

FOR CONSIDERATION 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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30 (b) A sum equal to 0.2 percent of moneys collected
31 ~~Annually, \$2.5 million shall be transferred to the State Game~~
32 Trust Fund in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and
33 used for recreational boating activities and freshwater
34 fisheries management and research. ~~The transfers must be made in~~
35 ~~equal monthly amounts beginning on July 1 of each fiscal year.~~
36 The commission shall annually determine where unmet needs exist
37 for boating-related activities, and may fund such activities in
38 counties where, due to the number of vessel registrations,
39 sufficient financial resources are unavailable.

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

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

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

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

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

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58 The commission shall prepare and make available on its Internet

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

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

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

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

74 206.9945 Funds collected; disposition; department
75 authority.—

76 (1) The department shall deposit all funds received and
77 collected by it under this part into the Fuel Tax Collection
78 Trust Fund to be transferred, less the costs of administration
79 and less the service charges to be deducted pursuant to s.
80 215.20, as follows:

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

85 (b) Moneys collected pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) shall be
86 transferred to the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund as
87 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.