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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to bonds for Everglades restoration;
3 amending s. 215.619, F.S.; providing for funding for
4 the City of Key West and the Florida Keys Area of
5 Critical State Concern protection program; providing
6 for financial assistance agreements between the
7 Department of Environmental Protection and the City of
8 Key West for the construction of stormwater management
9 and sewage facilities; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
14 215.619, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 215.619 Bonds for Everglades restoration.—

16 (1) The issuance of Everglades restoration bonds to
17 finance or refinance the cost of the acquisition and improvement
18 of land, water areas, and related property interests and
19 resources for the purpose of implementing the Comprehensive
20 Everglades Restoration Plan under s. 373.470, the Lake
21 Okeechobee Watershed Protection Plan under s. 373.4595, the
22 Caloosahatchee River Watershed Protection Plan under s.
23 373.4595, the St. Lucie River Watershed Protection Plan under s.
24 373.4595, and the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern
25 protection program under ss. 380.05 and 380.0552 in order to
26 restore and conserve natural systems through the implementation
27 of water management projects, including wastewater management
28 projects identified in the Keys Wastewater Plan, dated November

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29 | 2007, and submitted to the Florida House of Representatives on
30 | December 4, 2007, is authorized in accordance with s. 11(e),
31 | Art. VII of the State Constitution.

32 | (a) Everglades restoration bonds, except refunding bonds,
33 | may be issued only in fiscal years 2002-2003 through 2019-2020
34 | and may not be issued in an amount exceeding \$100 million per
35 | fiscal year unless:

36 | 1. The Department of Environmental Protection has
37 | requested additional amounts in order to achieve cost savings or
38 | accelerate the purchase of land; or

39 | 2. The Legislature authorizes an additional amount of
40 | bonds not to exceed \$200 million, and limited to \$50 million per
41 | fiscal year, specifically for the purpose of funding the City of
42 | Key West and the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern
43 | protection program. Proceeds from the bonds shall be managed by
44 | the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of
45 | entering into financial assistance agreements with the City of
46 | Key West and local governments located in the Florida Keys Area
47 | of Critical State Concern to finance or refinance the cost of
48 | constructing stormwater management facilities and sewage
49 | collection, treatment, and disposal facilities.

50 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.