

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 377.451,  
 3           F.S.; creating the Environmental Rapid Response Trust  
 4           Fund within the Department of Environmental  
 5           Protection; providing for the purpose of the trust  
 6           fund; providing for future review and termination or  
 7           re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent  
 8           effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1. Section 377.451, Florida Statutes, is created  
 13 to read:

14           377.451 Environmental Rapid Response Trust Fund.—

15           (1) There is created within the Department of  
 16 Environmental Protection the Environmental Rapid Response Trust  
 17 Fund.

18           (2) The department shall use funds deposited in the  
 19 Environmental Rapid Response Trust Fund to improve the plugging  
 20 of abandoned wells and to clean up the spillage of oil or any  
 21 other pollutant during activities under this chapter relating to  
 22 the drilling for, and extracting of, oil, gas, or other  
 23 petroleum products.

24           (3) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State  
 25 Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be  
 26 terminated on July 1, 2019. Before its scheduled termination,

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27 the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1)  
28 and (2).

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date  
30 that HB 1205 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
31 legislation is enacted in the same legislative session or an  
32 extension thereof and becomes law, and only if this act is  
33 enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house  
34 of the Legislature.