> <del>eight</del> members<del>, as</del>
 follows:

A representative of the Division of Alcoholic Beverages
 and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional
 Regulation who shall be appointed by the secretary of the
 department.

257 2. A representative of the Division of Florida Highway
258 Patrol of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
259 who shall be appointed by the executive director of the
260 department.

3. A representative of the Department of Law Enforcement
who shall be appointed by the executive director of the
department.

4. A representative of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Commission who shall be appointed by the executive director of
the commission.

267 5. A representative of the Division of Law Enforcement of
 268 the Department of Environmental Protection who shall be
 269 appointed by the secretary of the department.

270 <u>5.6.</u> A representative of the Department of Corrections who
 271 shall be appointed by the secretary of the department.

272 <u>6.7</u>. A representative of the Division of State Fire Marshal
 273 of the Department of Financial Services who shall be appointed

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274 by the State Fire Marshal.

275 <u>7.8.</u> A representative of the Department of Transportation
276 who shall be appointed by the secretary of the department.

277 Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 316.003, Florida 278 Statutes, is amended to read:

316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where the context otherwise requires:

283 (1) AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES.-Vehicles of the fire 284 department (fire patrol), police vehicles, and such ambulances 285 and emergency vehicles of municipal departments, public service 286 corporations operated by private corporations, the Department of 287 Environmental Protection, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation 288 Commission, the Department of Health, the Department of 289 Transportation, and the Department of Corrections as are 290 designated or authorized by their respective department or the 291 chief of police of an incorporated city or any sheriff of any of 292 the various counties.

293 Section 12. Subsections (3) and (9) of section 316.2397, 294 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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316.2397 Certain lights prohibited; exceptions.-

(3) Vehicles of the fire department and fire patrol,
including vehicles of volunteer firefighters as permitted under
s. 316.2398, vehicles of medical staff physicians or technicians
of medical facilities licensed by the state as authorized under
s. 316.2398, ambulances as authorized under this chapter, and
buses and taxicabs as authorized under s. 316.2399 <u>may are</u>
permitted to show or display red lights. Vehicles of the fire

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303 department, fire patrol, police vehicles, and such ambulances and emergency vehicles of municipal and county departments, 304 305 public service corporations operated by private corporations, 306 the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Department of 307 Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation, the 308 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the 309 Department of Corrections as are designated or authorized by their respective department or the chief of police of an 310 311 incorporated city or any sheriff of any county may are hereby 312 authorized to operate emergency lights and sirens in an 313 emergency. Wreckers, mosquito control fog and spray vehicles, 314 and emergency vehicles of governmental departments or public service corporations may show or display amber lights when in 315 316 actual operation or when a hazard exists provided they are not used going to and from the scene of operation or hazard without 317 318 specific authorization of a law enforcement officer or law 319 enforcement agency. Wreckers must use amber rotating or flashing lights while performing recoveries and loading on the roadside 320 321 day or night, and may use such lights while towing a vehicle on 322 wheel lifts, slings, or under reach if the operator of the 323 wrecker deems such lights necessary. A flatbed, car carrier, or 324 rollback may not use amber rotating or flashing lights when 325 hauling a vehicle on the bed unless it creates a hazard to other 32.6 motorists because of protruding objects. Further, escort 327 vehicles may show or display amber lights when in the actual 328 process of escorting overdimensioned equipment, material, or 329 buildings as authorized by law. Vehicles owned or leased by private security agencies may show or display green and amber 330 331 lights, with either color being no greater than 50 percent of

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332 the lights displayed, while the security personnel are engaged 333 in security duties on private or public property. (9) Flashing red lights may be used by emergency response 334 335 vehicles of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the 336 Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of 337 Health when responding to an emergency in the line of duty. 338 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 339 316.640, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 340 316.640 Enforcement.-The enforcement of the traffic laws of 341 this state is vested as follows: 342 (1) STATE. -343 (a)1.a. The Division of Florida Highway Patrol of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; the Division of 344 345 Law Enforcement of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; the Division of Law Enforcement of the Department of 346 347 Environmental Protection; and the agents, inspectors, and officers of the Department of Law Enforcement each have 348 authority to enforce all of the traffic laws of this state on 349 350 all the streets and highways thereof and elsewhere throughout 351 the state wherever the public has a right to travel by motor 352 vehicle. 353 b. University police officers may shall have authority to 354 enforce all of the traffic laws of this state when violations 355 occur on or within 1,000 feet of any property or facilities that 356 are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of a 357 state university, a direct-support organization of such state 358 university, or any other organization controlled by the state

359 university or a direct-support organization of the state 360 university, or when such violations occur within a specified



jurisdictional area as agreed upon in a mutual aid agreement entered into with a law enforcement agency pursuant to s. 23.1225(1). Traffic laws may also be enforced off-campus when hot pursuit originates on or within 1,000 feet of any such property or facilities, or as agreed upon in accordance with the mutual aid agreement.

