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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Sabatini offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 847 and 848, insert:

Section 17. (1) The Swamp Restaurant, located at 1642 W. University Avenue in Gainesville, was originally constructed in 1914 as a University of Florida professor's house. It stood there until 1993 when a fire nearly destroyed the building. The building was rebuilt, renovated, and opened as The Swamp Restaurant on December 30, 1994. The restaurant has become a national landmark and an icon within the Gainesville community. Because the building and the land upon which it sits is in imminent danger of being bulldozed in order to build multi-story

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14 apartments, it is imperative that the building be recognized for  
15 its historic significance in the community and in Florida. While  
16 a process exists under s. 267.074, Florida Statutes, allowing  
17 the public and others to propose to the Division of Historical  
18 Resources within the Department of State that certain properties  
19 and places receive a Florida Heritage Landmark marker, the  
20 process for such designation may exceed the time that the  
21 building remains untouched. Therefore, the Legislature hereby  
22 designates this building and site as a Florida Heritage Landmark  
23 and directs the State Historical Marker Program within the  
24 Department of State, within 60 days, to produce a Florida  
25 Heritage Landmark marker to be installed at The Swamp  
26 Restaurant.

27 (2) Notwithstanding any law, order, ordinance, or rule to  
28 the contrary, the city or county may not issue a local  
29 development order for the destruction or demolition of The Swamp  
30 Restaurant. If the city or county issues such a development  
31 order, it will be subject to a \$10 million fine, which will be  
32 deposited to an appropriate fund for use by the student  
33 government association at the University of Florida.

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36 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

37 Remove line 80 and insert:

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38 provider, with exceptions; designating the building  
39 and site of The Swamp Restaurant located in  
40 Gainesville as a Florida Heritage Landmark; directing  
41 the State Historical Marker program to produce and  
42 install a marker; prohibiting the city or county to  
43 issue a specified order; specifying a fine to be used  
44 for specific purposes if such order is issued;  
45 providing an effective

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