1 2 An act relating to fiduciaries; amending s. 701.04, 3 F.S.; requiring a mortgage holder to provide certain information within a specified time relating to the 4 5 unpaid loan balance due under a mortgage if a 6 mortgagor, a record title owner of the property, a 7 fiduciary or trustee lawfully acting on behalf of a 8 record title owner, or any person lawfully authorized 9 to act on behalf of a mortgagor or record title owner 10 of the property makes a written request under certain circumstances; allowing financial institutions to 11 12 release certain mortgagor information to specified 13 persons without penalty; amending s. 738.102, F.S.; defining the term "carrying value"; amending s. 14 15 738.103, F.S.; providing for application; amending s. 16 738.104, F.S.; deleting a provision authorizing a 17 trustee to release the power to adjust between 18 principal and income if the trustee desires to convert 19 the form of certain trusts; limiting the power to adjust a trust; deleting a provision that provides for 20 21 construction and application relating to the administration of trusts in this state or under this 22 23 state's law; amending s. 738.1041, F.S.; defining the term "average fair market value" and revising 2.4 25 definition of the term "unitrust amount"; deleting a duplicative provision relating to conclusive 26 27 determinations of the terms of a unitrust; revising 28 provisions relating to an express total return 29 unitrust; amending s. 738.105, F.S.; substituting the

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30	term "trustee" for "fiduciary" with respect to
31	judicial control of discretionary powers; amending s.
32	738.201, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the
33	determination and distribution of net income; amending
34	s. 738.202, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
35	distributions to residuary and remainder
36	beneficiaries; amending ss. 738.301, 738.302, and
37	738.303, F.S.; substituting the term "fiduciary" for
38	"trustee" to clarify that provisions apply to all
39	fiduciaries; amending s. 738.401, F.S.; substituting
40	the term "fiduciary" for "trustee" to clarify that
41	provisions apply to all fiduciaries; revising how
42	distributions from entities are allocated between
43	income and principal; amending ss. 738.402, 738.403,
44	738.501, 738.502, 738.503, 738.504, and 738.601, F.S.;
45	substituting the term "fiduciary" for "trustee" to
46	clarify that provisions apply to all fiduciaries;
47	amending s. 738.602, F.S.; substituting the term
48	"fiduciary" for "trustee" to clarify that provisions
49	apply to all fiduciaries; revising provisions relating
50	to allocations to trusts; amending s. 738.603, F.S.;
51	substituting the term "fiduciary" for "trustee" to
52	clarify that provisions apply to all fiduciaries;
53	revising provisions relating to the allocation between
54	income and principal when liquidating assets; amending
55	ss. 738.604, 738.605, 738.606, 738.607, 738.608,
56	738.701, 738.702, 738.703, and 738.704, F.S.;
57	substituting the term "fiduciary" for "trustee" to
58	clarify that provisions apply to all fiduciaries;

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59	amending s. 738.705, F.S.; substituting the term
60	"fiduciary" for "trustee" to clarify that provisions
61	apply to all fiduciaries; revising the method for
62	allocating income taxes between income and principal;
63	amending s. 738.801, F.S.; clarifying the
64	apportionment of expenses between tenants and
65	remaindermen; providing an effective date.
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67	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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69	Section 1. Section 701.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to
70	read:
71	701.04 Cancellation of mortgages, liens, and judgments
72	(1) Within 14 days after receipt of the written request of
73	a mortgagor, <u>a record title owner of the property, a fiduciary</u>
74	or trustee lawfully acting on behalf of a record title owner, or
75	any other person lawfully authorized to act on behalf of a
76	mortgagor or record title owner of the property, the holder of a
77	mortgage shall deliver <u>or cause the servicer of the mortgage to</u>
78	<u>deliver</u> to the <u>person making the request</u> mortgagor at a place
79	designated in the written request an estoppel letter setting
80	forth the unpaid balance of the loan secured by the mortgage $_{\cdot au}$
81	(a) If the mortgagor, or any person lawfully authorized to
82	act on behalf of the mortgagor, makes the request, the estoppel
83	letter must include an itemization of the including principal,
84	interest, and any other charges properly due under or secured by
85	the mortgage and interest on a per-day basis for the unpaid
86	balance.
87	(b) If a record title owner of the property, or any person

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20121050er 88 lawfully authorized to act on behalf of a mortgagor or record 89 title owner of the property, makes the request: 90 1. The request must include a copy of the instrument 91 showing title in the property or lawful authorization. 2. The estoppel letter may include the itemization of 92 93 information required under paragraph (a), but must at a minimum 94 include the total unpaid balance due under or secured by the 95 mortgage on a per-day basis. 96 3. The mortgagee or servicer of the mortgagee acting in 97 accordance with a request in substantial compliance with this 98 paragraph is expressly discharged from any obligation or 99 liability to any person on account of the release of the 100 requested information, other than the obligation to comply with 101 the terms of the estoppel letter. (c) A mortgage holder may provide the financial information 102 103 required under this subsection to a person authorized under this 104 subsection to request the financial information notwithstanding 105 s. 655.059. 106 (2) Whenever the amount of money due on any mortgage, lien, 107 or judgment has been shall be fully paid to the person or party 108 entitled to the payment thereof, the mortgagee, creditor, or 109 assignee, or the attorney of record in the case of a judgment, to whom the such payment was shall have been made, shall execute 110 111 in writing an instrument acknowledging satisfaction of the said 112 mortgage, lien, or judgment and have the instrument same 113 acknowledged, or proven, and duly entered of record in the book 114 provided by law for such purposes in the official records of the 115 proper county. Within 60 days after of the date of receipt of 116 the full payment of the mortgage, lien, or judgment, the person

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20121050er 117 required to acknowledge satisfaction of the mortgage, lien, or 118 judgment shall send or cause to be sent the recorded 119 satisfaction to the person who has made the full payment. In the 120 case of a civil action arising out of the provisions of this 121 section, the prevailing party is shall be entitled to attorney 122 attorney's fees and costs. 123 (3) (2) Whenever a writ of execution has been issued, docketed, and indexed with a sheriff and the judgment upon which 124 125 it was issued has been fully paid, it is shall be the 126 responsibility of the party receiving payment to request, in 127 writing, addressed to the sheriff, return of the writ of 128 execution as fully satisfied. Section 2. Present subsections (3) through (13) of section 129 130 738.102, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) 131 through (14), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to 132 that section, to read: 133 738.102 Definitions.-As used in this chapter, the term: 134 (3) "Carrying value" means the fair market value at the 135 time the assets are received by the fiduciary. For the estates 136 of decedents and trusts described in s. 733.707(3), after the 137 grantor's death, the assets are considered received as of the date of death. If there is a change in fiduciaries, a majority 138 139 of the continuing fiduciaries may elect to adjust the carrying 140 values to reflect the fair market value of the assets at the 141 beginning of their administration. If such election is made, it 142 must be reflected on the first accounting filed after the 143 election. For assets acquired during the administration of the 144 estate or trust, the carrying value is equal to the acquisition 145 costs of the asset.

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20121050er 146 Section 3. Subsection (3) is added to section 738.103, 147 Florida Statutes, to read: 148 738.103 Fiduciary duties; general principles.-149 (3) Except as provided in s. 738.1041(9), this chapter 150 pertains to the administration of a trust and is applicable to 151 any trust that is administered in this state or under its law. 152 This chapter also applies to any estate that is administered in 153 this state unless the provision is limited in application to a trustee, rather than a fiduciary. 154 155 Section 4. Subsections (5) and (11) of section 738.104, 156 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 157 738.104 Trustee's power to adjust.-158 (5) (a) A trustee may release the entire power to adjust 159 conferred by subsection (1) if the trustee desires to convert an 160 income trust to a total return unitrust pursuant to s. 738.1041. 161 (b) A trustee may release the entire power to adjust 162 conferred by subsection (1) or may release only the power to adjust from income to principal or the power to adjust from 163 164 principal to income if the trustee is uncertain about whether 165 possessing or exercising the power will cause a result described 166 in paragraphs (3)(a)-(e) or paragraph (3)(g) or if the trustee 167 determines that possessing or exercising the power will or may 168 deprive the trust of a tax benefit or impose a tax burden not 169 described in subsection (3). 170 (c) A release under this subsection may be permanent or for 171 a specified period, including a period measured by the life of 172 an individual. Notwithstanding anything contrary to this

subsection, a release of the power to adjust pursuant to
paragraph (a) shall remain effective only for as long as the