367 c. Community college police officers <u>may</u> shall have the 368 authority to enforce all the traffic laws of this state only 369 when such violations occur on any property or facilities that 370 are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of 371 the community college system.

372 d. Police officers employed by an airport authority <u>may</u> 373 shall have the authority to enforce all of the traffic laws of 374 this state only when such violations occur on any property or 375 facilities that are owned or operated by an airport authority.

376 (I) An airport authority may employ as a parking 377 enforcement specialist any individual who successfully completes a training program established and approved by the Criminal 378 379 Justice Standards and Training Commission for parking 380 enforcement specialists but who does not otherwise meet the 381 uniform minimum standards established by the commission for law 382 enforcement officers or auxiliary or part-time officers under s. 943.12. Nothing in This sub-subparagraph does not shall be 383 384 construed to permit the carrying of firearms or other weapons, 385 nor shall such parking enforcement specialist have arrest 386 authority.

(II) A parking enforcement specialist employed by an
 airport authority <u>may</u> is authorized to enforce all state,
 county, and municipal laws and ordinances governing parking only

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390 when such violations are on property or facilities owned or 391 operated by the airport authority employing the specialist, by 392 appropriate state, county, or municipal traffic citation.

e. The Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement of the
 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services <u>may</u> shall have
 the authority to enforce traffic laws of this state.

f. School safety officers <u>may</u> shall have the authority to enforce all of the traffic laws of this state when such violations occur on or about any property or facilities which are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of the district school board.

2. An agency of the state as described in subparagraph 1.
is prohibited from establishing a traffic citation quota. A
violation of this subparagraph is not subject to the penalties
provided in chapter 318.

405 3. Any disciplinary action taken or performance evaluation 406 conducted by an agency of the state as described in subparagraph 1. of a law enforcement officer's traffic enforcement activity 407 408 must be in accordance with written work-performance standards. 409 Such standards must be approved by the agency and any collective 410 bargaining unit representing such law enforcement officer. A 411 violation of this subparagraph is not subject to the penalties 412 provided in chapter 318.

4. The Division of the Florida Highway Patrol may employ as
a traffic accident investigation officer any individual who
successfully completes instruction in traffic accident
investigation and court presentation through the Selective
Traffic Enforcement Program as approved by the Criminal Justice
Standards and Training Commission and funded through the

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419 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or a similar 420 program approved by the commission, but who does not necessarily 421 meet the uniform minimum standards established by the commission 422 for law enforcement officers or auxiliary law enforcement 423 officers under chapter 943. Any such traffic accident 424 investigation officer who makes an investigation at the scene of 425 a traffic accident may issue traffic citations, based upon 426 personal investigation, when he or she has reasonable and 427 probable grounds to believe that a person who was involved in 428 the accident committed an offense under this chapter, chapter 429 319, chapter 320, or chapter 322 in connection with the 430 accident. This subparagraph does not permit the officer to carry 431 firearms or other weapons, and such an officer does not have 432 authority to make arrests.

433 Section 14. Subsection (4) of section 375.041, Florida 434 Statutes, is amended to read:

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375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund.-

(4) The department may disburse moneys in the Land
Acquisition Trust Fund to pay all necessary expenses to carry
out the purposes of this act. <u>The department shall disburse</u>
<u>moneys from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to the Fish and</u>
<u>Wildlife Conservation Commission for the purpose of funding law</u>
<u>enforcement services on state lands.</u>

442 Section 15. Subsection (5) of section 376.065, Florida 443 Statutes, is amended to read:

444 376.065 Operation of terminal facility without discharge 445 prevention and response certificate prohibited; penalty.-

446 (5) (a) <u>A Any person who violates this section or the terms</u>
447 and requirements of such certification commits a noncriminal

