By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator DiCeglie

A bill to be entitled

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2 An act relating to emergency preparedness and 3 response; amending s. 161.101, F.S.; authorizing the 4 Department of Environmental Protection to waive or 5 reduce local government match requirements under 6 certain circumstances; providing for future 7 expiration; amending s. 193.4518, F.S.; providing a 8 tangible personal property assessment limitation, 9 during a certain timeframe and in certain counties, 10 for certain agricultural equipment that is unable to 11 be used due to Hurricanes Debby, Helene, or Milton; 12 specifying conditions for applying for and receiving the assessment limitation; providing procedures for 13 petitioning the value adjustment board if an 14 15 application is denied; providing for retroactive application; amending s. 215.559, F.S.; deleting a 16 17 reference to a certain report; revising public 18 hurricane shelter funding prioritization requirements 19 for the Division of Emergency Management; amending s. 20 250.375, F.S.; authorizing certain servicemembers to 21 provide medical care in specified circumstances; 22 amending s. 252.35, F.S.; providing legislative 23 intent; revising the date by which the state 24 comprehensive emergency management plan must be 25 submitted to the Legislature and the Governor; revising the components of the plan; requiring the 2.6 27 division to provide certain assistance to political 28 subdivisions; revising requirements for training 29 provided by the division; revising inventory

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30	requirements; deleting a requirement for a certain
31	biennial report; requiring the division to conduct an
32	annual hurricane readiness session in each region
33	designated by the division for a specified purpose;
34	requiring all county emergency management directors,
35	and authorizing other county and municipal personnel
36	to attend such session; requiring that the session
37	include specified topics and needs; amending s.
38	252.355, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Veterans'
39	Affairs to provide certain information to specified
40	clients or their caregivers; amending s. 252.3611,
41	F.S.; directing specified entities to submit specified
42	contracts and reports to the Legislature under
43	specified conditions; requiring that such contracts be
44	posted on a specified secure contract system;
45	requiring the Auditor General to post the results of
46	specified audits on his or her official website;
47	requiring the division to report annually to the
48	Legislature specified information on expenditures
49	related to emergencies; providing requirements for
50	such report; amending s. 252.365, F.S.; revising the
51	responsibilities for agency emergency coordination
52	officers; requiring agency heads to notify the
53	Governor and the division of the person designated as
54	the emergency coordination officer annually by a
55	specified date; amending s. 252.3655, F.S.; creating
56	the natural hazards risks and mitigation interagency
57	coordinating group; providing the purpose of the
58	group; providing for the membership and administration
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88	authorizing the division to retain a specified
89	percentage of the funds for use within the state;
90	requiring that the remaining percentage be distributed
91	for use by certain recipients; authorizing
92	subrecipients to make a certain election for a
93	specified use; requiring the prioritization of certain
94	projects; authorizing the division to coordinate with
95	specified entities under certain circumstances;
96	requiring that such cooperation ensures certain
97	requirements are met and certain projects are funded;
98	authorizing fiscally constrained counties to request
99	that the division administer the grant for such a
100	county; authorizing such counties to request certain
101	assistance from the division; requiring the division
102	to adopt rules; amending s. 252.373, F.S.; conforming
103	a cross-reference; amending s. 252.38, F.S.; requiring
104	each political subdivision to notify the division of
105	the designated emergency contact annually by a
106	specified date; amending s. 252.385, F.S.; revising
107	reporting requirements for the division; revising
108	requirements for a specified list; requiring the
109	Department of Health and the Agency for Persons with
110	Disabilities to assist the division with certain
111	determinations; creating s. 252.392, F.S.; requiring
112	counties and municipalities to develop a post-storm
113	permitting plan; providing requirements for the plan;
114	requiring annual updates to the plan by a specified
115	date; requiring counties and municipalities to
116	publish, and post on their websites, a specified storm

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117	recovery guide annually by a specified date;
118	prohibiting certain counties and municipalities from
119	increasing building permit or inspection fees within a
120	specified timeframe; requiring such counties and
121	municipalities to have certain personnel available
122	during normal business hours; amending s. 400.063,
123	F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s.
124	403.7071, F.S.; providing that local governments are
125	authorized and encouraged to add certain addendums to
126	certain contracts or agreements; requiring counties
127	and municipalities to apply to the Department of
128	Environmental Protection for authorization to
129	designate at least one debris management site;
130	authorizing municipalities to apply jointly with a
131	county or another adjacent municipality for
132	authorization of a minimum number of debris management
133	sites if such entities approve a memorandum of
134	understanding; providing requirements for such
135	memoranda; prohibiting certain counties from proposing
136	or adopting certain moratoriums, amendments, or
137	procedures for a specified period; declaring that such
138	moratoriums, amendments, or procedures are null and
139	void; providing for retroactive application; providing
140	that certain comprehensive plan amendments, land
141	development regulation amendments, site plans, and
142	development permits or orders may be enforced under
143	specified conditions; authorizing residents and owners
144	of certain businesses to bring a civil action for
145	declaratory and injunctive relief against a county or