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175	trust is administered as a unitrust pursuant to s. 738.1041.
176	(11) This section shall be construed as pertaining to the
177	administration of a trust and is applicable to any trust that is
178	administered either in this state or under Florida law.
179	Section 5. Section 738.1041, Florida Statutes, is amended
180	to read:
181	738.1041 Total return unitrust
182	(1) For purposes of this section, the term:
183	(a) "Average fair market value" means the average of the
184	fair market values of assets held by the trust at the beginning
185	of the current and each of the 2 preceding years, or for the
186	entire term of the trust if there are less than 2 preceding
187	years, and adjusted as follows:
188	1. If assets have been added to the trust during the years
189	used to determine the average, the amount of each addition is
190	added to all years in which such addition was not included.
191	2. If assets have been distributed from the trust during
192	the years used to determine the average, other than in
193	satisfaction of the unitrust amount, the amount of each
194	distribution is subtracted from all years in which such
195	distribution was not included.
196	<u>(b)</u> "Disinterested person" means a person who is not a
197	$\overset{\mathbf{w}}{}$ related or subordinate party " as defined in s. 672(c) of the
198	United States Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. ss. 1 et seq., or
199	any successor provision thereof, with respect to the person then
200	acting as trustee of the trust and excludes the grantor and any
201	interested trustee.
202	<u>(c)(b)</u> "Fair market value" means the fair market value of
203	the assets held by the trust as otherwise determined under this

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204 chapter, reduced by all known noncontingent liabilities. 205 (d) (c) "Income trust" means a trust, created by either an 206 inter vivos or a testamentary instrument, which directs or 207 permits the trustee to distribute the net income of the trust to one or more persons, either in fixed proportions or in amounts 208 209 or proportions determined by the trustee and regardless of 210 whether the trust directs or permits the trustee to distribute 211 the principal of the trust to one or more such persons. 212 (e) (d) "Interested distributee" means a person to whom 213 distributions of income or principal can currently be made and 214 who has the power to remove the existing trustee and designate 215 as successor a person who may be a "related or subordinate party," as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. s. 216 217 $\frac{672(c)}{r}$ with respect to such distributee. (f) (e) "Interested trustee" means an individual trustee to 218 219 whom the net income or principal of the trust can currently be 220 distributed or would be distributed if the trust were then to 221 terminate and be distributed, any trustee whom an interested 222 distributee has the power to remove and replace with a related 223 or subordinate party as defined in paragraph (d), or an 224 individual trustee whose legal obligation to support a 225 beneficiary may be satisfied by distributions of income and principal of the trust. 226 227

227 (g) "Related or subordinate party" has the same meaning as 228 provided in 26 U.S.C. s. 672(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 229 any successor provision thereof.

230 <u>(h) (f)</u> "Unitrust amount" means the amount determined by 231 multiplying the <u>average</u> fair market value of the assets as 232 <u>calculated</u> defined in paragraph <u>(a)</u> (b) by the percentage

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233 calculated under paragraph (2)(b).

(2) A trustee may, without court approval, convert an
income trust to a total return unitrust, reconvert a total
return unitrust to an income trust, or change the percentage
used to calculate the unitrust amount or the method used to
determine the fair market value of the trust if:

(a) The trustee adopts a written statement regarding trust
 distributions <u>which</u> that provides:

1. In the case of a trust being administered as an income trust, that future distributions from the trust will be unitrust amounts rather than net income, and indicates the manner in which the unitrust amount will be calculated and the method in which the fair market value of the trust will be determined.

246 2. In the case of a trust being administered as a total 247 return unitrust, that:

a. Future distributions from the trust will be net incomerather than unitrust amounts; or

250 b. The percentage used to calculate the unitrust amount or 251 the method used to determine the fair market value of the trust 252 will be changed, and indicates the manner in which the new 253 unitrust amount will be calculated and the method in which the 254 new fair market value of the trust will be determined;

(b) The trustee determines the terms of the unitrust under one of the following methods:

1. A disinterested trustee determines, or if there is no trustee other than an interested trustee, the interested trustee appoints a disinterested person who, in its sole discretion but acting in a fiduciary capacity, determines for the interested trustee:

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262 a. The percentage to be used to calculate the unitrust 263 amount, provided the percentage used is not greater than 5 264 percent nor less than 3 percent; 265 b. The method to be used in determining the fair market 266 value of the trust; and c. Which assets, if any, are to be excluded in determining 267 268 the unitrust amount; or 2. The interested trustee or disinterested trustee 269 270 administers the trust such that: 271 a. The percentage used to calculate the unitrust amount is 272 50 percent of the applicable federal rate as defined in the 273 Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. s. 7520, in effect for the 274 month the conversion under this section becomes effective and 275 for each January thereafter; however, if the percentage 276 calculated exceeds 5 percent, the unitrust percentage is shall 277 be 5 percent and if the percentage calculated is less than 3 278 percent, the unitrust percentage is shall be 3 percent; and 279 b. The fair market value of the trust shall be determined 280 at least annually on an asset-by-asset basis, reasonably and in 281 good faith, in accordance with the provisions of s. 738.202(5), 282 except the following property shall not be included in determining the value of the trust: 283 (I) Any residential property or any tangible personal 284 285 property that, as of the first business day of the current 286 valuation year, one or more current beneficiaries of the trust 287 have or have had the right to occupy, or have or have had the right to possess or control, (other than in his or her capacity 288 as trustee of the trust), and instead the right of occupancy or 289 290 the right to possession and control is shall be deemed to be the

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291 unitrust amount with respect to such property; however, the 292 unitrust amount <u>must shall</u> be adjusted to take into account 293 partial distributions from or receipt into the trust of such 294 property during the valuation year: $\overline{\cdot}$

(II) Any asset specifically given to a beneficiary and the return on investment on such property, which return on investment shall be distributable to <u>the</u> such beneficiary; or.

298 (III) Any asset while held in a decedent's testator's
299 estate;

(c) The trustee sends written notice of its intention to take such action, along with copies of <u>the</u> such written statement <u>regarding trust distributions</u> and this section, and, if applicable, the determinations of either the trustee or the disinterested person to:

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1. The grantor of the trust, if living.

306 2. All living persons who are currently receiving or
307 eligible to receive distributions of income <u>from</u> of the trust.

3. All living persons who would receive distributions of 308 309 principal of the trust if the trust were to terminate at the 310 time of the giving of such notice (without regard to the exercise of any power of appointment, + or, if the trust does not 311 provide for its termination, all living persons who would 312 receive or be eligible to receive distributions of income or 313 314 principal of the trust if the persons identified in subparagraph 315 2. were deceased.

316 4. All persons acting as advisers or protectors of the 317 trust.

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319 Notice under this paragraph shall be served informally τ in the

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20121050er 320 manner provided in the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating 321 to service of pleadings subsequent to the initial pleading. 322 Notice may be served on a legal representative or natural 323 guardian of a person without the filing of any proceeding or 324 approval of any court;

325 (d) At least one person receiving notice under each of 326 subparagraphs (c)2. and 3. is legally competent; and

(e) No person receiving such notice objects, by written instrument delivered to the trustee, to the proposed action of the trustee or the determinations of the disinterested person within 60 days after service of such notice. An objection under this section may be executed by a legal representative or natural guardian of a person without the filing of any proceeding or approval of any court.

334 (3) If a trustee desires to convert an income trust to a 335 total return unitrust, reconvert a total return unitrust to an 336 income trust, or change the percentage used to calculate the unitrust amount or the method used to determine a fair market 337 338 value of the trust but does not have the ability to or elects 339 not to do it under subsection (2), the trustee may petition the 340 circuit court for such order as the trustee deems appropriate. 341 In that event, the court, in its own discretion or on the 342 petition of such trustee or any person having an income or 343 remainder interest in the trust, may appoint a disinterested 344 person who, acting in a fiduciary capacity, shall present such 345 information to the court as is shall be necessary for the court 346 to make a determination hereunder.

347 (4) All determinations made pursuant to sub-subparagraph 348 (2) (b)2.b. shall be conclusive if reasonable and made in good

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349 faith. Such determination shall be conclusively presumed to have 350 been made reasonably and in good faith unless proven otherwise 351 in a proceeding commenced by or on behalf of a person interested 352 in the trust within the time provided in s. 736.1008. The burden 353 will be on the objecting interested party to prove that the 354 determinations were not made reasonably and in good faith.

355 <u>(4)(5)</u> Following the conversion of an income trust to a 356 total return unitrust, the trustee:

(a) Shall treat the unitrust amount as if it were net
income of the trust for purposes of determining the amount
available, from time to time, for distribution from the trust.

360 (b) May allocate to trust income for each taxable year of 361 the trust, or portion thereof:

362 1. Net short-term capital gain described in the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. s. 1222(5), for such year, or portion 363 364 thereof, but only to the extent that the amount so allocated 365 together with all other amounts allocated to trust income, as 366 determined under the provisions of this chapter without regard 367 to this section and s. 738.104, for such year, or portion 368 thereof, does not exceed the unitrust amount for such year, or 369 portion thereof.

2. Net long-term capital gain described in the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. s. 1222(7), for such year, or portion thereof, but only to the extent that the amount so allocated together with all other amounts, including amounts described in subparagraph 1., allocated to trust income for such year, or portion thereof, does not exceed the unitrust amount for such year, or portion thereof.

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(5) (5) (6) In administering a total return unitrust, the

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378 trustee may, in its sole discretion but subject to the 379 provisions of the governing instrument, determine:

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(a) The effective date of the conversion.

(b) The timing of distributions, including provisions for
prorating a distribution for a short year in which a
beneficiary's right to payments commences or ceases.

384 (c) Whether distributions are to be made in cash or in kind 385 or partly in cash and partly in kind.