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448 infraction. The civil penalty for any such infraction shall be 449 \$500, except as otherwise provided in this section. (b) A Any person cited for an infraction under this section 450 451 may: 452 1. Pay the civil penalty; 453 2. Post a bond equal to the amount of the applicable civil 454 penalty; or 455 3. Sign and accept a citation indicating a promise to 456 appear before the county court. 457 458 The department employee officer authorized to issue these 459 citations may indicate on the citation the time and location of 460 the scheduled hearing and shall indicate the applicable civil 461 penalty. 462 (c) A Any person who willfully refuses to post bond or 463 accept and sign a citation commits a misdemeanor of the second 464 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 465 (d) After compliance with the provisions of subparagraph 466 (b)2. or subparagraph (b)3., a any person charged with a 467 noncriminal infraction under this section may: 468 1. Pay the civil penalty, either by mail or in person, within 30 days after the date of receiving the citation; or 469 470 2. If the person has posted bond, forfeit the bond by not 471 appearing at the designated time and location. 472 473 A person cited for an infraction under this section who pays the 474 civil penalty or forfeits the bond has admitted the infraction 475 and waives the right to a hearing on the issue of commission of 476 the infraction. Such admission may not be used as evidence in

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477 any other proceedings.

(e) <u>A</u> Any person who elects to appear before the county
court or who is required to so appear waives the limitations of
the civil penalty specified in paragraph (a). The court, after a
hearing, shall make a determination as to whether an infraction
has been committed. If the commission of the infraction is
proved, the court shall impose a civil penalty of \$500.

(f) At a hearing under this subsection, the commission of a charged infraction must be proved by the greater weight of the evidence.

(g) A person who is found by the hearing official to have
committed an infraction may appeal that finding to the circuit
court.

(h) <u>A</u> Any person who has not posted bond and who fails
either to pay the fine specified in paragraph (a) within 30 days
after receipt of the citation or to appear before the court
commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as
provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

495 Section 16. Subsection (3) of section 376.07, Florida 496 Statutes, is amended to read:

497 376.07 Regulatory powers of department; penalties for498 inadequate booming by terminal facilities.-

(3) The department shall not require vessels to maintain discharge prevention gear, holding tanks, and containment gear which exceed federal requirements. However, a terminal facility transferring heavy oil to or from a vessel with a heavy oil storage capacity greater than 10,000 gallons shall be required, considering existing weather and tidal conditions, to adequately boom or seal off the transfer area during a transfer, including,

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506 but not limited to, a bunkering operation, to minimize the 507 escape of such pollutants from the containment area. As used in this subsection, the term "adequate booming" means booming with 508 509 proper containment equipment which is employed and located for 510 the purpose of preventing, for the most likely discharge, as 511 much of the pollutant as possible from escaping out of the 512 containment area. 513 (a) The owner or operator of a terminal facility involved 514 in the transfer of such pollutant to or from a vessel which is 515 not adequately boomed commits a noncriminal infraction and shall be cited for such infraction. The civil penalty for such an 516 517 infraction shall be \$2,500, except as otherwise provided in this 518 section. 519 (b) A Any person cited for an infraction under this section 520 may: 521 1. Pay the civil penalty; 522 2. Post bond equal to the amount of the applicable civil 523 penalty; or 524 3. Sign and accept a citation indicating a promise to 525 appear before the county court. 526 527 The department employee officer authorized to issue these 528 citations may indicate on the citation the time and location of 529 the scheduled hearing and shall indicate the applicable civil 530 penalty. (c) A Any person who willfully refuses to post bond or 531 532 accept and sign a citation commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 533 534 (d) After compliance with subparagraph (b)2. or

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535 subparagraph (b)3., <u>a</u> any person charged with a noncriminal 536 infraction under this section may:

537 1. Pay the civil penalty, either by mail or in person, 538 within 30 days after the date of receiving the citation; or

539 2. If the person has posted bond, forfeit the bond by not540 appearing at the designated time and location.

A person cited for an infraction under this section who pays the civil penalty or forfeits the bond has admitted the infraction and waives the right to a hearing on the issue of commission of the infraction. Such admission may not be used as evidence in any other proceedings.

547 (e) A Any person who elects to appear before the county 548 court or who is required to appear waives the limitations of the civil penalty specified in paragraph (a). The issue of whether 549 550 an infraction has been committed and the severity of the 551 infraction shall be determined by a hearing official at a 552 hearing. If the commission of the infraction is proved by the 553 greater weight of the evidence, the court shall impose a civil 554 penalty of \$2,500. If the court determines that the owner or 555 operator of the terminal facility failed to deploy any boom 556 equipment during such a transfer, including, but not limited to, 557 a bunkering operation, the civil penalty shall be \$5,000.