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146	municipality that violates specified provisions;
147	providing that such residents or business owners are
148	entitled to a preliminary injunction against such
149	county or municipality, under a specified condition;
150	providing for the award of attorney fees and costs;
151	prohibiting the awarding of attorney fees and costs
152	and damages under specified circumstances; providing
153	for future expiration; reenacting s. 252.55(6), F.S.,
154	relating to a certain biennial report submitted by the
155	wing commander of the Civil Air Patrol, to incorporate
156	the amendment made to s. 252.35, F.S., in a reference
157	thereto; providing effective dates.
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159	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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161	Section 1. Subsection (23) is added to section 161.101,
162	Florida Statutes, to read:
163	161.101 State and local participation in authorized
164	projects and studies relating to beach management and erosion
165	control
166	(23) Notwithstanding subsections (1), (15), and (16), and
167	for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, for beaches located in any county
168	listed in a federal declaration of disaster in 2024 that were
169	impacted by erosion caused by Hurricane Debby, Hurricane Helene,
170	or Hurricane Milton, the department may waive or reduce the
171	match requirements for local governments. This subsection
172	expires July 1, 2026.
173	Section 2. Effective upon becoming a law, section 193.4518,
174	Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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189 operated by a farm, a farm operation, or an agriculture 190 processing facility located in Charlotte County, Citrus County, 191 Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton 192 County, Hernando County, Jefferson County, Lafayette County, 193 Levy County, Madison County, Manatee County, Pasco County, 194 Pinellas County, Sarasota County, Suwannee County, or Taylor 195 County is deemed to have a market value no greater than its 196 value for salvage if the tangible personal property was unable 197 to be used for at least 60 days due to the effects of Hurricane 198 Idalia.

199 <u>(b) (3)</u> The deadline for an applicant to file an application 200 with the property appraiser for assessment pursuant to this 201 <u>subsection</u> is March 1, 2024.

202 (c) (4) If the property appraiser denies an application, the 203 applicant may file, pursuant to s. 194.011(3), a petition with

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204	the value adjustment board which requests that the tangible
205	personal property be assessed pursuant to this section. Such
206	petition must be filed on or before the 25th day after the
207	mailing by the property appraiser during the 2024 calendar year
208	of the notice required under s. 194.011(1).
209	(d) (5) This <u>subsection</u> section applies to tax rolls
210	beginning January 1, 2024.
211	(3)(a) For purposes of ad valorem taxation and applying to
212	the 2025 tax roll only, tangible personal property owned and
213	operated by a farm, a farm operation, or an agriculture
214	processing facility located in Alachua County, Baker County,
215	Bradford County, Brevard County, Charlotte County, Citrus
216	County, Clay County, Collier County, Columbia County, DeSoto
217	County, Dixie County, Duval County, Flagler County, Franklin
218	County, Gilchrist County, Glades County, Gulf County, Hamilton
219	County, Hardee County, Hendry County, Hernando County, Highlands
220	County, Hillsborough County, Indian River County, Jefferson
221	County, Lafayette County, Lake County, Lee County, Leon County,
222	Levy County, Madison County, Manatee County, Marion County,
223	Martin County, Okeechobee County, Orange County, Osceola County,
224	Palm Beach County, Pasco County, Pinellas County, Polk County,
225	Putnam County, Sarasota County, Seminole County, St. Johns
226	County, St. Lucie County, Sumter County, Suwannee County, Taylor
227	<u>County, Union County, Volusia County, or Wakulla County is</u>
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229	salvage if the tangible personal property was unable to be used
230	for at least 60 days due to the effects of Hurricanes Debby,
231	Helene, and Milton.
232	(b) The deadline for an applicant to file an application

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 233 with the property appraiser for assessment pursuant to this 234 subsection is August 1, 2025. 235 (c) If the property appraiser denies an application, the 236 applicant may file, pursuant to s. 194.011(3), a petition with 237 the value adjustment board which requests that the tangible 238 personal property be assessed pursuant to this section. Such 239 petition must be filed on or before the 25th day after the 240 mailing by the property appraiser during the 2025 calendar year 241 of the notice required under s. 194.011(1). 242 This subsection applies retroactively to January 1, (d) 243 2025. 244 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 245 215.559, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 246 215.559 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.-A Hurricane Loss 247 Mitigation Program is established in the Division of Emergency 248 Management. 249 (1) The Legislature shall annually appropriate \$10 million 250 of the moneys authorized for appropriation under s. 251 215.555(7)(c) from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to the 252 division for the purposes set forth in this section. Of the 253 amount: 254 (b) Three million dollars in funds shall be used to 255 construct or retrofit facilities used as public hurricane 256 shelters. Each year the division shall prioritize the use of 257 these funds for projects included in the annual report of the 258 Shelter Development Report prepared in accordance with s. 259 252.385(3). The division shall must give funding priority to 260 projects located in counties regional planning council regions 261 that have shelter deficits, projects that are publicly owned,

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 262 other than schools, and to projects that maximize the use of 263 state funds. 264 Section 4. Section 250.375, Florida Statutes, is amended to 265 read: 266 250.375 Medical officer authorization.-A servicemember 267 trained to provide medical care who is assigned to a military 268 duty position and authorized by the Florida National Guard to provide medical care by virtue of such duty position may provide 269 270 such medical care to military personnel and civilians within 271 this state physician who holds an active license to practice 272 medicine in any state, a United States territory, or the 273 District of Columbia, while serving as a medical officer with or 274 in support of the Florida National Guard, pursuant to federal or 275 state orders, may practice medicine on military personnel or 276 civilians during an emergency or declared disaster or during 277 federal military training. 278 Section 5. Subsection (1) and paragraphs (a), (c), (n), 279 (s), and (x) of subsection (2) of section 252.35, Florida

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(x) of subsection (2) of section 252.35, Florida
(x) subsection (2) of that section, to read:

282 252.35 Emergency management powers; Division of Emergency
 283 Management.-

(1) The division is responsible for maintaining a
comprehensive statewide program of emergency management. The
division is responsible for coordination with efforts of the
Federal Government with other departments and agencies of state
government, with county and municipal governments and school
boards, and with private agencies that have a role in emergency
management. <u>The Legislature intends for other departments</u> and