386 (d) If the trust is reconverted to an income trust, the387 effective date of such reconversion.

388 (e) Such other administrative issues as may be necessary or389 appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section.

390 <u>(6)(7)</u> Conversion to a total return unitrust under the 391 provisions of this section <u>does</u> shall not affect any other 392 provision of the governing instrument, if any, regarding 393 distributions of principal.

394 (7) (8) Any trustee or disinterested person who in good 395 faith takes or fails to take any action under this section is 396 shall not be liable to any person affected by such action or 397 inaction, regardless of whether such person received written 398 notice as provided in this section or and regardless of whether 399 such person was under a legal disability at the time of the 400 delivery of such notice. Such person's exclusive remedy is shall 401 be to obtain, under subsection (8) (9), an order of the court 402 directing the trustee to convert an income trust to a total 403 return unitrust, to reconvert from a total return unitrust to an 404 income trust, or to change the percentage used to calculate the 405 unitrust amount. If a court determines that the trustee or 406 disinterested person has not acted in good faith in taking or

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407 failing to take any action under this section, the provisions of 408 s. 738.105(3) applies apply.

(8) (9) If a majority in interest of either the income or 409 410 remainder beneficiaries of an income trust has delivered to the 411 trustee a written objection to the amount of the income 412 distributions of the trust, and, if the trustee has failed to 413 resolve the objection to the satisfaction of the objecting 414 beneficiaries within 6 months after from the receipt of such 415 written objection, then the objecting beneficiaries may petition the court in accordance with subsection (3). 416

417 <u>(9) (10)</u> This section <u>pertains</u> shall be construed as 418 pertaining to the administration of a trust and is applicable to 419 any trust that is administered either in this state or under 420 Florida law unless:

(a) The governing instrument reflects an intention that the
current beneficiary or beneficiaries are to receive an amount
other than a reasonable current return from the trust;

(b) The trust is a trust described in the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. s. 170(f)(2)(B), s. 642(c)(5), s. 664(d), s. 2702(a)(3), or s. 2702(b);

427 (c) One or more persons to whom the trustee could
428 distribute income have a power of withdrawal over the trust:

1. That is not subject to an ascertainable standard under the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. s. 2041 or s. 2514, and exceeds in any calendar year the amount set forth in the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. s. 2041(b)(2) or s. 2514(e); or

433 2. A power of withdrawal over the trust that can be
434 exercised to discharge a duty of support he or she possesses; or
435 (d) The governing instrument expressly prohibits use of

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20121050er 436 this section by specific reference to the section. A provision 437 in the governing instrument that, "The provisions of section 438 738.1041, Florida Statutes, as amended, or any corresponding 439 provision of future law, may shall not be used in the administration of this trust," or similar words reflecting such 440 441 intent are shall be sufficient to preclude the use of this 442 section; or 443 (e) The trust is a trust with respect to which a trustee 444 currently possesses the power to adjust under s. 738.104. 445 (10) (11) The grantor of a trust may create an express total 446 return unitrust that which will be become effective as provided in the trust instrument document without requiring a conversion 447 under this section. 448 449 (a) An express total return unitrust created by the grantor of the trust is shall be treated as a unitrust under this 450 451 section only if the terms of the trust instrument document 452 contain all of the following provisions: 453 1.(a) That distributions from the trust will be unitrust 454 amounts and the manner in which the unitrust amount will be 455 calculated; and the method in which the fair market value of the 456 trust will be determined.

457 <u>2.(b)</u> The percentage to be used to calculate the unitrust
458 amount, provided the percentage used is not greater than 5
459 percent nor less than 3 percent.

460 (b) The trust instrument may also contain provisions 461 specifying:

462 <u>1.(c)</u> The method to be used in determining the fair market
463 value of the trust, including whether to use an average fair
464 market value or the fair market value of the assets held by the

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465	trust at the beginning of the current year; or \cdot
466	2.(d) Which assets, if any, are to be excluded in
467	determining the unitrust amount.
468	(c) This section establishes the method of determining the
469	fair market value of the trust if the trust instrument is silent
470	as to subparagraph (b)1., and to specify those assets, if any,
471	which are to be excluded in determining the unitrust amount if
472	the trust instrument is silent as to subparagraph (b)2.
473	Section 6. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section
474	738.105, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
475	738.105 Judicial control of discretionary powers.—
476	(1) A court <u>may</u> shall not change a <u>trustee's</u> fiduciary's
477	decision to exercise or not to exercise a discretionary power
478	conferred by this chapter unless the court determines that the
479	decision was an abuse of the <u>trustee's</u> fiduciary's discretion. A
480	court <u>may</u> shall not determine that a <u>trustee</u> fiduciary abused
481	its discretion merely because the court would have exercised the
482	discretion in a different manner or would not have exercised the
483	discretion.
484	(3) If a court determines that a <u>trustee</u> fiduciary has
485	abused its discretion, the remedy $\mathrm{\underline{is}}$ $\mathrm{\underline{shall}}$ $\mathrm{\underline{be}}$ to restore the
486	income and remainder beneficiaries to the positions they would
487	have occupied if the <u>trustee</u> fiduciary had not abused its
488	discretion, <u>in accordance with</u> according to the following rules :
489	(a) To the extent the abuse of discretion has resulted in
490	no distribution to a beneficiary or a distribution that is too
491	small, the court shall require the <u>trustee</u> fiduciary to
492	distribute from the trust to the beneficiary an amount the court

493 determines will restore the beneficiary, in whole or in part, to

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494 his or her appropriate position.

495 (b) To the extent the abuse of discretion has resulted in a 496 distribution to a beneficiary that is too large, the court shall 497 restore the beneficiaries, the trust, or both, in whole or in 498 part, to their appropriate positions by requiring the trustee fiduciary to withhold an amount from one or more future 499 500 distributions to the beneficiary who received the distribution 501 that was too large or requiring that beneficiary to return some 502 or all of the distribution to the trust.

(c) To the extent the court is unable, after applying paragraphs (a) and (b), to restore the beneficiaries $\underline{or_{\tau}}$ the trust, or both, to the positions they would have occupied if the <u>trustee</u> fiduciary had not abused its discretion, the court may require the <u>trustee</u> fiduciary to pay an appropriate amount from its own funds to one or more of the beneficiaries or the trust or both.

510 (4) Upon the filing of a petition by the trustee fiduciary, the court having jurisdiction over the trust or estate shall 511 512 determine whether a proposed exercise or nonexercise by the 513 trustee fiduciary of a discretionary power conferred by this chapter will result in an abuse of the trustee's fiduciary's 514 515 discretion. If the petition describes the proposed exercise or nonexercise of the power and contains sufficient information to 516 517 inform the beneficiaries of the reasons for the proposal, the 518 facts upon which the trustee fiduciary relies, and an explanation of how the income and remainder beneficiaries will 519 520 be affected by the proposed exercise or nonexercise of the 521 power, a beneficiary who challenges the proposed exercise or 522 nonexercise has the burden of establishing that such exercise or

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523 nonexercise will result in an abuse of discretion.

524 Section 7. Subsections (1) through (4) of section 738.201, 525 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

526 738.201 Determination and distribution of net income.—After 527 a decedent dies, in the case of an estate, or after an income 528 interest in a trust ends, the following rules apply:

(1) A fiduciary of an estate or of a terminating income interest shall determine the amount of net income and net principal receipts received from property specifically given to a beneficiary under the rules in ss. 738.301-738.706 which apply to trustees and the rules in subsection (5). The fiduciary shall distribute the net income and net principal receipts to the beneficiary who is to receive the specific property.

(2) A fiduciary shall determine the remaining net income of
a decedent's estate or a terminating income interest under the
rules in ss. 738.301-738.706 which apply to trustees and by:

(a) Including in net income all income from property usedto discharge liabilities.

541 (b) Paying from income or principal, in the fiduciary's 542 discretion, fees of attorneys, accountants, and fiduciaries; court costs and other expenses of administration; and interest 543 on death taxes., but The fiduciary may pay those expenses from 544 income of property passing to a trust for which the fiduciary 545 546 claims an estate tax marital or charitable deduction under the 547 Internal Revenue Code or comparable law of any state only to the 548 extent the payment of those expenses from income will not cause 549 the reduction or loss of the deduction.

(c) Paying from principal all other disbursements made or incurred in connection with the settlement of a decedent's

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estate or the winding up of a terminating income interest, including debts, funeral expenses, disposition of remains, family allowances, and death taxes and related penalties that are apportioned to the estate or terminating income interest by the will, the terms of the trust, or applicable law.

557 (3) If A fiduciary shall distribute to a beneficiary who 558 receives a pecuniary devise amount outright is also entitled to 559 receive the interest or any other amount on the devise under the 560 terms of provided by the will or, the terms of the trust, the 561 fiduciary shall distribute the interest or other amount 562 applicable law from net income determined under subsection (2) 563 or from principal to the extent net income is insufficient. If a 564 beneficiary is to receive a pecuniary amount outright from a 565 trust after an income interest ends and no interest or other amount is provided for by the terms of the trust or applicable 566 567 law, the fiduciary shall distribute the interest or other amount 568 to which the beneficiary would be entitled under applicable law 569 if the pecuniary amount were required to be paid under a will.

