

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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(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.