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291	agencies of state government, county and municipal governments
292	and school boards, and private agencies that have a role in
293	emergency management to coordinate to the greatest extent
294	possible in the provision of emergency management efforts
295	through the division.
296	(2) The division is responsible for carrying out the
297	provisions of ss. 252.31-252.90. In performing its duties, the
298	division shall:
299	(a) Prepare a state comprehensive emergency management
300	plan, which <u>must</u> shall be integrated into and coordinated with
301	the emergency management plans and programs of the Federal
302	Government. The complete state comprehensive emergency
303	management plan must be submitted to the Governor, the President
304	of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
305	on October 1 of every odd-numbered year. The division shall
306	adopt the plan as a rule in accordance with chapter 120. The
307	plan must be implemented by a continuous, integrated
308	comprehensive emergency management program. The plan must
309	contain provisions to ensure that the state is prepared for
310	emergencies and minor, major, and catastrophic disasters, and
311	the division shall work closely with local governments and
312	agencies and organizations with emergency management
313	responsibilities in preparing and maintaining the plan. The
314	state comprehensive emergency management plan must be operations
315	oriented and:
316	1. Include an evacuation component that includes specific
317	regional and interregional planning provisions and promotes

317 regional and interregional planning provisions and promotes 318 intergovernmental coordination of evacuation activities. This 319 component must, at a minimum: contain guidelines for lifting

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that includes specific regional and interregional planning provisions and promotes intergovernmental coordination of postdisaster response and recovery activities. This component must provide for postdisaster response and recovery strategies according to whether a disaster is minor, major, or catastrophic. The postdisaster response and recovery component must, at a minimum: establish the structure of the state's

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 349 postdisaster response and recovery organization; establish 350 procedures for activating the state's plan; set forth policies 351 used to guide postdisaster response and recovery activities; 352 describe the chain of command during the postdisaster response 353 and recovery period; describe initial and continuous 354 postdisaster response and recovery actions; identify the roles 355 and responsibilities of each involved agency and organization; 356 provide for a comprehensive communications plan; establish 357 procedures for coordinating and monitoring statewide mutual aid 358 agreements reimbursable under federal public disaster assistance 359 programs; provide for rapid impact assessment teams; ensure the 360 availability of an effective statewide urban search and rescue 361 program coordinated with the fire services; ensure the existence 362 of a comprehensive statewide medical care and relief plan 363 administered by the Department of Health; and establish systems 364 for coordinating volunteers and accepting and distributing 365 donated funds and goods.

4. Include additional provisions addressing aspects of
preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation as determined
necessary by the division.

369 5. Address the need for coordinated and expeditious 370 deployment of state resources, including the Florida National 371 Guard. In the case of an imminent major disaster, procedures 372 should address predeployment of the Florida National Guard, and, 373 in the case of an imminent catastrophic disaster, procedures 374 should address predeployment of the Florida National Guard and 375 the United States Armed Forces.

376 6. Establish a system of communications and warning to377 ensure that the state's population and emergency management

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378	agencies are warned of developing emergency situations,
379	including public health emergencies, and can communicate
380	emergency response decisions.
381	7. Establish guidelines and schedules for annual exercises
382	that evaluate the ability of the state and its political
383	subdivisions to respond to minor, major, and catastrophic
384	disasters and support local emergency management agencies. Such
385	exercises shall be coordinated with local governments and, to
386	the extent possible, the Federal Government.
387	8. Assign lead and support responsibilities to state
388	agencies and personnel for emergency support functions and other
389	support activities.
390	9. Include the public health emergency plan developed by
391	the Department of Health pursuant to s. 381.00315.
392	10. Include an update on the status of the emergency
393	management capabilities of the state and its political
394	subdivisions.
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396	The complete state comprehensive emergency management plan must
397	be submitted to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
398	House of Representatives, and the Governor on February 1 of
399	every even-numbered year.
400	(c) Assist political subdivisions in preparing and
401	maintaining emergency management plans. Such assistance must
402	include the development of a template for comprehensive
403	emergency management plans and guidance on the development of
404	mutual aid agreements when requested by the political
405	subdivision.
406	(n) Implement training programs to maintain Florida's
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578-02302-25 2025180c1 407 status as a national leader in emergency management and improve 408 the ability of state and local emergency management personnel to 409 prepare and implement emergency management plans and programs. 410 This must shall include a continuous training program for 411 agencies and individuals who that will be called on to perform 412 key roles in state and local postdisaster response and recovery 413 efforts and for local government personnel on federal and state 414 postdisaster response and recovery strategies and procedures. 415 The division shall specify requirements for the minimum number 416 of training hours that county or municipal administrators, 417 county or city managers, county or municipal emergency 418 management directors, and county or municipal public works 419 directors or other officials responsible for the construction 420 and maintenance of public infrastructure must complete 421 biennially in addition to the training required pursuant to s. 422 252.38(1)(b).

423 (s) Complete an inventory of disaster response equipment, 424 including portable generators owned by the state and local 425 governments which are capable of operating during a major 426 disaster. The inventory must identify, at a minimum, the 427 location of each generator, the number of generators stored at 428 each specific location, the agency to which each generator 429 belongs, the primary use of the generator by the owner agency, 430 and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons 431 having the authority to loan the stored generators as authorized 432 by the division during a declared emergency.