570 (4) A fiduciary shall distribute the net income remaining 571 after distributions required under subsections (1) - (3) by subsection (3) in the manner described in s. 738.202 to all 572 573 other beneficiaries, including a beneficiary who receives a 574 pecuniary amount in trust, even if the beneficiary holds an 575 unqualified power to withdraw assets from the trust or other 576 presently exercisable general power of appointment over the 577 trust.

578 Section 8. Section 738.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to 579 read:

580 738.202 Distribution to residuary and remainder

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beneficiaries.-(1) Each beneficiary described in s. 738.201(4) is entitled to receive a portion of the net income remaining after the application of s. 738.201(1) - (3), which is equal to the beneficiary's fractional interest in undistributed principal assets, using carrying values as of the distribution date. If a fiduciary makes more than one distribution of assets to beneficiaries to whom this section applies, each beneficiary, including one who does not receive part of the distribution, is entitled, as of each distribution date, to the net income the fiduciary has received after the date of death or terminating event or earlier distribution date but has not distributed as of the current distribution date. (2) In determining a beneficiary's share of net income, the following applies rules apply: (a) The beneficiary is entitled to receive a portion of the net income equal to the beneficiary's fractional interest in the carrying value of the undistributed principal assets immediately before the distribution date, excluding the amount of unpaid liabilities including assets that later may be sold to meet principal obligations. (b) The beneficiary's fractional interest in the undistributed principal assets shall be calculated: without regard to 1. At the time the interest began and adjusted for any disproportionate distributions since the interest began; 2. By excluding any liabilities of the estate or trust from the calculation; 3. By also excluding property specifically given to a

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20121050er 610 beneficiary and property required to pay pecuniary amounts not 611 in trust; and. 612 4.(c) The beneficiary's fractional interest in the 613 undistributed principal assets shall be calculated On the basis of the aggregate carrying value of those assets determined under 614 subsection (1) as of the distribution date without reducing the 615 616 value by any unpaid principal obligation. 617 (c) If a disproportionate distribution of principal is made 618 to any beneficiary, the respective fractional interests of all 619 beneficiaries in the remaining underlying assets shall be 620 recomputed by: 621 1. Adjusting the carrying value of the principal assets to 622 their fair market value before the distribution; 623 2. Reducing the fractional interest of the recipient of the disproportionate distribution in the remaining principal assets 624 625 by the fair market value of the principal distribution; and 626 3. Recomputing the fractional interests of all 627 beneficiaries in the remaining principal assets based upon the 628 now restated carrying values. 629 (d) The distribution date for purposes of this section may 630 be the date as of which the fiduciary calculates the value of 631 the assets if that date is reasonably near the date on which assets are actually distributed. 632 633 (3) If a fiduciary does not distribute all of the collected 634 but undistributed net income to each person as of a distribution 635 date, the fiduciary shall maintain appropriate records showing 636 the interest of each beneficiary in that net income. (4) A fiduciary may apply the provisions of rules in this 637 638 section, to the extent the fiduciary considers appropriate, to

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639 net gain or loss realized after the date of death or terminating 640 event or earlier distribution date from the disposition of a 641 principal asset if this section applies to the income from the 642 asset.

643 (5) The carrying value or fair market value of trust assets 644 shall be determined on an asset-by-asset basis and are shall be 645 conclusive if reasonable and determined in good faith. 646 Determinations of fair market value based on appraisals 647 performed within 2 years before or after the valuation date are 648 shall be presumed reasonable. The values value of trust assets 649 are shall be conclusively presumed to be reasonable and 650 determined in good faith unless proven otherwise in a proceeding 651 commenced by or on behalf of a person interested in the trust 652 within the time provided in s. 736.1008.

653 (6) All distributions to a beneficiary shall be valued 654 based on their fair market value on the date of distribution.

655 Section 9. Subsection (4) of section 738.301, Florida 656 Statutes, is amended to read:

738.301 When right to income begins and ends.—An income
beneficiary is entitled to net income from the date on which the
income interest begins.

(4) An income interest ends on the day before an income
beneficiary dies or another terminating event occurs, or on the
last day of a period during which there is no beneficiary to
whom a <u>fiduciary</u> trustee may distribute income.

664 Section 10. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 738.302, 665 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

666 738.302 Apportionment of receipts and disbursements when667 decedent dies or income interest begins.-

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(1) A <u>fiduciary</u> trustee shall allocate an income receipt or disbursement other than one to which s. 738.201(1) applies to principal if the due date of the receipt or disbursement occurs before a decedent dies in the case of an estate or before an income interest begins in the case of a trust or successive income interest.

674 (2) A fiduciary trustee shall allocate an income receipt or 675 disbursement to income if the due date of the receipt or 676 disbursement occurs on or after the date on which a decedent 677 dies or an income interest begins and the due date is a periodic 678 due date. An income receipt or disbursement shall be treated as 679 accruing from day to day if the due date of the receipt or 680 disbursement is not periodic or the receipt or disbursement has 681 no due date. The portion of the receipt or disbursement accruing before the date on which a decedent dies or an income interest 682 683 begins shall be allocated to principal and the balance shall be 684 allocated to income.

685 Section 11. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 738.303, 686 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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738.303 Apportionment when income interest ends.-

688 (2) When a mandatory income interest ends, the fiduciary 689 trustee shall pay to a mandatory income beneficiary who survives 690 that date, or the estate of a deceased mandatory income 691 beneficiary whose death causes the interest to end, the 692 beneficiary's share of the undistributed income that is not 693 disposed of under the terms of the trust unless the beneficiary 694 has an unqualified power to revoke more than 5 percent of the 695 trust immediately before the income interest ends. In the latter 696 case, the undistributed income from the portion of the trust

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697 that may be revoked shall be added to principal. 698 (3) When a fiduciary's trustee's obligation to pay a fixed 699 annuity or a fixed fraction of the value of the trust's assets 700 ends, the fiduciary trustee shall prorate the final payment if and to the extent required by applicable law to accomplish a 701 702 purpose of the trust or its grantor relating to income, gift, 703 estate, or other tax requirements. 704 Section 12. Section 738.401, Florida Statutes, is amended 705 to read: 738.401 Character of receipts.-706 707 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "entity" means a 708 corporation, partnership, limited liability company, regulated 709 investment company, real estate investment trust, common trust 710 fund, or any other organization in which a fiduciary trustee has an interest other than a trust or estate to which s. 738.402 711 712 applies, a business or activity to which s. 738.403 applies, or 713 an asset-backed security to which s. 738.608 applies. (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a 714 715 fiduciary trustee shall allocate to income money received from 716 an entity. 717 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a 718 fiduciary trustee shall allocate the following receipts from an entity to principal: 719 720 (a) Property other than money. 721 (b) Money received in one distribution or a series of 722 related distributions in exchange for part or all of a trust's 723 or estate's interest in the entity. 724 (c) Money received in total or partial liquidation of the 725 entity. Page 25 of 53

(d) Money received from an entity that is a regulated investment company or a real estate investment trust if the money <u>received</u> distributed represents short-term or long-term capital gain realized within the entity.

730 (e) Money received from an entity listed on a public stock 731 exchange during any year of the trust or estate which exceeds 10 732 percent of the fair market value of the trust's or estate's 733 interest in the entity on the first day of that year. The amount 734 to be allocated to principal must be reduced to the extent that 735 the cumulative distributions from the entity to the trust or 736 estate allocated to income does not exceed a cumulative annual 737 return of 3 percent of the fair market value of the interest in 738 the entity at the beginning of each year or portion of a year 739 for the number of years or portion of years in the period that 740 the interest in the entity has been held by the trust or estate. 741 If a trustee has exercised a power to adjust under s. 738.104 742 during any period the interest in the entity has been held by 743 the trust, the trustee, in determining the total income 744 distributions from that entity, must take into account the 745 extent to which the exercise of that power resulted in income to 746 the trust from that entity for that period. If the income of the 747 trust for any period has been computed under s. 738.1041, the 748 trustee, in determining the total income distributions from that 749 entity for that period, must take into account the portion of 750 the unitrust amount paid as a result of the ownership of the 751 trust's interest in the entity for that period.

