

By the Committee on Appropriations

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to fuel taxes; amending s. 206.606,
F.S.; revising the distribution of the proceeds of the
fuel sales tax; amending s. 206.9945, F.S.; revising
the transfer of funds received and collected into the
Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund; providing an effective
date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 206.606, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

206.606 Distribution of certain proceeds.—

(1) Moneys collected pursuant to ss. 206.41(1)(g) and
206.87(1)(e) shall be deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust
Fund. Such moneys, after deducting the refunds granted pursuant
to s. 206.41 and the administrative costs incurred by the
department in collecting, administering, enforcing, and
distributing the tax, which administrative costs may not exceed
2 percent of collections, shall be distributed monthly to the
State Transportation Trust Fund, except that:

(a) A sum equal to 0.5 percent of moneys collected ~~\$6.30~~
~~million~~ shall be transferred to the Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission in each fiscal year and deposited in the
Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund to be used for aquatic plant
management, including nonchemical control of aquatic weeds,
research into nonchemical controls, and enforcement activities.
The commission shall allocate at least \$1 million of such funds
to the eradication of melaleuca.

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(b) A sum equal to 0.2 percent of moneys collected
~~Annually, \$2.5 million~~ shall be transferred to the State Game Trust Fund in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and used for recreational boating activities and freshwater fisheries management and research. ~~The transfers must be made in equal monthly amounts beginning on July 1 of each fiscal year.~~ The commission shall annually determine where unmet needs exist for boating-related activities, and may fund such activities in counties where, due to the number of vessel registrations, sufficient financial resources are unavailable.

1. A minimum of \$1.25 million shall be used to fund local projects to provide recreational channel marking and other uniform waterway markers, public boat ramps, lifts, and hoists, marine railways, and other public launching facilities, derelict vessel removal, and other local boating-related activities. In funding the projects, the commission shall give priority consideration to:

a. Unmet needs in counties having populations of 100,000 or less.

b. Unmet needs in coastal counties having a high level of boating-related activities from individuals residing in other counties.

2. The remaining sum ~~\$1.25 million~~ may be used for recreational boating activities and freshwater fisheries management and research.

3. The commission may adopt rules to administer a Florida Boating Improvement Program.

The commission shall prepare and make available on its Internet

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website an annual report outlining the status of its Florida Boating Improvement Program, including the projects funded, and a list of counties whose needs are unmet due to insufficient financial resources from vessel registration fees.

(c) A sum equal to 1.15 ~~0.65~~ percent of moneys collected pursuant to s. 206.41(1)(g) shall be transferred to the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund.

(d) A sum equal to 1.15 percent of moneys collected ~~\$13.4 million in fiscal year 2007-2008 and each fiscal year thereafter of the moneys attributable to the sale of motor and diesel fuel at marinas~~ shall be transferred from the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund to the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 206.9945, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.9945 Funds collected; disposition; department authority.—

(1) The department shall deposit all funds received and collected by it under this part into the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund to be transferred, less the costs of administration and less the service charges to be deducted pursuant to s. 215.20, as follows:

(a) Moneys collected pursuant to s. 206.9935(1) and tax revenues collected pursuant to s. 207.003 at the rates specified in s. 206.9935(3) shall be transferred to the Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund as provided in s. 376.11;

(b) Moneys collected pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) shall be transferred to the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund as provided in s. 376.307; and

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88 (c) The first \$150 million of moneys collected pursuant to
89 s. 206.9935(3), less any refunds granted under s. 206.9942,
90 shall be transferred to the Inland Protection Trust Fund as
91 provided in s. 376.3071. All remaining moneys collected pursuant
92 to s. 206.9935(3) shall be deposited into the General Revenue
93 Fund. This paragraph does not apply to moneys collected pursuant
94 to s. 207.003 and transferred pursuant to paragraph (a).

95 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.