433 (x) Report biennially to the President of the Senate, the
434 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Justice of
435 the Supreme Court, and the Governor, no later than February 1 of

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436	every odd-numbered year, the status of the emergency management
437	capabilities of the state and its political subdivisions. This
438	report must include the emergency management capabilities
439	related to public health emergencies, as determined in
440	collaboration with the Department of Health.
441	(dd) Conduct, by April 1 of each year, an annual hurricane
442	readiness session in each region designated by the division to
443	facilitate coordination between all emergency management
444	stakeholders. Each county emergency management director or his
445	or her designee shall, and other county and municipal personnel
446	may, attend the session for his or her region. A session must
447	include, but is not limited to, guidance on timelines for
448	preparation and response, information on state and federal
449	postdisaster resources and assistance, guidance to promote
450	efficient and expedited rebuilding of the community after a
451	hurricane, best practices for coordination and communication
452	among entities engaged in postdisaster response and recovery,
453	and discussion of any outstanding county or municipal
454	preparedness or readiness needs.
455	Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
456	252.355, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
457	252.355 Registry of persons with special needs; notice;
458	registration program
459	(2) In order to ensure that all persons with special needs
460	may register, the division shall develop and maintain a special
461	needs shelter registration program. During a public health
462	emergency in which physical distancing is necessary, as
463	determined by the State Health Officer, the division must
464	maintain information on special needs shelter options that

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mitigate the threat of the spread of infectious diseases. 466 (b) To assist in identifying persons with special needs, 467 home health agencies, hospices, nurse registries, home medical 468 equipment providers, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Health, 469 470 the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of 471 Education, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Elderly Affairs, and memory disorder clinics 472 473 shall, and any physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 474 459 and any pharmacy licensed under chapter 465 may, annually 475 provide registration information to all of their special needs 476 clients or their careqivers. The division shall develop a 477 brochure that provides information regarding special needs 478 shelter registration procedures. The brochure must be easily 479 accessible on the division's website. All appropriate agencies 480 and community-based service providers, including aging and 481 disability resource centers, memory disorder clinics, home 482 health care providers, hospices, nurse registries, and home 483 medical equipment providers, shall, and any physician licensed 484 under chapter 458 or chapter 459 may, assist emergency 485 management agencies by annually registering persons with special 486 needs for special needs shelters, collecting registration 487 information for persons with special needs as part of the 488 program intake process, and establishing programs to educate 489 clients about the registration process and disaster preparedness 490 safety procedures. A client of a state-funded or federally 491 funded service program who has a physical, mental, or cognitive 492 impairment or sensory disability and who needs assistance in evacuating, or when in a shelter, must register as a person with 493

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494	special needs. The registration program shall give persons with
495	special needs the option of preauthorizing emergency response
496	personnel to enter their homes during search and rescue
497	operations if necessary to ensure their safety and welfare
498	following disasters.
499	Section 7. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section
500	252.3611, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is
501	added to that section, to read:
502	252.3611 Transparency; audits
503	(2) If When the duration of a declaration of a state of an
504	emergency <u>issued by the Governor</u> exceeds 90 days, regardless of
505	whether pursuant to the original declaration or extensions of
506	the same declaration:
507	(a) 1. The Executive Office of the Governor or the
508	<u>appropriate agency,</u> within 72 hours <u>after</u> of executing a
509	contract executed with moneys authorized for expenditure to
510	support the response to the declared state of emergency, $\underline{\sf must}$
511	the Executive Office of the Governor or the appropriate agency
512	shall submit a copy of such contract to the Legislature. For
513	contracts executed during the first 90 days of the <u>declared</u>
514	state of emergency, the Executive Office of the Governor or the
515	appropriate agency shall submit a copy to the Legislature within
516	the first 120 days of the declared state of emergency.
517	2. All contracts executed to support the response to a
518	declared state of emergency, including contracts executed before
519	a declared state of emergency to secure resources or services in
520	advance or anticipation of an emergency, must be posted on the
521	secure contract tracking system required under s. 215.985(14).
522	(b) The Executive Office of the Governor or the appropriate

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 523 agency shall submit monthly reports to the Legislature of all 524 state expenditures, revenues received, and funds transferred by 525 an agency during the previous month to support the declared 526 state of emergency. 527 (3) Once an emergency exceeds 1 year, the Auditor General 528 shall conduct a financial audit of all associated expenditures 529 and a compliance audit of all associated contracts entered into 530 during the declared emergency. The Auditor General shall must 531 update the audit annually until the emergency is declared to be 532 ended. The Auditor General shall post the results of the audits 533 on his or her official website. 534 (4) Following the expiration or termination of a state of 535 emergency, the Auditor General shall conduct a financial audit 536 of all associated expenditures and a compliance audit of all 537 associated contracts entered into during the state of emergency. 538 The Auditor General shall post the results of the audits on his 539 or her official website. 540 (5) Annually by January 15, the division shall report to 541 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of 542 Representatives, and the chairs of the appropriations committee 543 of each house of the Legislature on expenditures related to 544 emergencies incurred over the year from November 1 of the 545 previous year. The report must include: 546 (a) A separate summary of each emergency event, whether 547 complete or ongoing, and key actions taken by the division. 548 (b) Details of expenditures, separated by emergency event 549 and agency, for preparing for, responding to, or recovering from 550 the event. The report must specify detailed expenditures for the 551 entire report time period; specify total expenditures for the

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 552 event; and indicate amounts that are being or are anticipated to 553 be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or 554 other federal entity, amounts ineligible for reimbursement, and 555 any amounts deobligated by the Federal Emergency Management 556 Agency or other federal entity for reimbursement. The division 557 shall review expenditures by state agencies to ensure that 558 efforts, purchases, contracts, or expenditures are not 559 duplicated. 560 (c) An accounting of all inventory and assets purchased, 561 separated by emergency event and agency, for preparing for, 562 responding to, or recovering from the event, including motor 563 vehicles, boats, computers, and other equipment, and the current 564 status of such assets, including divestment, sale, or donation 565 by the state. The report must include a detailed accounting for the entire report time period and specify a total for the event. 566 567 Section 8. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 252.365, 568 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 569 252.365 Emergency coordination officers; disaster-570 preparedness plans.-571 (2) The emergency coordination officer is responsible for 572 coordinating with the division on emergency preparedness issues, 573 preparing and maintaining emergency preparedness and 574 postdisaster response and recovery plans for such agency, 575 maintaining rosters of personnel to assist in disaster 576 operations, and coordinating appropriate training for agency 577 personnel, and coordinating with the division on emergency 578 preparedness and recovery issues, including identifying 579 priorities for postdisaster long-term recovery activities.