(4) If a <u>fiduciary</u> trustee elects, or continues an election
made by its predecessor, to reinvest dividends in shares of
stock of a distributing corporation or fund, whether evidenced

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755	by new certificates or entries on the books of the distributing
756	entity, the new shares shall retain their character as income.
757	(5) Money is received in partial liquidation:
758	(a) To the extent the entity, at or near the time of a
759	distribution, indicates that such money is a distribution in
760	partial liquidation; or
761	(b) <u>To the extent</u> If the total amount of money and property
762	received in a distribution or series of related distributions
763	from an entity that is not listed on a public stock exchange
764	<u>exceeds</u> is greater than 20 percent of the <u>trust's or estate's</u>
765	pro rata share of the entity's gross assets, as shown by the
766	entity's year-end financial statements immediately preceding the
767	initial receipt.
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769	This subsection does not apply to an entity to which subsection
770	(7) applies.
771	(6) Money <u>may not</u> is not received in partial liquidation,
772	nor may money be taken into account <u>in determining any excess</u>
773	under paragraph (5)(b), to the extent that the cumulative
774	distributions from the entity to the trust or the estate
775	allocated to income do not exceed the greater of: such money
776	does not exceed the amount of income tax a trustee or
777	beneficiary must pay on taxable income of the entity that
778	distributes the money.
779	(a) A cumulative annual return of 3 percent of the entity's
780	carrying value computed at the beginning of each period for the
781	number of years or portion of years that the entity was held by
782	the fiduciary. If a trustee has exercised a power to adjust
783	under s. 738.104 during any period the interest in the entity

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784	has been held by the trust, the trustee, in determining the
785	total income distributions from that entity, must take into
786	account the extent to which exercise of the power resulted in
787	income to the trust from that entity for that period. If the
788	income of a trust for any period has been computed pursuant to
789	s. 738.1041, the trustee, in determining the total income
790	distributions from the entity for that period, must take into
791	account the portion of the unitrust amount paid as a result of
792	the ownership of the trust's interest in the entity for that
793	period; or
794	(b) If the entity is treated as a partnership, subchapter S
795	corporation, or a disregarded entity pursuant to the Internal
796	Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the amount of income tax
797	attributable to the trust's or estate's ownership share of the
798	entity, based on its pro rata share of the taxable income of the
799	entity that distributes the money, for the number of years or
800	portion of years that the interest in the entity was held by the
801	fiduciary, calculated as if all of that tax was incurred by the
802	fiduciary.
803	(7) The following <u>applies</u> special rules shall apply to
804	<u>money</u> moneys or property received by a private trustee <u>as a</u>
805	<u>distribution</u> from <u>an investment entity</u> entities described in
806	this subsection:
807	(a) The trustee shall first treat as income of the trust
808	all of the money or property received from the investment entity
809	in the current year which would be considered income under this
810	chapter if the trustee had directly held the trust's pro rata
811	share of the assets of the investment entity. For this purpose,
812	all distributions received in the current year must be

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813	aggregated.
814	(b) The trustee shall next treat as income of the trust any
815	additional money or property received in the current year which
816	would have been considered income in the prior 2 years under
817	paragraph (a) if additional money or property had been received
818	from the investment entity in any of those prior 2 years. The
819	amount to be treated as income shall be reduced by any
820	distributions of money or property made by the investment entity
821	to the trust during the current and prior 2 years which were
822	treated as income under this paragraph.
823	(c) The remainder of the distribution, if any, is treated
824	as principal.
825	(d) As used in this subsection, the term:
826	1. "Investment entity" means an entity, other than a
827	business activity conducted by the trustee described in s.
828	738.403 or an entity that is listed on a public stock exchange,
829	which is treated as a partnership, subchapter S corporation, or
830	disregarded entity pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of
831	1986, as amended, and which normally derives 50 percent or more
832	of its annual cumulative net income from interest, dividends,
833	annuities, royalties, rental activity, or other passive
834	investments, including income from the sale or exchange of such
835	passive investments.
836	2. "Private trustee" means a trustee who is a natural
837	person, but only if the trustee is unable to use the power to
838	adjust between income and principal with respect to receipts
839	from entities described in this subsection pursuant to s.
840	738.104. A bank, trust company, or other commercial trustee is
841	not considered a private trustee.

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20121050er 842 (8) This section shall be applied before ss. 738.705 and 843 738.706 and does not modify or change any of the provisions of 844 those sections. 845 (a) Moneys or property received from a targeted entity that 846 is not an investment entity which do not exceed the trust's pro 847 rata share of the undistributed cumulative net income of the targeted entity during the time an ownership interest in the 848 targeted entity was held by the trust shall be allocated to 849 850 income. The balance of moneys or property received from a 851 targeted entity shall be allocated to principal. 852 (b) If trust assets include any interest in an investment 853 entity, the designated amount of moneys or property received 854 from the investment entity shall be treated by the trustee in 855 the same manner as if the trustee had directly held the trust's 856 pro rata share of the assets of the investment entity 857 attributable to the distribution of such designated amount. 858 Thereafter, distributions shall be treated as principal. 859 (c) For purposes of this subsection, the following 860 definitions shall apply: 1. "Cumulative net income" means the targeted entity's net 861 862 income as determined using the method of accounting regularly 863 used by the targeted entity in preparing its financial 864 statements, or if no financial statements are prepared, the net book income computed for federal income tax purposes, for every 865 866 year an ownership interest in the entity is held by the trust. 867 The trust's pro rata share shall be the cumulative net income 868 multiplied by the percentage ownership of the trust. 869 2. "Designated amount" means moneys or property received 870 from an investment entity during any year that is equal to the

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871	amount of the distribution that does not exceed the greater of:
872	a. The amount of income of the investment entity for the
873	current year, as reported to the trustee by the investment
874	entity for federal income tax purposes; or
875	b. The amount of income of the investment entity for the
876	current year and the prior 2 years, as reported to the trustee
877	by the investment entity for federal income tax purposes, less
878	any distributions of moneys or property made by the investment
879	entity to the trustee during the prior 2 years.
880	3. "Investment entity" means a targeted entity that
881	normally derives 50 percent or more of its annual cumulative net
882	income from interest, dividends, annuities, royalties, rental
883	activity, or other passive investments, including income from
884	the sale or exchange of such passive investments.
885	4. "Private trustee" means a trustee who is an individual,
886	but only if the trustee is unable to utilize the power to adjust
887	between income and principal with respect to receipts from
888	entities described in this subsection pursuant to s. 738.104. A
889	bank, trust company, or other commercial trustee shall not be
890	considered to be a private trustee.
891	5. "Targeted entity" means any entity that is treated as a
892	partnership, subchapter S corporation, or disregarded entity
893	pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, other
894	than an entity described in s. 738.403.
895	6. "Undistributed cumulative net income" means the trust's
896	pro rata share of cumulative net income, less all prior
897	distributions from the targeted entity to the trust that have
898	been allocated to income.
899	(d) This subsection shall not be construed to modify or

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900 change any of the provisions of ss. 738.705 and 738.706 relating 901 to income taxes.

902 (8) A trustee may rely upon a statement made by an entity 903 about the source or character of a distribution, about the 904 amount of profits of a targeted entity, or about the nature and 905 value of assets of an investment entity if the statement is made 906 at or near the time of distribution by the entity's board of 907 directors or other person or group of persons authorized to 908 exercise powers to pay money or transfer property comparable to 909 those of a corporation's board of directors.

910 Section 13. Section 738.402, Florida Statutes, is amended 911 to read:

912 738.402 Distribution from trust or estate.-A fiduciary 913 trustee shall allocate to income an amount received as a distribution of income from a trust or an estate in which the 914 915 trust has an interest other than a purchased interest and shall 916 allocate to principal an amount received as a distribution of 917 principal from such a trust or estate. If a fiduciary trustee 918 purchases an interest in a trust that is an investment entity, or a decedent or donor transfers an interest in such a trust to 919 920 a fiduciary trustee, s. 738.401 or s. 738.608 applies to a 921 receipt from the trust.

922 Section 14. Section 738.403, Florida Statutes, is amended 923 to read:

924 738.403 Business and other activities conducted by 925 fiduciary trustee.-

926 (1) If a <u>fiduciary</u> trustee who conducts a business or other
927 activity determines that it is in the best interest of all the
928 beneficiaries to account separately for the business or activity

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929 instead of accounting for the business or activity as part of 930 the trust's <u>or estate's</u> general accounting records, the 931 <u>fiduciary</u> trustee may maintain separate accounting records for 932 the transactions of <u>the</u> such business or other activity, whether 933 or not the assets of such business or activity are segregated 934 from other trust or estate assets.

935 (2) A fiduciary trustee who accounts separately for a 936 business or other activity may determine the extent to which the 937 net cash receipts of the such business or activity must be 938 retained for working capital, the acquisition or replacement of fixed assets, and other reasonably foreseeable needs of the 939 business or activity, and the extent to which the remaining net 940 cash receipts are accounted for as principal or income in the 941 942 trust's or estate's general accounting records. If a fiduciary trustee sells assets of the business or other activity, other 943 944 than in the ordinary course of the business or activity, the 945 fiduciary must trustee shall account for the net amount received 946 as principal in the trust's or estate's general accounting 947 records to the extent the fiduciary trustee determines that the 948 amount received is no longer required in the conduct of the 949 business.

950 (3) Activities for which a <u>fiduciary</u> trustee may maintain 951 separate accounting records include:

952 (a) Retail, manufacturing, service, and other traditional953 business activities.

(b) Farming.

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- 955 (c) Raising and selling livestock and other animals.
- 956 (d) Management of rental properties.
- 957 (e) Extraction of minerals and other natural resources.