(f) A person who is found by the hearing official to have committed an infraction may appeal that finding to the circuit court.

(g) <u>A</u> Any person who has not posted bond and who fails
either to pay the civil penalty specified in paragraph (a)
within 30 days after receipt of the citation or to appear before

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564 the court commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable 565 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 566 Section 17. Subsection (2) of section 376.071, Florida 567 Statutes, is amended to read: 568 376.071 Discharge contingency plan for vessels.-569 (2) (a) A Any master of a vessel that which violates 570 subsection (1) commits a noncriminal infraction and shall be 571 cited for such infraction. The civil penalty for such an 572 infraction shall be \$5,000, except as otherwise provided in this 573 subsection. 574 (b) A Any person charged with a noncriminal infraction 575 under this section may: 576 1. Pay the civil penalty; 577 2. Post bond equal to the amount of the applicable civil 578 penalty; or 579 3. Sign and accept a citation indicating a promise to 580 appear before the county court for the county in which the 581 violation occurred or the county closest to the location at which the violation occurred. 582 583 584 The department employee officer authorized to issue these 585 citations may indicate on the citation the time and location of 586 the scheduled hearing and shall indicate the applicable civil 587 penalty. 588 (c) A Any person who willfully refuses to post bond or accept and sign a citation commits a misdemeanor of the second 589 590 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 591 (d) After complying with the provisions of subparagraph 592 (b)2. or subparagraph (b)3., a any person charged with a

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593 noncriminal infraction under this section may:

594 1. Pay the civil penalty, either by mail or in person, 595 within 30 days after the date of receiving the citation; or

596 2. If the person has posted bond, forfeit the bond by not597 appearing at the designated time and location.

A person cited for an infraction under this section who pays the civil penalty or forfeits the bond has admitted the infraction and waives the right to a hearing on the issue of commission of the infraction. Such admission may not be used as evidence in any other proceedings.

(e) <u>A</u> Any person who elects to appear before the county
court or who is required to appear waives the limitations of the
civil penalty specified in paragraph (a). The court, after a
hearing, shall make a determination as to whether an infraction
has been committed. If the commission of the infraction is
proved, the court shall impose a civil penalty of \$5,000.

610 (f) At a hearing under this subsection, the commission of a 611 charged infraction must be proved by the greater weight of the 612 evidence.

(g) A person who is found by the hearing official to have
committed an infraction may appeal that finding to the circuit
court.

(h) <u>A</u> Any person who has not posted bond and who fails
either to pay the civil penalty specified in paragraph (a)
within 30 days after receipt of the citation or to appear before
the court commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable
as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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Section 18. Subsection (4) of section 376.16, Florida



622	Statutes, is amended to read:
623	376.16 Enforcement and penalties
624	(4) <u>A</u> Any person charged with a noncriminal infraction
625	pursuant to subsection (2) or subsection (3) may:
626	(a) Pay the civil penalty;
627	(b) Post a bond equal to the amount of the applicable civil
628	penalty; or
629	(c) Sign and accept a citation indicating a promise to
630	appear before the county court.
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632	The <u>department employee</u> <del>officer</del> authorized to issue these
633	citations may indicate on the citation the time and location of
634	the scheduled hearing and shall indicate the applicable civil
635	penalty.
636	Section 19. Paragraph (q) is added to subsection (4) of
637	section 376.3071, Florida Statutes, to read:
638	376.3071 Inland Protection Trust Fund; creation; purposes;
639	funding
640	(4) USESWhenever, in its determination, incidents of
641	inland contamination related to the storage of petroleum or
642	petroleum products may pose a threat to the environment or the
643	public health, safety, or welfare, the department shall obligate
644	moneys available in the fund to provide for:
645	(q) Enforcement of this section and ss. 376.30-376.317 by
646	the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The department
647	shall disburse moneys to the commission for such purpose.
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649	The Inland Protection Trust Fund may only be used to fund the
650	activities in ss. 376.30-376.317 except ss. 376.3078 and



651 376.3079. Amounts on deposit in the Inland Protection Trust Fund 652 in each fiscal year shall first be applied or allocated for the 653 payment of amounts payable by the department pursuant to 654 paragraph (o) under a service contract entered into by the 655 department pursuant to s. 376.3075 and appropriated in each year 656 by the Legislature prior to making or providing for other 657 disbursements from the fund. Nothing in this subsection shall 658 authorize the use of the Inland Protection Trust Fund for 659 cleanup of contamination caused primarily by a discharge of 660 solvents as defined in s. 206.9925(6), or polychlorinated 661 biphenyls when their presence causes them to be hazardous 662 wastes, except solvent contamination which is the result of chemical or physical breakdown of petroleum products and is 663 664 otherwise eligible. Facilities used primarily for the storage of 665 motor or diesel fuels as defined in ss. 206.01 and 206.86 shall 666 be presumed not to be excluded from eligibility pursuant to this 667 section.