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(4) On or before May 1 of each year, the head of each

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581	agency shall notify the Governor and the division in writing of
582	the person initially designated as the emergency coordination
583	officer for such agency and her or his alternate and of any
584	changes in persons so designated thereafter.
585	Section 9. Section 252.3655, Florida Statutes, is amended
586	to read:
587	252.3655 Natural hazards <u>risks and mitigation</u> interagency
588	coordinating group workgroup
589	(1)(a) An interagency <u>coordinating group</u> workgroup is
590	created for the purpose of sharing information on the current
591	and potential <u>risks and</u> impacts of natural hazards throughout
592	this the state, coordinating the ongoing efforts of state
593	agencies in addressing and mitigating the risks and impacts of
594	natural hazards, and collaborating on statewide initiatives to
595	address and mitigate the risks and impacts of natural hazards.
596	As used in this section, the term "natural hazards" includes,
597	but is not limited to, extreme heat, drought, wildfire, sea-
598	level change, high tides, storm surge, saltwater intrusion,
599	stormwater runoff, flash floods, inland flooding, and coastal
600	flooding.
601	(b) The agency head, or his or her designated senior
602	manager, from each of the following agencies shall serve on the
603	coordinating group:
604	1. Chief Resilience Officer of the Statewide Office of
605	Resilience.
606	2. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
607	3. Department of Commerce.
608	4. Department of Environmental Protection.
609	5. Department of Financial Services.
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610	6. Department of Law Enforcement.
611	7. Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
612	8. Department of Military Affairs.
613	9. Division of Emergency Management.
614	10. Department of Transportation.
615	11. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
616	12. Office of Insurance Regulation.
617	13. Public Service Commission.
618	14. Each water management district Each agency within the
619	executive branch of state government, each water management
620	district, and the Florida Public Service Commission shall select
621	from within such agency a person to be designated as the agency
622	liaison to the workgroup.
623	(c) The director of the Division of Emergency Management <u>,</u>
624	or his or her designee <u>,</u> shall serve as the <u>administrator</u> liaison
625	to and coordinator of the coordinating group workgroup.
626	(d) Each <u>agency representative</u> liaison shall provide
627	information from his or her respective agency, including all
628	relevant reports, on the current and potential risks and impacts
629	of natural hazards <u>to this state</u> to his or her agency , agency
630	resources available, and efforts made by the agency to address
631	and mitigate <u>the risks and impacts of</u> against natural hazards $_{m au}$
632	and efforts made by the agency to address the impacts of natural
633	hazards.
634	(e) <u>1.</u> The <u>coordinating group</u> workgroup shall meet in person
635	or by means of communications media technology as provided in s.
636	120.54(5)(b)2. at least teleconference on a quarterly basis to
637	share information, leverage agency resources, coordinate ongoing
638	efforts, and provide information for inclusion in the annual
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639	progress report submitted pursuant to subsection (2). Agency
640	heads for the agencies listed in paragraph (b) shall meet in
641	person at least annually to collectively strategize and
642	prioritize state efforts.
643	2. Information regarding the coordinating group, including
644	meeting agendas and reports, must be posted in a conspicuous
645	location on the division's website.
646	(2)(a) On behalf of the <u>coordinating group</u> workgroup , the
647	division of Emergency Management shall prepare an annual
648	progress report on the implementation of the state's hazard
649	mitigation plan, developed and submitted in accordance with 42
650	U.S.C. s. 5165 and any implementing regulations, as it relates
651	to natural hazards. At a minimum, the annual progress report
652	must:
653	1. Assess <u>each agency's</u> the relevance, level, and
654	significance of current agency efforts to address <u>and mitigate</u>
655	the <u>risks and</u> impacts of natural hazards; and
656	2. Strategize and prioritize ongoing efforts to address <u>and</u>
657	<u>mitigate</u> the <u>risks and</u> impacts of natural hazards <u>;</u> .
658	3. Provide recommendations regarding statutory changes and
659	funding that may assist in addressing or mitigating the risks
660	and impacts of natural hazards; and
661	4. Provide recommendations for state and local natural
662	hazard mitigation strategies.
663	(b) Each liaison is responsible for ensuring that the
664	workgroup's annual progress report is posted on his or her
665	agency's website.
666	(c) By January 1 <u>of each year</u> , 2019, and each year
667	thereafter, the division on behalf of the coordinating group
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578-02302-25 2025180c1 668 workgroup shall submit the annual progress report to the 669 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the 670 House of Representatives. 671 Section 10. Present paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection 672 (5) of section 252.37, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 673 paragraphs (d) and (e), respectively, a new paragraph (c) is 674 added to that subsection, and subsection (7) is added to that 675 section, to read: 676 252.37 Financing.-677 (5) Unless otherwise specified in the General 678 Appropriations Act: 679 (c) If the division intends to accept or apply for federal 680 funds for a division-administered program that is new, that will 681 be implemented in a manner that is innovative or significantly 682 different from the manner in which the program is typically 683 administered, or that will require a state match for which the 684 division will be required to seek new budget authority, the 685 division must notify the Legislature of its intent to accept or 686 apply for the federal funds. The notice must detail the federal 687 program under which the funds will be accepted or applied for, 688 the intended purpose and use of the funds, and the amount of 689 funds, including the estimated state match. 690 (7) The division shall take steps to maximize the 691 availability and expedite the distribution of financial 692 assistance from the Federal Government to state and local 693 agencies. Such steps must include the standardization and 694 streamlining of the application process for financial assistance 695 through the federal Public Assistance Program and provision of

