Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

	CHAMBER ACTION
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11	Representative(s) Cantens offered the following:
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13	Amendment (with title amendment)
14	On page 6, line 30 through page 8, line 5
15	remove: all of said lines
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17	and insert:
18	(f) In any action instituted pursuant to this section,
19	other than an action involving a state NPDES permit authorized
20	under s. 403.0885, the prevailing party or parties shall be
21	entitled to costs and attorney's fees. Any award of attorney's
22	fees in an action involving such a state NPDES permit shall be
23	discretionary with the court. If the court has reasonable
24	ground to doubt the solvency of the plaintiff or the
25	plaintiff's ability to pay any cost or judgment which might be
26	rendered against him or her in an action brought under this
27	section, the court may order the plaintiff to post a good and
28	sufficient surety bond or cash.
29	(5) In any administrative, licensing, or other
30	proceedings authorized by law for the protection of the air,
31	water, or other natural resources of the state from pollution,

impairment, or destruction, the Department of Legal Affairs, a 1 2 political subdivision or municipality of the state, or a 3 citizen of the state shall have standing to intervene as a 4 party on the filing of a verified pleading asserting that the 5 activity, conduct, or product to be licensed or permitted has or will have the effect of impairing, polluting, or otherwise 6 7 injuring the air, water, or other natural resources of the state. As used in this section and as it relates to citizens, 8 the term "intervene" means to join an ongoing s. 120.569 or s. 9 10 120.57 proceeding; this section does not authorize a citizen to institute, initiate, petition for, or request a proceeding 11 12 under s. 120.569 or s. 120.57. Nothing herein limits or prohibits a citizen whose substantial interests will be 13 determined or affected by a proposed agency action from 14 15 initiating a formal administrative proceeding under s. 120.569 or s. 120.57, or initiating an administrative proceeding if 16 17 the citizen meets the standing requirements for judicial 18 review of a case or controversy pursuant to Article III of the United States Constitution in a matter pertaining to a 19 federally delegated or approved program. For purposes of this 20 section, a citizen's substantial interests will be considered 21 to be determined or affected if the party demonstrates it may 22 suffer an injury in fact which is of sufficient immediacy and 23 24 is of the type and nature intended to be protected by this 25 chapter. A sufficient demonstration of a substantial interest may be made by a petitioner that establishes that the proposed 26 27 activity, conduct, or product to be licensed or permitted affects the petitioner's use or enjoyment of air, water, or 28 29 natural resources protected by this chapter. Any non-profit corporation or association which has at least 25 current 30 31 members residing within the county where the activity is

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proposed, and which was formed for the purpose of the
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    protection of the environment, fish and wildlife resources,
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    and protection of air and water quality, may initiate a
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    hearing pursuant to s. 120.569 or s. 120.57, provided that the
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    non-profit corporation or association was formed at least one
    year prior to the date of the filing of the application for a
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    permit, license, or authorization which is the subject of the
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   notice of agency action. Existence of the required number of
    members of the organization may be established through the
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    submission of an affidavit, current membership list, or
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    corporate or organizational business records, including the
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   names and addresses of the 25 current members. No
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    demonstration of special injury different in kind from the
    general public at large is required.
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    And the title is amended as follows:
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          On page 1, lines 9 thru 12
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    remove: all of said lines
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           act; providing an effective date.
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