668 Section 20. Section 379.3311, Florida Statutes, is amended 669 to read:

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379.3311 Police powers of commission and its agents.-

671 (1) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation commission, the 672 executive director and the executive director's assistants 673 designated by her or him, and each commission wildlife officer 674 are constituted peace officers with the power to make arrests for violations of the laws of this state when committed in the 675 676 presence of the officer or when committed on lands under the 677 supervision and management of the commission, the department, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, or 678 the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services, including 679

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680 state parks, coastal and aquatic managed areas, and greenways and trails. The general laws applicable to arrests by peace 681 officers of this state shall also be applicable to  $\underline{the}$  said 682 683 director, assistants, and wildlife officers. Such persons may 684 enter upon any land or waters of the state for performance of 685 their lawful duties and may take with them any necessary 686 equipment, and such entry does shall not constitute a trespass. 687 (2) Such officers may shall have power and authority to 688 enforce throughout the state all laws relating to game, nongame 689 birds, fish, and fur-bearing animals and all rules and regulations of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation commission 690 relating to wild animal life, marine life, and freshwater 691 692 aquatic life, and in connection with the said laws, rules, and 693 regulations, in the enforcement thereof and in the performance 694 of their duties thereunder, to: 695 (a) Go upon all premises, posted or otherwise; 696 (b) Execute warrants and search warrants for the violation 697 of the said laws; 698 (c) Serve subpoenas issued for the examination, 699 investigation, and trial of all offenses against the said laws; 700 (d) Carry firearms or other weapons, concealed or 701 otherwise, in the performance of their duties; 702 (e) Arrest upon probable cause without warrant any person 703 found in the act of violating any such of the provisions of said 704 laws or, in pursuit immediately following such violations, to 705 examine any person, boat, conveyance, vehicle, game bag, game 706 coat, or other receptacle for wild animal life, marine life, or 707 freshwater aquatic life, or any camp, tent, cabin, or roster, in 708 the presence of any person stopping at or belonging to such



709 camp, tent, cabin, or roster, when <u>the said</u> officer has reason 710 to believe, and has exhibited her or his authority and stated to 711 the suspected person in charge the officer's reason for 712 believing, that any of the aforesaid laws have been violated at 713 such camp;

(f) Secure and execute search warrants and in pursuance thereof to enter any building, enclosure, or car and to break open, when found necessary, any apartment, chest, locker, box, trunk, crate, basket, bag, package, or container and examine the contents thereof;

(g) Seize and take possession of all wild animal life, marine life, or freshwater aquatic life taken or in possession or under control of, or shipped or about to be shipped by, any person at any time in any manner contrary to <u>the</u> said laws.

723 (3) It is unlawful for a any person to resist an arrest 724 authorized by this section or in any manner to interfere, either 725 by abetting, assisting such resistance, or otherwise interfering 726 with the said executive director, assistants, or wildlife 727 officers while engaged in the performance of the duties imposed 728 upon them by law or regulation of the Fish and Wildlife 729 Conservation commission, the department, the Board of Trustees 730 of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, or the Department of 731 Agriculture and Consumer Services.

(4) Upon final disposition of any alleged offense for which a citation for any violation of this chapter or the rules of the commission has been issued, the court shall, within 10 days after the final disposition of the action, certify the disposition to the commission.

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Section 21. Section 379.3312, Florida Statutes, is amended



738 to read:

739 379.3312 Powers of arrest by agents of Department of 740 Environmental Protection or Fish and Wildlife Conservation 741 commission .- Any certified law enforcement officer of the 742 Department of Environmental Protection or the Fish and Wildlife 743 Conservation commission, upon receiving information, relayed to 744 her or him from any law enforcement officer stationed on the 745 ground, on the water, or in the air, that a driver, operator, or 746 occupant of any vehicle, boat, or airboat has violated any 747 section of chapter 327, chapter 328, or this chapter, or s. 597.010 or s. 597.020, may arrest the driver, operator, or 748 749 occupant for violation of such said laws when reasonable and 750 proper identification of the vehicle, boat, or airboat and 751 reasonable and probable grounds to believe that the driver, 752 operator, or occupant has committed or is committing any such offense have been communicated to the arresting officer by the 753 754 other officer stationed on the ground, on the water, or in the 755 air.