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958	(f) Timber operations.
959	(g) Activities to which s. <u>738.607</u> 738.608 applies.
960	Section 15. Section 738.501, Florida Statutes, is amended
961	to read:
962	738.501 Principal receipts.—A <u>fiduciary</u> trustee shall
963	allocate to principal:
964	(1) To the extent not allocated to income under this
965	chapter, assets received from a <u>donor</u> transferor during the
966	donor's transferor's lifetime, a decedent's estate, a trust with
967	a terminating income interest, or a payor under a contract
968	naming the trust, estate, or <u>fiduciary</u> its trustee as
969	beneficiary.
970	(2) Money or other property received from the sale,
971	exchange, liquidation, or change in form of a principal asset,
972	including realized profit, subject to this section.
973	(3) Amounts recovered from third parties to reimburse the
974	trust or estate because of disbursements described in s.
975	738.702(1)(g) or for other reasons to the extent not based on
976	the loss of income.
977	(4) Proceeds of property taken by eminent domain; however,
978	but a separate award made for the loss of income with respect to
979	an accounting period during which a current income beneficiary
980	had a mandatory income interest is income.
981	(5) Net income received in an accounting period during
982	which there is no beneficiary to whom a <u>fiduciary</u> trustee may or
983	shall distribute income.
984	(6) Other receipts as provided in ss. 738.601-738.608.
985	Section 16. Section 738.502, Florida Statutes, is amended
986	to read:

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987 738.502 Rental property.-If To the extent a fiduciary 988 trustee accounts for receipts from rental property pursuant to 989 this section, the fiduciary trustee shall allocate to income an 990 amount received as rent of real or personal property, including 991 an amount received for cancellation or renewal of a lease. An 992 amount received as a refundable deposit, including a security 993 deposit or a deposit that is to be applied as rent for future 994 periods, must shall be added to principal and held subject to 995 the terms of the lease and is not available for distribution to 996 a beneficiary until the fiduciary's trustee's contractual 997 obligations have been satisfied with respect to that amount.

998 Section 17. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section 999 738.503, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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738.503 Obligation to pay money.-

(1) An amount received as interest, whether determined at a fixed, variable, or floating rate, on an obligation to pay money to the <u>fiduciary</u> trustee, including an amount received as consideration for prepaying principal, shall be allocated to income without any provision for amortization of premium.

1006 (2) Except as otherwise provided herein, a <u>fiduciary</u> 1007 trustee shall allocate to principal an amount received from the 1008 sale, redemption, or other disposition of an obligation to pay 1009 money to the <u>fiduciary</u> trustee.

1010 (3) The increment in value of a bond or other obligation 1011 for the payment of money bearing no stated interest but payable 1012 at a future time in excess of the price at which it was issued 1013 or purchased, if purchased after issuance, is distributable as 1014 income. If the increment in value accrues and becomes payable 1015 pursuant to a fixed schedule of appreciation, it may be

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1016 distributed to the beneficiary who was the income beneficiary at 1017 the this time of increment from the first principal cash 1018 available or, if none is available, when the increment is realized by sale, redemption, or other disposition. If When 1019 unrealized increment is distributed as income but out of 1020 1021 principal, the principal must shall be reimbursed for the 1022 increment when realized. If, in the reasonable judgment of the 1023 fiduciary trustee, exercised in good faith, the ultimate payment 1024 of the bond principal is in doubt, the fiduciary trustee may 1025 withhold the payment of incremental interest to the income 1026 beneficiary.

1027 Section 18. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 738.504, 1028 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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738.504 Insurance policies and similar contracts.-

1030 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), a 1031 fiduciary trustee shall allocate to principal the proceeds of a 1032 life insurance policy or other contract in which the trust, 1033 estate, or fiduciary its trustee is named as beneficiary, 1034 including a contract that insures the trust, estate, or 1035 fiduciary its trustee against loss for damage to, destruction 1036 of, or loss of title to a trust or estate asset. The fiduciary 1037 trustee shall allocate dividends on an insurance policy to 1038 income if the premiums on the policy are paid from income and to 1039 principal if the premiums are paid from principal.

1040 (2) A <u>fiduciary</u> trustee shall allocate to income <u>the</u>
1041 proceeds of a contract that insures the <u>fiduciary</u> trustee
1042 against loss of occupancy or other use by an income beneficiary,
1043 loss of income, or, subject to s. 738.403, loss of profits from
1044 a business.

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1045 Section 19. Section 738.601, Florida Statutes, is amended 1046 to read: 1047 738.601 Insubstantial allocations not required.-If a 1048 fiduciary trustee determines that an allocation between 1049 principal and income required by s. 738.602, s. 738.603, s. 1050 738.604, s. 738.605, or s. 738.608 is insubstantial, the 1051 fiduciary trustee may allocate the entire amount to principal 1052 unless one of the circumstances described in s. 738.104(3) 1053 applies to the allocation. This power may be exercised by a 1054 cofiduciary under cotrustee in the circumstances described in s. 1055 738.104(4) and may be released for the reasons and in the manner 1056 described in s. 738.104(5). An allocation is presumed to be 1057 insubstantial if: 1058 (1) The amount of the allocation would increase or decrease 1059 net income in an accounting period, as determined before the 1060 allocation, by less than 10 percent; or 1061 (2) The value of the asset producing the receipt for which the allocation would be made is less than 10 percent of the 1062 1063 total value of the trust or estate trust's assets at the 1064 beginning of the accounting period. 1065 Section 20. Section 738.602, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1066 1067 738.602 Payments from deferred compensation plans, 1068 annuities, and retirement plans or accounts.-1069 (1) As used in For purposes of this section, the term: (a) "Fund" means a private or commercial annuity, an 1070 1071 individual retirement account, an individual retirement annuity, 1072 a deferred compensation plan, a pension plan, a profit-sharing 1073 plan, a stock-bonus plan, an employee stock-ownership plan, or

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1074 another similar arrangement in which federal income tax is 1075 deferred.

1076 (b) "Income of the fund" means income that is determined1077 according to subsection (2) or subsection (3).

1078 (c) "Nonseparate account" means a fund for which the value 1079 of the participant's or account owner's right to receive 1080 benefits can be determined only by the occurrence of a date or 1081 event as defined in the instrument governing the fund.

(d) "Payment" means a distribution from a fund that a fiduciary trustee may receive over a fixed number of years or during the life of one or more individuals because of services rendered or property transferred to the payor in exchange for future payments. The term includes a distribution made in money or property from the payor's general assets or from a fund created by the payor or payee.

1089 (e) "Separate account" means a fund holding assets
1090 exclusively for the benefit of a participant or account owner
1091 and:

1092 1. The value of such assets or the value of the separate 1093 account is ascertainable at any time; or

10942. The administrator of the fund maintains records that1095show receipts and disbursements associated with such assets.

1096 (2)(a) For a fund that is a separate account, income of the 1097 fund shall be determined:

1098 1. As if the fund were a trust subject to the provisions of 1099 ss. 738.401-738.706; or

1100 2. As a unitrust amount calculated by multiplying the fair 1101 market value of the fund as of the first day of the first 1102 accounting period and, thereafter, as of the last day of the

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1103 accounting period that immediately precedes the accounting 1104 period during which a payment is received by the percentage 1105 determined in accordance with s. 738.1041(2)(b)2.a. The fiduciary trustee shall determine such percentage as of the 1106 first month that the fiduciary's trustee's election to treat the 1107 1108 income of the fund as a unitrust amount becomes effective. For 1109 purposes of this subparagraph, "fair market value" means the 1110 fair market value of the assets held in the fund as of the 1111 applicable valuation date determined as provided in this 1112 subparagraph. The fiduciary trustee is not liable for good faith reliance upon any valuation supplied by the person or persons in 1113 1114 possession of the fund. If the fiduciary trustee makes or 1115 terminates an election under this subparagraph, the fiduciary trustee shall make such disclosure in a trust disclosure 1116 document that satisfies the requirements of s. 736.1008(4)(a). 1117 1118 (b) The fiduciary may trustee shall have discretion to 1119 elect the method of determining the income of the fund pursuant

1119 elect the method of determining the income of the fund pursuant 1120 to this subsection and may change the method of determining 1121 income of the fund for any future accounting period.

1122 (3) For a fund that is a nonseparate account, income of the 1123 fund is a unitrust amount determined by calculating the present 1124 value of the right to receive the remaining payments under 26 U.S.C. s. 7520 of the Internal Revenue Code as of the first day 1125 1126 of the accounting period and multiplying it by the percentage 1127 determined in accordance with s. 738.1041(2)(b)2.a. The fiduciary trustee shall determine the unitrust amount as of the 1128 1129 first month that the fiduciary's trustee's election to treat the 1130 income of the fund as a unitrust amount becomes effective. 1131 (4) Except for those trusts described in subsection (5),

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1132 the <u>fiduciary</u> trustee shall allocate <u>to income the lesser of the</u> 1133 <u>payment received from a fund or the income determined under</u> 1134 <u>subsection (2) or subsection (3). Any remaining amount of the</u> 1135 <u>payment shall be allocated to principal</u> a payment from a fund as 1136 follows:

1137 (a) That portion of the payment the payor characterizes as 1138 income shall be allocated to income, and any remaining portion 1139 of the payment shall be allocated to principal.