696 assistance to applicants in order to mitigate the risk of

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697	noncompliance with federal program requirements. The division
698	shall use federal funds allocated as management cost or other
699	funds as appropriated to implement this subsection.
700	Section 11. Section 252.3713, Florida Statutes, is created
701	to read:
702	252.3713 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
703	(1) The division shall administer the Hazard Mitigation
704	Grant Program as authorized and described in s. 404 of the
705	Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act,
706	as amended by Pub. L. No. 103-181, Pub. L. No. 103-337, and Pub.
707	L. No. 106-390.
708	(2) The division may retain no more than 25 percent of the
709	total federal allocation of funds received for use within the
710	state. A minimum of 75 percent of any funds received pursuant to
711	a declared disaster must be distributed for use by the
712	subrecipients in the counties specified in the Presidential
713	Disaster Declaration for that disaster. However, a subrecipient
714	may elect to share some or all of its allocation with the
715	division to be used for projects benefiting the region in which
716	the subrecipient is located.
717	(3) The division and subrecipients shall prioritize
718	projects that fulfill the following purposes when adopting
719	mitigation strategies and plans and applying for funds under the
720	grant program:
721	(a) Reducing shelter space deficits through retrofitting of
722	existing shelters and hardening of public buildings that are not
723	schools. Reducing deficits in shelter space intended to
724	accommodate individuals with special needs must be prioritized
725	before addressing deficits in other types of shelter space.

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726	(b) Mitigating impacts to public infrastructure, including
727	roads, bridges, and stormwater, water, and sewer systems, to
728	enhance resistance to natural hazards and prevent and reduce
729	losses.
730	(c) Mitigating impacts to school facilities which will
731	reduce future disaster losses and make the facilities more
732	resistant to natural hazards.
733	(d) Retrofitting of regional and local emergency management
734	or operations centers.
735	(e) Other projects that the division may define by rule.
736	(4) The division may coordinate with other state agencies
737	and political subdivisions to develop and implement innovative
738	approaches to funding mitigation projects using grants under the
739	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, including, but not limited to,
740	combining funding received from multiple federal and state
741	programs. The division, in cooperation with other state agencies
742	that administer federal grant programs, shall ensure that:
743	(a) Projects funded through multiple programs comply with
744	all applicable federal and state requirements of the respective
745	programs under which funding was received.
746	(b) Funding is used for projects in the geographic areas
747	specified in the grant of funding.
748	(5) A fiscally constrained county may request that the
749	division administer the grant for such county. A fiscally
750	constrained county may request additional assistance from the
751	division in preparing applications for grants and developing a
752	structure for implementing, monitoring the execution of, and
753	closing out projects.
754	(6) The division shall adopt rules to implement this

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 755 section. 756 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 757 252.373, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 758 252.373 Allocation of funds; rules.-759 (2) The division shall allocate funds from the Emergency 760 Management, Preparedness, and Assistance Trust Fund to local 761 emergency management agencies and programs pursuant to criteria 762 specified in rule. Such rules shall include, but are not limited 763 to: 764 (a) Requiring that, at a minimum, a local emergency 765 management agency either: 766 1. Have a program director who works at least 40 hours a 767 week in that capacity; or If the county has fewer than 75,000 population or is 768 2. 769 party to an interjurisdictional emergency management agreement 770 entered into pursuant to s. 252.38(3)(c) s. 252.38(3)(b), that 771 is recognized by the Governor by executive order or rule, have 772 an emergency management coordinator who works at least 20 hours 773 a week in that capacity. 774 Section 13. Present paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 775 (3) of section 252.38, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 776 paragraphs (b) and (c), respectively, a new paragraph (a) is 777 added to that subsection, and paragraph (a) of subsection (1) is 778 amended, to read: 779 252.38 Emergency management powers of political 780 subdivisions.-Safeguarding the life and property of its citizens 781 is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each 782 political subdivision of the state.

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 784 (a) In order to provide effective and orderly governmental 785 control and coordination of emergency operations in emergencies 786 within the scope of ss. 252.31-252.90, each county within this 787 state shall be within the jurisdiction of, and served by, the 788 division. Except as otherwise provided in ss. 252.31-252.90, 789 each local emergency management agency shall have jurisdiction 790 over and serve an entire county. Unless part of an 791 interjurisdictional emergency management agreement entered into 792 pursuant to paragraph (3)(c) (3)(b) which is recognized by the 793 Governor by executive order or rule, each county must establish 794 and maintain such an emergency management agency and shall 795 develop a county emergency management plan and program that is 796 coordinated and consistent with the state comprehensive 797 emergency management plan and program. Counties that are part of 798 an interjurisdictional emergency management agreement entered 799 into pursuant to paragraph (3)(c) (3)(b) which is recognized by 800 the Governor by executive order or rule shall cooperatively 801 develop an emergency management plan and program that is 802 coordinated and consistent with the state comprehensive 803 emergency management plan and program. 804 (3) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POWERS; POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.-805 (a) Each political subdivision shall notify the division on 806 or before May 1 each year of the person designated as the 807 emergency contact for the political subdivision and his or her 808 alternate and of any changes in persons so designated 809 thereafter. For a county, this includes the county emergency 810 management director. 811 Section 14. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 252.385,