756 Section 22. Subsection (1) of section 379.3313, Florida
757 Statutes, is amended to read:

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379.3313 Powers of commission law enforcement officers.-

(1) Law enforcement officers of the commission are 759 760 constituted law enforcement officers of this state with full 761 power to investigate and arrest for any violation of the laws of this state and the rules of the commission, the department, the 762 763 Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, and 764 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services under their 765 jurisdiction. The general laws applicable to arrests by peace officers of this state shall also be applicable to law 766



767 enforcement officers of the commission. Such law enforcement 768 officers may enter upon any land or waters of the state for 769 performance of their lawful duties and may take with them any 770 necessary equipment, and such entry will not constitute a 771 trespass. It is lawful for any boat, motor vehicle, or aircraft 772 owned or chartered by the commission or its agents or employees 773 to land on and depart from any of the beaches or waters of the 774 state. Such law enforcement officers have the authority, without 775 warrant, to board, inspect, and search any boat, fishing 776 appliance, storage or processing plant, fishhouse, spongehouse, 777 oysterhouse, or other warehouse, building, or vehicle engaged in 778 transporting or storing any fish or fishery products. Such 779 authority to search and inspect without a search warrant is 780 limited to those cases in which such law enforcement officers 781 have reason to believe that fish or any saltwater products are 782 taken or kept for sale, barter, transportation, or other 783 purposes in violation of laws or rules adopted promulgated under 784 this law. Any Such law enforcement officers officer may at any 785 time seize or take possession of any saltwater products or 786 contraband which have been unlawfully caught, taken, or 787 processed or which are unlawfully possessed or transported in violation of any of the laws of this state or any rule of the 788 789 commission. Such law enforcement officers may arrest any person 790 in the act of violating any of the provisions of this law, the 791 rules of the commission, or any of the laws of this state. It is 792 hereby declared unlawful for a any person to resist such arrest 793 or in any manner interfere, either by abetting or assisting such 794 resistance or otherwise interfering, with any such law enforcement officer while engaged in the performance of the 795

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796 duties imposed upon him or her by law or rule of the commission. 797 Section 23. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 379.333, 798 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

379.333 Arrest by officers of the Fish and Wildlife
 Conservation commission; recognizance; cash bond; citation.-

801 (1) In all cases of arrest by officers of the Fish and 802 Wildlife Conservation commission and the Department of 803 Environmental Protection, the person arrested shall be delivered 804 forthwith by the said officer to the sheriff of the county, or 805 shall obtain from the such person arrested a recognizance or, if 806 deemed necessary, a cash bond or other sufficient security 807 conditioned for her or his appearance before the proper tribunal 808 of the such county to answer the charge for which the person has 809 been arrested.

810 (2) All officers of the commission <u>shall</u> and the department
811 are hereby directed to deliver all bonds accepted and approved
812 by them to the sheriff of the county in which the offense is
813 alleged to have been committed.

814 Section 24. Subsection (1) of section 379.341, Florida 815 Statutes, is amended to read:

816 379.341 Disposition of illegal fishing devices; exercise of 817 police power.-

(1) In all cases of arrest and conviction for use of
illegal nets or traps or fishing devices, as provided in this
chapter, <u>the</u> such illegal net, trap, or fishing device is
declared to be a nuisance and shall be seized and carried before
the court having jurisdiction of <u>the</u> such offense and <u>the</u> said
court shall order <u>the</u> such illegal trap, net, or fishing device
forfeited to the commission immediately after trial and



825 conviction of the person in whose possession they were found. 826 When any illegal net, trap, or fishing device is found in the 827 fresh waters of the state, and the owner of same is shall not be 828 known to the officer finding the same, the such officer shall 829 immediately procure from the county court judge an order 830 forfeiting the said illegal net, trap, or fishing device to the 831 commission. The commission may destroy the such illegal net, trap, or fishing device, if in its judgment the said net, trap, 832 833 or fishing device is not of no value in the work of the 834 commission department.