(b) To the extent that the payor does not characterize any portion of a payment as income or principal and the trustee can ascertain the income of the fund by the fund's account statements or any other reasonable source, the trustee shall allocate to income the lesser of the income of the fund or the entire payment and shall allocate to principal any remaining portion of the payment.

1147 (c) If the trustee, acting reasonably and in good faith, 1148 determines that neither paragraph (a) nor paragraph (b) applies and all or part of the payment is required to be made, the 1149 1150 trustee shall allocate to income 10 percent of the portion of 1151 the payment that is required to be made during the accounting period and shall allocate the balance to principal. If no part 1152 1153 of a payment is required to be made or the payment received is the entire amount to which the trustee is entitled, the trustee 1154 1155 shall allocate the entire payment to principal. For purposes of 1156 this paragraph, a payment is not "required to be made" to the 1157 extent the payment is made because the trustee exercises a right 1158 of withdrawal.

(5) For a trust <u>that</u> which, <u>in order</u> to qualify for the estate or gift tax marital deduction under the Internal Revenue

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1161 Code <u>or comparable law of any state</u>, entitles the spouse to all 1162 of the income of the trust, and the terms of the trust are 1163 silent as to the time and frequency for distribution of the 1164 income of the fund, then:

(a) For a fund that is a separate account, unless the spouse directs the <u>fiduciary</u> trustee to leave the income of the fund in the fund, the <u>fiduciary</u> trustee shall withdraw and pay to the spouse, <u>at least</u> no less frequently than annually:

1169 1. All of the income of the fund determined in accordance 1170 with subparagraph (2)(a)1.; or

1171 2. The income of the fund as a unitrust amount determined 1172 in accordance with subparagraph (2)(a)2.

(b) For a fund that is a nonseparate account, the <u>fiduciary</u> trustee shall withdraw and pay to the spouse, <u>at least</u> no less frequently than annually, the income of the fund as a unitrust amount determined in accordance with subsection (3).

(6) This section does not apply to payments to which s. 738.603 applies.

1179 Section 21. Section 738.603, Florida Statutes, is amended 1180 to read:

738.603 Liquidating asset.-

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(1) For purposes of this section, the term "liquidating 1182 1183 asset" means an asset the value of which will diminish or 1184 terminate because the asset is expected to produce receipts for 1185 a period of limited duration. The term includes a leasehold, patent, copyright, royalty right, and right to receive payments 1186 1187 for during a period of more than 1 year under an arrangement 1188 that does not provide for the payment of interest on the unpaid 1189 balance. The term does not include a payment subject to s.

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1190 738.602, resources subject to s. 738.604, timber subject to s. 1191 738.605, an activity subject to s. 738.607, an asset subject to 1192 s. 738.608, or any asset for which the <u>fiduciary trustee</u> 1193 establishes a reserve for depreciation under s. 738.703.

(2) A <u>fiduciary</u> trustee shall allocate to income <u>5</u> 10
percent of the receipts from <u>the carrying value of</u> a liquidating
asset and the balance to principal. <u>Amounts allocated to</u>
principal shall reduce the carrying value of the liquidating
asset, but not below zero. Amounts received in excess of the
remaining carrying value must be allocated to principal.

1200 Section 22. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section 1201 738.604, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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738.604 Minerals, water, and other natural resources.-

(1) <u>If</u> To the extent a <u>fiduciary</u> trustee accounts for receipts from an interest in minerals or other natural resources pursuant to this section, the <u>fiduciary</u> trustee shall allocate such receipts as follows:

1207 (a) If received as nominal delay rental or nominal annual1208 rent on a lease, a receipt shall be allocated to income.

(b) If received from a production payment, a receipt shall be allocated to income if and to the extent the agreement creating the production payment provides a factor for interest or its equivalent. The balance shall be allocated to principal.

(c) If an amount received as a royalty, shut-in-well payment, take-or-pay payment, bonus, or delay rental is more than nominal, 90 percent shall be allocated to principal and the balance to income.

1217 (d) If an amount is received from a working interest or any 1218 other interest not provided for in paragraph (a), paragraph (b),

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20121050er 1219 or paragraph (c), 90 percent of the net amount received shall be 1220 allocated to principal and the balance to income.

(3) This chapter applies whether or not a decedent or donor
was extracting minerals, water, or other natural resources
before the interest became subject to the trust <u>or estate</u>.

1224 (4) If a trust or estate owns an interest in minerals, water, or other natural resources on January 1, 2003, the 1225 1226 fiduciary trustee may allocate receipts from the interest as 1227 provided in this chapter or in the manner used by the fiduciary 1228 trustee before January 1, 2003. If the trust or estate acquires an interest in minerals, water, or other natural resources after 1229 1230 January 1, 2003, the fiduciary trustee shall allocate receipts 1231 from the interest as provided in this chapter.

1232 Section 23. Section 738.605, Florida Statutes, is amended 1233 to read:

738.605 Timber.-

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1235 (1) <u>If</u> To the extent a <u>fiduciary</u> trustee accounts for 1236 receipts from the sale of timber and related products pursuant 1237 to this section, the <u>fiduciary</u> trustee shall allocate <u>such</u> the 1238 net receipts as follows:

(a) To income to the extent the amount of timber removed from the land does not exceed the rate of growth of the timber during the accounting periods in which a beneficiary has a mandatory income interest;

(b) To principal to the extent the amount of timber removed from the land exceeds the rate of growth of the timber or the net receipts are from the sale of standing timber;

1246 (c) To or between income and principal if the net receipts1247 are from the lease of timberland or from a contract to cut

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1248 timber from land owned by a trust <u>or estate</u> by determining the 1249 amount of timber removed from the land under the lease or 1250 contract and applying the rules in paragraphs (a) and (b); or

(d) To principal to the extent advance payments, bonuses,
and other payments are not allocated pursuant to paragraph (a),
paragraph (b), or paragraph (c).

(2) In determining net receipts to be allocated pursuant to
subsection (1), a <u>fiduciary</u> trustee shall deduct and transfer to
principal a reasonable amount for depletion.

(3) This chapter applies whether or not a decedent or <u>donor</u>
transferor was harvesting timber from the property before the
property became subject to the trust <u>or estate</u>.

1260 (4) If a trust or estate owns an interest in timberland on January 1, 2003, the fiduciary trustee may allocate net receipts 1261 1262 from the sale of timber and related products as provided in this 1263 chapter or in the manner used by the fiduciary trustee before 1264 January 1, 2003. If the trust or estate acquires an interest in 1265 timberland after January 1, 2003, the fiduciary trustee shall 1266 allocate net receipts from the sale of timber and related 1267 products as provided in this chapter.

1268 Section 24. Subsection (1) of section 738.606, Florida 1269 Statutes, is amended to read:

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738.606 Property not productive of income.-

(1) If a marital deduction <u>under the Internal Revenue Code</u> or <u>comparable law of any state</u> is allowed for all or part of a trust the income of which <u>must</u> is required to be distributed to the grantor's spouse and the assets of which consist substantially of property that does not provide the spouse with sufficient income from or use of the trust assets, and if the

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1277 amounts the trustee transfers from principal to income under s. 1278 738.104 and distributes to the spouse from principal pursuant to 1279 the terms of the trust are insufficient to provide the spouse 1280 with the beneficial enjoyment required to obtain the marital 1281 deduction, the spouse may require the trustee to make property productive of income, convert property within a reasonable time, 1282 1283 or exercise the power conferred by ss. 738.104 and 738.1041. The 1284 trustee may decide which action or combination of actions to 1285 take.

1286 Section 25. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 738.607, 1287 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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738.607 Derivatives and options.-

(2) To the extent a <u>fiduciary</u> trustee does not account
 under s. 738.403 for transactions in derivatives, the <u>fiduciary</u>
 trustee shall allocate to principal receipts from and
 disbursements made in connection with those transactions.

1293 (3) If a fiduciary trustee grants an option to buy property from the trust or estate whether or not the trust or estate owns 1294 1295 the property when the option is granted, grants an option that 1296 permits another person to sell property to the trust or estate, 1297 or acquires an option to buy property for the trust or estate or 1298 an option to sell an asset owned by the trust or estate, and the 1299 fiduciary trustee or other owner of the asset is required to 1300 deliver the asset if the option is exercised, an amount received 1301 for granting the option shall be allocated to principal. An amount paid to acquire the option shall be paid from principal. 1302 A gain or loss realized upon the exercise of an option, 1303 1304 including an option granted to a grantor of the trust or estate 1305 for services rendered, shall be allocated to principal.

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Section 26. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 738.608, I307 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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738.608 Asset-backed securities.-

(2) If a trust <u>or estate</u> receives a payment from interest or other current return and from other proceeds of the collateral financial assets, the <u>fiduciary</u> trustee shall allocate to income the portion of the payment which the payor identifies as being from interest or other current return and shall allocate the balance of the payment to principal.