812 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 813 252.385 Public shelter space; public records exemption.-814 (2) (a) The division shall administer a program to survey existing schools, universities, community colleges, and other 815 816 state-owned, municipally owned, and county-owned public 817 buildings and any private facility that the owner, in writing, 818 agrees to provide for use as a public hurricane evacuation 819 shelter to identify those that are appropriately designed and 820 located to serve as such shelters. The owners of the facilities 821 must be given the opportunity to participate in the surveys. The 822 state university boards of trustees, district school boards, 823 community college boards of trustees, and the Department of 824 Education are responsible for coordinating and implementing the 825 survey of public schools, universities, and community colleges 826 with the division or the local emergency management agency. 827 (b) By January 31 of each even-numbered year, the division 828 shall prepare and submit a statewide emergency shelter plan to 829 the Governor and Cabinet for approval, subject to the 830 requirements for approval in s. 1013.37(2). The emergency 831 shelter plan must project, for each of the next 5 years, the 832 hurricane shelter needs of the state, including periods of time 833 during which a concurrent public health emergency may 834 necessitate more space for each individual to accommodate 835 physical distancing. In addition to information on the general shelter needs throughout this state, the plan must identify the 836 837 general location and square footage of special needs shelters, 838 by regional planning council region. The plan must also include 839 information on the availability of shelters that accept pets. 840 The Department of Health shall assist the division in determining the estimated need for special needs shelter space 841

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 and the adequacy of facilities to meet the needs of persons with special needs based on information from the registries of persons with special needs and other information. (3) (a) The division shall annually provide by October 15 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report that includes, and the Governor a list of facilities recommended to be retrofitted using state funds. State funds should be maximized and targeted to projects in counties regional planning council regions with hurricane evacuation shelter deficits. Additionally, the division shall prioritize on the list of recommended facilities other state-owned, municipal-owned, and county-owned public buildings, other than schools, for retrofit using state funds. The owner or lessee of a public hurricane evacuation shelter that is included on the list of facilities recommended for retrofitting is not required to perform any recommended improvements. (b) The report required in paragraph (a) must include a statewide emergency shelter plan that must project, for each of the next 5 years, the hurricane shelter needs of the state. In addition to information on the general shelter needs throughout this state, the plan must identify, by county, the general location and square footage of special needs shelters. The plan must also include information on the availability of shelters that accept pets. The Department of Health and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall assist the division in determining the estimated need for special needs shelter space, the estimated need for general shelter space to accommodate

870 persons with developmental disabilities, including, but not

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 871 limited to, autism, and the adequacy of facilities to meet the 872 needs of persons with special needs based on information from 873 the registries of persons with special needs and other 874 information. 875 Section 15. Section 252.392, Florida Statutes, is created 876 to read: 877 252.392 Post-storm county and municipal permitting; 878 operations.-879 (1) (a) Each county and municipality shall develop a post-880 storm permitting plan to expedite recovery and rebuilding by 881 providing for special building permit and inspection procedures 882 after a hurricane or tropical storm. The plan must, at a 883 minimum: 884 1. Ensure sufficient personnel are prepared and available 885 to expeditiously manage post-disaster building inspection, 886 permitting, and enforcement tasks. The plan must anticipate 887 conditions that would necessitate supplemental personnel for 888 such tasks and address methods for fulfilling such personnel 889 needs, including through mutual aid agreements as authorized in 890 s. 252.40, other arrangements, such as those with private sector 891 contractors, or supplemental state or federal funding. The plan 892 must include training requirements and protocols for 893 supplemental personnel to ensure compliance with local 894 floodplain management requirements that apply within the county 895 or municipality. 896 2. Account for multiple or alternate locations where 897 building permit services may be offered in-person to the public 898 following a hurricane or tropical storm, during regular business 899 hours.

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 900 3. Specify a protocol to expedite permitting procedures 901 and, if practicable, for the waiver or reduction of applicable 902 fees in accordance with and in addition to the procedures and waivers provided for under s. 553.7922. The plan must identify 903 904 the types of permits that are frequently requested following a 905 hurricane or tropical storm and methods to expedite the 906 processing of such permits. 907 4. Specify procedures and resources necessary to promote 908 expeditious debris removal following a hurricane or tropical 909 storm. 910 (b) Each county and municipality shall update the plan no 911 later than May 1 annually. 912 (2) (a) By May 1 annually, each county and municipality shall publish on its website a hurricane and tropical storm 913 recovery permitting guide for residential and commercial 914 915 property owners. The guide must describe: 1. The types of post-storm repairs that require a permit 916 917 and applicable fees. 918 2. The types of post-storm repairs that do not require a 919 permit. 920 3. The post-storm permit application process and specific 921 modifications the county or municipality commonly makes to 922 expedite the process, including the physical locations where 923 permitting services will be offered. 924 4. Local requirements for rebuilding specific to the county or municipality, including elevation requirements following 925 926 substantial damage and substantial improvement pursuant to the 927 National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and any local amendments 928 to the building code.

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 929 (b) As soon as practicable following a hurricane or 930 tropical storm, a county or municipality within the area for 931 which a state of emergency pursuant to s. 252.36 for such 932 hurricane or tropical storm is declared shall publish updates on 933 its website to the information required under paragraph (a) 934 which are specific to such storm, including any permitting fee 935 waivers or reductions. 936 (3) For 180 days after a state of emergency is declared 937 pursuant to s. 252.36 for a hurricane or tropical storm, a 938 county or municipality within the area for which the state of 939 emergency is declared: 940 (a) May not increase building permit or inspection fees. 941 (b) Must have employees and supplemental personnel 942 available during the county's or municipality's normal business hours to process permits. 943 944 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 400.063, Florida 945 Statutes, is amended to read: 946 400.063 Resident protection.-947 (1) The Health Care Trust Fund shall be used for the 948 purpose of collecting and disbursing funds generated from the 949 license fees and administrative fines as provided for in ss. 950 393.0673(5), 400.062(3), 400.121(2), and 400.23(8). Such funds 951 shall be for the sole purpose of paying for the appropriate 952 alternate placement, care, and treatment of residents who are 953 removed from a facility licensed under this part or a facility 954 specified in s. 393.0678(1) in which the agency determines that 955 existing conditions or practices constitute an immediate danger 956 to the health, safety, or security of the residents. If the 957 agency determines that it is in the best interest of the health,

