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2 An act relating to the taxation of alcoholic beverages; 3 amending s. 561.121, F.S.; deleting provisions crediting 4 specified taxes on alcoholic beverages to accounts funding 5 substance abuse programs for children and adolescents; deleting a provision providing for payment and credit of 6 7 alcoholic beverage surcharge funds to the General Revenue 8 Fund to conform; terminating the Children and Adolescents 9 Substance Abuse Trust Fund within the Department of Children and Family Services; providing for disposition of 10 balances in and revenues of such trust fund; amending s. 11 215.20, F.S.; conforming provisions to the repeal of the 12 trust fund; amending s. 561.501, F.S.; deleting a 13 provision imposing a surcharge on alcoholic beverages sold 14 for consumption on the premises; amending s. 561.025, 15 16 F.S., to conform; repealing 561.501, F.S., relating to the 17 collection of the alcoholic beverage surcharge; providing effective dates. 18 19 20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 21 22 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 561.121, Florida 23 Statutes, is amended to read: 24 561.121 Deposit of revenue.--25 (4) (4) (a) State funds collected pursuant to s. 561.501 shall 26 be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the General 27 Revenue Fund. following accounts: 28 1. Twenty-seven and two-tenths percent of the surcharge on

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29	the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises
30	shall be transferred to the Children and Adolescents Substance
31	Abuse Trust Fund, which shall remain with the Department of
32	Children and Family Services for the purpose of funding programs
33	directed at reducing and eliminating substance abuse problems
34	among children and adolescents.
35	2. The remainder of collections shall be credited to the
36	General Revenue Fund.
37	(b) For the 2004-2005 state fiscal year only, and
38	notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (a)1., moneys in
39	the Children and Adolescents Substance Abuse Trust Fund may also
40	be used for the purpose of funding programs directed at reducing
41	and eliminating substance abuse problems among adults. This
42	paragraph expires July 1, 2005.
43	Section 2. Effective July 1, 2006, subsection (4) of
44	section 561.121, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, is
45	amended to read:
46	561.121 Deposit of revenue
47	(4) State funds collected pursuant to s. 561.501 shall be
48	paid into the State Treasury and credited to the General Revenue
49	Fund.
50	Section 3. (1) The Children and Adolescents Substance
51	Abuse Trust Fund within the Department of Children and Family
52	Services is terminated. The current balance remaining in the
53	trust fund shall be transferred to the Operations and
54	Maintenance Trust Fund in the department.
55	(2) The Department of Children and Family Services shall
56	pay any outstanding debts and obligations of the terminated fund
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57	as soon as practicable, and the Chief Financial Officer shall
58	close out and remove the terminated fund from the various state
59	accounting systems using generally accepted accounting
60	principles concerning warrants outstanding, assets, and
61	liabilities.
62	Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section
63	215.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
64	215.20 Certain income and certain trust funds to
65	contribute to the General Revenue Fund
66	(4) The income of a revenue nature deposited in the
67	following described trust funds, by whatever name designated, is
68	that from which the appropriations authorized by subsection (3)
69	shall be made:
70	(e) Within the Department of Children and Family Services:
71	1. The Administrative Trust Fund.
72	2. The Child Welfare Training Trust Fund.
73	3. The Children and Adolescents Substance Abuse Trust
74	Fund.
75	3.4. The Domestic Violence Trust Fund.
76	4.5. The Grants and Donations Trust Fund.
77	5.6. The Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund.
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79	The enumeration of the foregoing moneys or trust funds shall not
80	prohibit the applicability thereto of s. 215.24 should the
81	Governor determine that for the reasons mentioned in s. 215.24
82	the money or trust funds should be exempt herefrom, as it is the
83	purpose of this law to exempt income from its force and effect
84	when, by the operation of this law, federal matching funds or
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85 contributions or private grants to any trust fund would be lost 86 to the state.