1315 (3) If a trust or estate receives one or more payments in exchange for the trust's or estate's entire interest in an 1316 1317 asset-backed security during a single accounting period, the 1318 fiduciary trustee shall allocate the payments to principal. If a payment is one of a series of payments that will result in the 1319 1320 liquidation of the trust's or estate's interest in the security 1321 over more than a single accounting period, the fiduciary trustee 1322 shall allocate 10 percent of the payment to income and the balance to principal. 1323

1324 Section 27. Section 738.701, Florida Statutes, is amended 1325 to read:

1326 738.701 Disbursements from income.-A <u>fiduciary</u> trustee 1327 shall make the following disbursements from income to the extent 1328 they are not disbursements to which s. 738.201(2)(a) or (c) 1329 applies:

(1) One-half of the regular compensation of the <u>fiduciary</u>
 trustee and of any person providing investment advisory or
 custodial services to the fiduciary trustee.

1333 (2) One-half of all expenses for accountings, judicial1334 proceedings, or other matters that involve both the income and

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20121050er 1335 remainder interests. 1336 (3) All of the other ordinary expenses incurred in 1337 connection with the administration, management, or preservation of trust property and the distribution of income, including 1338 1339 interest, ordinary repairs, regularly recurring taxes assessed 1340 against principal, and expenses of a proceeding or other matter 1341 that concerns primarily the income interest. 1342 (4) Recurring premiums on insurance covering the loss of a 1343 principal asset or the loss of income from or use of the asset. 1344 Section 28. Subsection (1) of section 738.702, Florida 1345 Statutes, is amended to read: 1346 738.702 Disbursements from principal.-1347 (1) A fiduciary trustee shall make the following 1348 disbursements from principal: 1349 (a) The remaining one-half of the disbursements described 1350 in s. 738.701(1) and (2). 1351 (b) All of the trustee's compensation calculated on 1352 principal as a fee for acceptance, distribution, or termination 1353 and disbursements made to prepare property for sale. 1354 (c) Payments on the principal of a trust debt. 1355 (d) Expenses of a proceeding that concerns primarily 1356 principal, including a proceeding to construe the trust or will, 1357 or to protect the trust, estate, or its property. 1358 (e) Premiums paid on a policy of insurance not described in 1359 s. 738.701(4) of which the trust or estate is the owner and beneficiary. 1360 1361 (f) Estate, inheritance, and other transfer taxes, 1362 including penalties, apportioned to the trust. 1363 (g) Disbursements related to environmental matters,

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1364 including reclamation, assessing environmental conditions, 1365 remedying and removing environmental contamination, monitoring 1366 remedial activities and the release of substances, preventing 1367 future releases of substances, collecting amounts from persons 1368 liable or potentially liable for the costs of such activities, 1369 penalties imposed under environmental laws or regulations and 1370 other payments made to comply with those laws or regulations, 1371 statutory or common law claims by third parties, and defending 1372 claims based on environmental matters.

(h) Payments representing extraordinary repairs or expenses incurred in making a capital improvement to principal, including special assessments; however, a <u>fiduciary</u> trustee may establish an allowance for depreciation out of income to the extent permitted by s. 738.703.

1378 Section 29. Subsection (2) of section 738.703, Florida
1379 Statutes, is amended to read:

1380 738.703 Transfers from income to principal for 1381 depreciation.-

(2) A <u>fiduciary</u> trustee may transfer to principal a
reasonable amount of the net cash receipts from a principal
asset that is subject to depreciation but may not transfer any
amount for depreciation:

(a) Of that portion of real property used or available for
use by a beneficiary as a residence or of tangible personal
property held or made available for the personal use or
enjoyment of a beneficiary;

(b) During the administration of a decedent's estate; or
(c) Under this section if the <u>fiduciary</u> trustee is
accounting under s. 738.403 for the business or activity in

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1422	on receipts allocated to income shall be paid from income.
	(2) A tax required to be paid by a <u>fiduciary</u> trustee based
1424	on receipts allocated to principal shall be paid from principal,
1425	even if the tax is called an income tax by the taxing authority.
1426	(3) A tax required to be paid by a <u>fiduciary</u> trustee on the
1427	trust's <u>or estate's</u> share of an entity's taxable income shall be
1428	paid proportionately:
1429	(a) From income to the extent receipts from the entity are
1430	allocated to income; and
1431	(b) From principal to the extent :
1432	$rac{1}{\cdot}$ receipts from the entity are allocated to principal; and
1433	2. The trust's share of the entity's taxable income exceeds
1434	the total receipts described in paragraph (a) and subparagraph
1435	1.
1436	(c) From principal to the extent that the income taxes
1437	payable by the trust or estate exceed the total receipts from
1438	the entity.
1439	(4) After applying subsections $(1) - (3)$, the fiduciary shall
1440	adjust income or principal receipts to the extent that the
1441	trust's or estate's income taxes are reduced, but not
1442	eliminated, because the trust or estate receives a deduction for
1443	payments made to a beneficiary. The amount distributable to that
1444	beneficiary as income as a result of this adjustment shall be
1445	equal to the cash received by the trust or estate, reduced, but
1446	not below zero, by the entity's taxable income allocable to the
1447	trust or estate multiplied by the trust's or estate's income tax
1448	rate. The reduced amount shall be divided by the difference
1449	between 1 and the trust's or estate's income tax rate in order
1450	to determine the amount distributable to that beneficiary as

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1451 income before giving effect to other receipts or o	lisbursements
1452 <u>allocable to that beneficiary's interest.</u> For purp	oses of this
1453 section, receipts allocated to principal or income	shall be
1454 reduced by the amount distributed to a beneficiary	<u>/ from</u>
1455 principal or income for which the trust receives a	deduction in
1456 calculating the tax.	
1457 Section 32. Section 738.801, Florida Statutes	s, is amended
1458 to read:	
1459 (Substantial rewording of section. See	
1460 <u>s. 738.801, F.S., for present text.)</u>	
1461 <u>738.801 Apportionment of expenses; improvement</u>	nts
1462 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:	
1463 (a) "Remainderman" means the holder of the re	emainder
1464 interests after the expiration of a tenant's estat	te in property.
1465 (b) "Tenant" means the holder of an estate for	or life or term
1466 of years in real property or personal property, or	both.
1467 (2) If a trust has not been created, expenses	shall be
1468 apportioned between the tenant and remainderman as	s follows:
1469 (a) The following expenses are allocated to a	and shall be
1470 paid by the tenant:	
1471 <u>1. All ordinary expenses incurred in connection</u>	on with the
1472 administration, management, or preservation of the	e property,
1473 <u>including interest</u> , ordinary repairs, regularly re	curring taxes
1474 assessed against the property, and expenses of a p	proceeding or
1475 other matter that concerns primarily the tenant's	estate or use
1476 of the property.	
1477 <u>2. Recurring premiums on insurance covering t</u>	the loss of the
1478 property or the loss of income from or use of the	
1479 <u>3. Any of the expenses described in subparage</u>	caph (b)3.

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1480	which are attributable to the use of the property by the tenant.
1481	(b) The following expenses are allocated to and shall be
1482	paid by the remainderman:
1483	1. Payments on the principal of a debt secured by the
1484	property, except to the extent the debt is for expenses
1485	allocated to the tenant.
1486	2. Expenses of a proceeding or other matter that concerns
1487	primarily the title to the property, other than title to the
1488	tenant's estate.
1489	3. Except as provided in subparagraph (a)3., expenses
1490	related to environmental matters, including reclamation,
1491	assessing environmental conditions, remedying and removing
1492	environmental contamination, monitoring remedial activities and
1493	the release of substances, preventing future releases of
1494	substances, collecting amounts from persons liable or
1495	potentially liable for the costs of such activities, penalties
1496	imposed under environmental laws or regulations and other
1497	payments made to comply with those laws or regulations,
1498	statutory or common law claims by third parties, and defending
1499	claims based on environmental matters.
1500	4. Extraordinary repairs.
1501	(c) If the tenant or remainderman incurred an expense for
1502	the benefit of his or her own estate without consent or
1503	agreement of the other, he or she must pay such expense in full.
1504	(d) Except as provided in paragraph (c), the cost of, or
1505	special taxes or assessments for, an improvement representing an
1506	addition of value to property forming part of the principal
1507	shall be paid by the tenant if the improvement is not reasonably
1508	expected to outlast the estate of the tenant. In all other

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1509	cases, only a part shall be paid by the tenant while the
1510	remainder shall be paid by the remainderman. The part payable by
1511	the tenant is ascertainable by taking that percentage of the
1512	total that is found by dividing the present value of the
1513	tenant's estate by the present value of an estate of the same
1514	form as that of the tenant, except that it is limited for a
1515	period corresponding to the reasonably expected duration of the
1516	improvement. The computation of present values of the estates
1517	shall be made by using the rate defined in 26 U.S.C. s. 7520,
1518	then in effect and, in the case of an estate for life, the
1519	official mortality tables then in effect under 26 U.S.C. s.
1520	7520. Other evidence of duration or expectancy may not be
1521	considered.
1522	(3) This section does not apply to the extent it is
1523	inconsistent with the instrument creating the estates, the
1524	agreement of the parties, or the specific direction of the
1525	taxing or other statutes.
1526	(4) The common law applicable to tenants and remaindermen
1527	supplements this section, except as modified by this section or
1528	other laws.
1529	Section 33. This act shall take effect January 1, 2013.

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