835 Section 25. Subsection (2) of section 403.413, Florida 836 Statutes, is reordered and amended to read:

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403.413 Florida Litter Law.-

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(2) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section:

839 (f) (a) "Litter" means any garbage; rubbish; trash; refuse; 840 can; bottle; box; container; paper; tobacco product; tire; appliance; mechanical equipment or part; building or 841 construction material; tool; machinery; wood; motor vehicle or 842 843 motor vehicle part; vessel; aircraft; farm machinery or 844 equipment; sludge from a waste treatment facility, water supply 845 treatment plant, or air pollution control facility; or substance in any form resulting from domestic, industrial, commercial, 846 847 mining, agricultural, or governmental operations.

848 (h) (b) "Person" means any individual, firm, sole 849 proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or unincorporated 850 association.

851 <u>(e) (c)</u> "Law enforcement officer" means any officer of the 852 Florida Highway Patrol, a county sheriff's department, a 853 municipal law enforcement department, a law enforcement



854 department of any other political subdivision, the department, 855 or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. In addition, 856 and solely for the purposes of this section, "law enforcement 857 officer" means any employee of a county or municipal park or 858 recreation department designated by the department head as a 859 litter enforcement officer.

860 (a) (d) "Aircraft" means a motor vehicle or other vehicle that is used or designed to fly but does not include a parachute 861 862 or any other device used primarily as safety equipment.

863 (b) (e) "Commercial purpose" means for the purpose of 864 economic gain.

865 (c) (f) "Commercial vehicle" means a vehicle that is owned or used by a business, corporation, association, partnership, or 866 867 sole proprietorship or any other entity conducting business for 868 a commercial purpose.

869 (d) (g) "Dump" means to dump, throw, discard, place, 870 deposit, or dispose of.

871 (g) (h) "Motor vehicle" means an automobile, motorcycle, 872 truck, trailer, semitrailer, truck tractor, or semitrailer 873 combination or any other vehicle that is powered by a motor.

874 (i) "Vessel" means a boat, barge, or airboat or any other 875 vehicle used for transportation on water.

876 Section 26. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 784.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 877

878 784.07 Assault or battery of law enforcement officers, 879 firefighters, emergency medical care providers, public transit 880 employees or agents, or other specified officers; 881 reclassification of offenses; minimum sentences.-882

(1) As used in this section, the term:

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883 (d) "Law enforcement officer" includes a law enforcement 884 officer, a correctional officer, a correctional probation officer, a part-time law enforcement officer, a part-time 885 886 correctional officer, an auxiliary law enforcement officer, and an auxiliary correctional officer, as those terms are 887 888 respectively defined in s. 943.10, and any county probation 889 officer; an employee or agent of the Department of Corrections 890 who supervises or provides services to inmates; an officer of 891 the Parole Commission; a federal law enforcement officer as 892 defined in s. 901.1505; and law enforcement personnel of the 893 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Department of 894 Environmental Protection, or the Department of Law Enforcement.

895 Section 27. Section 843.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to 896 read:

897 843.08 Falsely personating officer, etc.-A person who 898 falsely assumes or pretends to be a sheriff, officer of the 899 Florida Highway Patrol, officer of the Fish and Wildlife 900 Conservation Commission, officer of the Department of 901 Environmental Protection, officer of the Department of 902 Transportation, officer of the Department of Financial Services, 903 officer of the Department of Corrections, correctional probation 904 officer, deputy sheriff, state attorney or assistant state 905 attorney, statewide prosecutor or assistant statewide 906 prosecutor, state attorney investigator, coroner, police 907 officer, lottery special agent or lottery investigator, beverage 908 enforcement agent, or watchman, or any member of the Parole 909 Commission and any administrative aide or supervisor employed by 910 the commission, or any personnel or representative of the 911 Department of Law Enforcement, or a federal law enforcement



912 officer as defined in s. 901.1505, and takes upon himself or herself to act as such, or to require any other person to aid or 913 914 assist him or her in a matter pertaining to the duty of any such 915 officer, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084; however, a 916 917 person who falsely personates any such officer during the course 918 of the commission of a felony commits a felony of the second 919 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 920 775.084.; except that If the commission of the felony results in 921 the death or personal injury of another human being, the person 922 commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in 923 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