87 Section 5. Section 561.501, Florida Statutes, is amended88 to read:

89 561.501 Surcharge on sale of alcoholic beverages for 90 consumption on the premises; penalty.--

91 (1) Notwithstanding s. 561.50 or any other provision of 92 the Beverage Law, a surcharge of 3.34 cents is imposed upon each ounce of liquor and each 4 ounces of wine, a surcharge of 2 93 94 cents is imposed on each 12 ounces of cider, and a surcharge of 1.34 cents is imposed on each 12 ounces of beer sold at retail 95 for consumption on premises licensed by the division as an 96 alcoholic beverage vendor. However, the surcharges imposed under 97 98 this subsection need not be paid upon such beverages when they 99 are sold by an organization that is licensed by the division 100 under s. 561.422 or s. 565.02(4) as an alcoholic beverage vendor 101 and that is determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be 102 currently exempt from federal income tax under s. 501(c)(3), 103 (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 104 1986, as amended.

105 (1) (1) (2) The vendor shall report and remit payments to the division each month by the 15th of the month following the month 106 in which the surcharges are imposed. For purposes of 107 108 compensating the retailer for the keeping of prescribed records 109 and the proper accounting and remitting of surcharges imposed under this section, the retailer shall be allowed to deduct from 110 111 the payment due the state 1 percent of the amount of the surcharge due. Retail records shall be kept on the quantities of 112 Page 4 of 7

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all liquor, wine, and beer purchased, inventories, and sales. 113 114 However, a collection allowance is not allowed on any 115 collections that are not timely remitted. If by the 20th of the 116 month following the month in which the surcharges are imposed, 117 reports and remittances are not made, the division shall assess a late penalty in the amount of 10 percent of the amount due per 118 119 month for each 30 days, or fraction thereof, after the 20th of 120 the month, not to exceed a total penalty of 50 percent, in the 121 aggregate, of any unpaid surcharges. The division shall 122 establish, by rule, the required reporting, collection, and accounting procedures. Records must be maintained for 3 years. 123 Failure to accurately and timely remit surcharges imposed under 124 125 this section is a violation of the Beverage Law.

126 The division may compromise a taxpayer's (2)(3)(a) 127 liability for the surcharge imposed by this section upon the 128 grounds of doubt as to liability for or collectibility of such 129 tax. A taxpayer's liability for penalties as prescribed by this section may be settled or compromised if the division finds that 130 131 the noncompliance is due to reasonable cause and not to willful negligence, willful neglect, or fraud. The division shall 132 133 maintain records of all compromises, and the records must state the basis for the compromise. 134

(b) The division may enter into agreements for scheduling
payments of taxes, interest, and penalties prescribed in this
section.

138 (c) The division shall establish by rule guidelines and139 procedures for administering this section.

140 (3)(4) If any vendor fails to remit the surcharge, or any Page 5 of 7

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portion thereof, by the 20th of the month following the month in which the surcharges are imposed, there shall be added to the amount due interest at the rate of 1 percent per month of the amount due from the date due until paid. Interest on the delinquent tax shall be calculated beginning on the 21st day of the month following the month for which the surcharge is due.

147 (4)(5) All penalties and interest imposed by this section 148 are payable to and collectible by the division in the same 149 manner as if they were a part of the tax imposed. The division 150 may settle or compromise any such interest or penalty under 151 paragraph (2)(3)(a).

Section 6. <u>Effective July 1, 2006, section 561.501,</u>
Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, is repealed.

Section 7. Effective July 1, 2006, section 561.025,Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

156 561.025 Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Trust Fund.--There 157 is created within the State Treasury the Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Trust Fund. All funds collected by the division under 158 159 ss. 210.15, 210.40, or under s. 569.003 and the Beverage Law with the exception of state funds collected pursuant to ss. 160 161 561.501, 563.05, 564.06, and 565.12 shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the trust fund, notwithstanding 162 any other provision of law to the contrary. Moneys deposited to 163 164 the credit of the trust fund shall be used to operate the 165 division and to provide a proportionate share of the operation of the office of the secretary and the Division of 166 167 Administration of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; except that: 168

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(1) The revenue transfer provisions of ss. 561.32 and 561.342(1) and (2) shall continue in full force and effect, and the division shall cause such revenue to be returned to the municipality or county in the manner provided for in s. 561.32 or s. 561.342(1) and (2); and

174 (2) Ten percent of the revenues derived from retail 175 tobacco products dealer permit fees collected under s. 569.003 176 shall be transferred to the Department of Education to provide 177 for teacher training and for research and evaluation to reduce 178 and prevent the use of tobacco products by children.

179 Section 8. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this 180 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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