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 958 safety, or security of the residents to provide for an orderly 959 removal of the residents from the facility, the agency may 960 utilize such funds to maintain and care for the residents in the 961 facility pending removal and alternative placement. The maintenance and care of the residents shall be under the 962 963 direction and control of a receiver appointed pursuant to s. 964 393.0678(1) or s. 400.126(1). However, funds may be expended in 965 an emergency upon a filing of a petition for a receiver, upon 966 the declaration of a state of local emergency pursuant to s. 967 252.38(3)(b)5. s. 252.38(3)(a)5., or upon a duly authorized 968 local order of evacuation of a facility by emergency personnel 969 to protect the health and safety of the residents. 970 Section 17. Subsection (7) of section 403.7071, Florida 971 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (8) is added to that 972 section, to read: 973 403.7071 Management of storm-generated debris.-Solid waste 974 generated as a result of a storm event that is the subject of an 975 emergency order issued by the department may be managed as 976 follows: 977 (7) Unless otherwise specified in a contract or franchise 978 agreement between a local government and a private solid waste 979 or debris management service provider, a private solid waste or 980 debris management service provider is not required to collect 981 storm-generated yard trash. Local governments are authorized and encouraged to add an addendum to existing contracts or franchise 982 983 agreements for collection of storm-generated debris. 984 (8) (a) Each county and municipality shall apply to the department for authorization of at least one debris management 985 site as described in subsection (2) and shall annually seek 986

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578-02302-25 2025180c1 987 preauthorization for any previously approved debris management 988 sites, as allowed by the department. 989 (b) A municipality may jointly apply for authorization of a 990 debris management site with a county or at least one adjacent 991 municipality, if the parties develop and approve a memorandum of 992 understanding. Such memorandum must clearly outline the capacity 993 of the debris management site and location of the site relative 994 to each party. The memorandum of understanding must be approved 995 annually as part of the preauthorization process described in 996 paragraph (a). 997 Section 18. (1) Each county listed in the federal disaster 998 declaration for Hurricane Debby (DR-4806), Hurricane Helene (DR-4828), or Hurricane Milton (DR-4834), and each municipality 999 within one of those counties, shall not propose or adopt any 1000 moratorium on construction, reconstruction, or redevelopment of 1001 1002 any property damaged by such hurricanes; propose or adopt more 1003 restrictive or burdensome amendments to its comprehensive plan 1004 or land development regulations; or propose or adopt more 1005 restrictive or burdensome procedures concerning review, 1006 approval, or issuance of a site plan, development permit, or 1007 development order, to the extent that those terms are defined by 1008 s. 163.3164, Florida Statutes, before October 1, 2027, and any 1009 such moratorium or restrictive or burdensome comprehensive plan 1010 amendment, land development regulation, or procedure shall be null and void ab initio. This subsection applies retroactively 1011 1012 to August 1, 2024. 1013 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any comprehensive plan 1014 amendment, land development regulation amendment, site plan, 1015 development permit, or development order approved or adopted by

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1016	a county or municipality before or after the effective date of
1017	this section may be enforced if:
1018	(a) The associated application is initiated by a private
1019	party other than the county or municipality.
1020	(b) The property that is the subject of the application is
1021	owned by the initiating private party.
1022	(3)(a) A resident of or the owner of a business in a county
1023	or municipality may bring a civil action for declaratory and
1024	injunctive relief against the county or municipality for a
1025	violation of this section. Pending adjudication of the action
1026	and upon filing of a complaint showing a violation of this
1027	section, the resident or business owner is entitled to a
1028	preliminary injunction against the county or municipality
1029	preventing implementation of the moratorium or the comprehensive
1030	plan amendment, land development regulation, or procedure. If
1031	such civil action is successful, the resident or business owner
1032	is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs.
1033	(b) Attorney fees and costs and damages may not be awarded
1034	pursuant to this subsection if:
1035	1. The resident or business owner provides the governing
1036	body of the county or municipality written notice that a
1037	proposed or enacted moratorium, comprehensive plan amendment,
1038	land development regulation, or procedure is in violation of
1039	this section; and
1040	2. The governing body of the county or municipality
1041	withdraws the proposed moratorium, comprehensive plan amendment,
1042	land development regulation, or procedure within 14 days; or, in
1043	the case of an adopted moratorium, comprehensive plan amendment,
1044	land development regulation, or procedure, the governing body of

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1045	a county or municipality notices an intent to repeal within 14
1046	days after receipt of the notice and repeals the moratorium,
1047	comprehensive plan amendment, land development regulation, or
1048	procedure within 14 days thereafter.
1049	(4) This section shall take effect upon becoming a law and
1050	expires June 30, 2028.
1051	Section 19. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
1052	made by this act to section 252.35, Florida Statutes, in a
1053	reference thereto, subsection (6) of section 252.55, Florida
1054	Statutes, is reenacted to read:
1055	252.55 Civil Air Patrol, Florida Wing.—
1056	(6) The wing commander of the Florida Wing of the Civil Air
1057	Patrol shall biennially furnish the division a 2-year projection
1058	of the goals and objectives of the Civil Air Patrol which shall
1059	be reported in the division's biennial report submitted pursuant
1060	to s. 252.35.
1061	Section 20. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
1062	act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
1063	this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
1064	2025.

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