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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 10 and 11
insert:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 379.208, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

379.208 Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund;
purposes.—

(3) Funds provided to the Marine Resources Conservation
Trust Fund from vessel registration fees pursuant to s. 328.76
~~may taxes distributed under s. 201.15 shall~~ be used for the
following purposes:



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13 (a) To reimburse the cost of activities authorized pursuant
14 to the Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States Department
15 of the Interior. The facilities must be involved in the actual
16 rescue and full-time acute care veterinarian-based
17 rehabilitation of manatees. The cost of activities includes, but
18 is not limited to, costs associated with expansion, capital
19 outlay, repair, maintenance, and operation related to the
20 rescue, treatment, stabilization, maintenance, release, and
21 monitoring of manatees. Moneys distributed through the
22 contractual agreement to each facility for manatee
23 rehabilitation must be proportionate to the number of manatees
24 under acute care rehabilitation; the number of maintenance days
25 medically necessary in the facility; and the number released
26 during the previous fiscal year. The commission may set a cap on
27 the total amount reimbursed per manatee per year.

28 (b) For training on the care, treatment, and rehabilitation
29 of marine mammals at the Whitney Laboratory and the College of
30 Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida.

31 (c) For program administration costs of the agency.

32 ~~(d) Funds not distributed in any 1 fiscal year must be~~
33 ~~carried over for distribution in subsequent years.~~

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35 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

36 And the title is amended as follows:

37 Between lines 2 and 3

38 insert:

39 amending s. 379.208, F.S.; changing a funding source
40 of the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund from
41 excise taxes to vessel registration fees; removing the



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provision requiring that undistributed funds be
carried over to the next fiscal year;