924 Section 28. Section 870.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to 925 read:

926 870.04 Specified officers to disperse riotous assembly.-If 927 any number of persons, whether armed or not, are unlawfully, 928 riotously or tumultuously assembled in any county, city or 929 municipality, the sheriff or the sheriff's deputies, or the 930 mayor, or any commissioner, council member, alderman or police 931 officer of the said city or municipality, or any officer or 932 member of the Florida Highway Patrol, or any officer or agent of 933 the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, a Department of 934 Environmental Protection, or beverage enforcement agent, any 935 personnel or representatives of the Department of Law 936 Enforcement or its successor, or any other peace officer, shall 937 go among the persons so assembled, or as near to them as may be 938 done with safety, and shall in the name of the state command all 939 the persons so assembled immediately and peaceably to disperse; 940 and if such persons do not thereupon immediately and peaceably



941 disperse, such said officers shall command the assistance of all 942 such persons in seizing, arresting and securing such persons in 943 custody.; and If a any person present being so commanded to aid 944 and assist in seizing and securing such rioter or persons so 945 unlawfully assembled, or in suppressing a such riot or unlawful 946 assembly, refuses or neglects to obey such command, or, when 947 required by the such officers to depart from the place, refuses 948 and neglects to do so, the person shall be deemed one of the 949 rioters or persons unlawfully assembled, and may be prosecuted 950 and punished accordingly.

951 Section 29. Paragraphs (c) through (n) of subsection (6) of 952 section 932.7055, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 953 paragraphs (b) through (m), respectively, and present paragraph 954 (b) of that subsection is amended to read:

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932.7055 Disposition of liens and forfeited property.-

956 (6) If the seizing agency is a state agency, all remaining
957 proceeds shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.
958 However, if the seizing agency is:

959 (b) The Department of Environmental Protection, the
 960 proceeds accrued pursuant to the provisions of the Florida
 961 Contraband Forfeiture Act shall be deposited into the Internal
 962 Improvement Trust Fund.

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Section 30. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

967 Delete everything before the enacting clause 968 and insert:

A bill to be entitled

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970 An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation 971 Commission; transferring and reassigning functions and responsibilities of the Division of Law Enforcement, 972 973 excluding the Bureau of Emergency Response, within the 974 Department of Environmental Protection to the Division 975 of Law Enforcement within the Fish and Wildlife 976 Conservation Commission; reassigning the Bureau of 977 Emergency Response within the Department of 978 Environmental Protection to the Secretary of 979 Environmental Protection, as the Office of Emergency 980 Response, within the Department of Environmental 981 Protection; providing for the transfer of additional 982 positions to the commission; providing for a 983 memorandum of agreement between the department and the 984 commission regarding the responsibilities of the 985 commission to the department; transferring and 986 reassigning functions and responsibilities of sworn 987 positions funded by the Conservation and Recreation 988 Lands Program and assigned to the Florida Forest 989 Service within the Department of Agriculture and 990 Consumer Services and the investigator responsible for 991 the enforcement of aquaculture violations at the 992 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to the Division of Law Enforcement within the Fish and 993 994 Wildlife Conservation Commission; providing for a 995 memorandum of agreement between the department and the 996 commission regarding the responsibilities between the 997 commission and the department; providing for transition advisory working groups; assigning powers, 998

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999 duties, responsibilities, and functions for 1000 enforcement of the laws and rules governing certain 1001 lands managed by the Department of Environmental 1002 Protection and certain lands and aquaculture managed 1003 by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; 1004 1005 conferring full power to the law enforcement officers 1006 of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to investigate and arrest for violations of rules of the 1007 1008 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the 1009 Department of Environmental Protection, and the Board 1010 of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; 1011 authorizing salary parity and other pay adjustments 1012 for positions transferred by the act; providing for 1013 the retention and transfer of specified benefits for 1014 employees who are transferred from the Department of 1015 Environmental Protection and the Department of 1016 Agriculture and Consumer Services to fill positions 1017 transferred to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; creating s. 258.601, F.S.; specifying 1018 1019 powers and duties of the commission relating to state 1020 parks and preserves and wild and scenic rivers; 1021 amending ss. 20.255, 258.008, 258.501, 282.709, 316.003, 316.2397, 316.640, 375.041, 376.065, 376.07, 1022 1023 376.071, 376.16, 376.3071, 379.3311, 379.3312, 1024 379.3313, 379.333, 379.341, 403.413, 784.07, 843.08, 1025 870.04, and 932.7055, F.S.; conforming provisions to 1026 changes made by the act; providing an effective date.