Florida House of Representatives - 2002 HB 1963 By the Fiscal Responsibility Council and Representative Johnson

A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to the Florida Coastal 3 Management Program; amending ss. 380.205, 380.24, and 380.285, F.S.; transferring all 4 powers, duties, and functions of the Florida 5 Coastal Management Program from the Department 6 7 of Community Affairs to the Department of 8 Environmental Protection; providing an 9 effective date. 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 380.205, Florida 13 14 Statutes, is amended to read: 380.205 Definitions.--As used in ss. 380.21-380.24: 15 16 "Department" means the Department of Environmental (1)17 Protection Community Affairs. Section 2. Section 380.24, Florida Statutes, is 18 19 amended to read: 20 380.24 Local government participation.--Units of local government abutting the Gulf of Mexico or the Atlantic Ocean, 21 2.2 or which include or are contiguous to waters of the state 23 where marine species of vegetation listed by rule as ratified 24 in s. 373.4211 constitute the dominant plant community, shall 25 develop a coastal zone protection element pursuant to s. 163.3177. Such units of local government shall be eligible to 26 27 receive technical assistance from the state in preparing coastal zone protection elements and shall be the only units 28 29 of local government eligible to apply to the department for available financial assistance. Local government participation 30 in the coastal management program authorized by this act shall 31

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be voluntary. All permitting and enforcement of dredged-material management and other related activities subject to permit under the provisions of chapters 161 and 253 and part IV of chapter 373 for deepwater ports identified in s. 403.021(9)(b) shall be done through the department of Environmental Protection consistent with the provisions of s. 403.021(9).

380.285 Lighthouses; study; preservation; funding.--

(1) The Coastal Management Program of the Department

8 Section 3. Section 380.285, Florida Statutes, is
9 amended to read:

12 of Environmental Protection Community Affairs and the Division 13 of Historical Resources of the Department of State shall 14 undertake a study of the lighthouses in the state. The study must determine the location, ownership, condition, and 15 16 historical significance of all lighthouses in the state and ensure that all historically significant lighthouses are 17 nominated for inclusion on the National Register of Historic 18 19 Places. The study must assess the condition and restoration 20 needs of historic lighthouses and develop plans for 21 appropriate future public access and use. The Coastal 22 Management Program and the Division of Historical Resources shall take a leadership role in implementing plans to 23 stabilize lighthouses and associated structures and to 24 25 preserve and protect them from future deterioration. When 26 possible, the lighthouses and associated buildings should be 27 made available to the public for educational and recreational 28 purposes. The Department of Environmental Protection Community

Affairs should consider these responsibilities to be a priority of the Florida Coastal Management Program, and

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1 implementation of this act should be a priority in the use of 2 coastal management funds.

3 (2) The Department of Environmental Protection Community Affairs and the Department of State shall request in 4 5 their annual legislative budget requests funding necessary to 6 carry out the duties and responsibilities specified in this 7 act. Funds for the rehabilitation of lighthouses should be 8 allocated through matching grants-in-aid to state and local 9 government agencies and to nonprofit organizations. The 10 Department of Environmental Protection Community Affairs may 11 assist the Division of Historical Resources in projects to accomplish lighthouse identification, assessment, restoration, 12 13 and interpretation. 14 Section 4. All powers, duties and functions, rules, 15 records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of 16 appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the Florida 17 Coastal Management Program as provided for in ss. 380.20 through 380.285, Florida Statutes, currently assigned to and 18 19 administered by the Department of Community Affairs are 20 transferred by a type two transfer, as defined in s. 20.06(2), 21 Florida Statutes, to the Department of Environmental 22 Protection. 23 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002. 24 25 26 HOUSE SUMMARY 27 Transfers powers and responsibilities relating to the Florida Coastal Management Program from the Department of Community Affairs to the Department of Environmental 28 29 Protection. 30 31

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