Florida Senate - 2005

By Senator Saunders

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Save Our Everglades
3	Trust Fund; providing legislative intent with
4	respect to the need to expeditiously implement
5	the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan;
б	amending s. 373.470, F.S.; removing obsolete
7	provisions; directing the deposit of funds
8	into the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund within
9	the Department of Environmental Protection;
10	requiring that a portion of those funds be used
11	for land acquisition; providing an
12	appropriation; providing an effective date.
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14	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16	Section 1. <u>The Legislature finds that increases in</u>
17	land prices and market competition for lands that are
18	appropriate for acquisition under the Comprehensive Everglades
19	Restoration Plan may increase overall costs or limit
20	implementation of the restoration of the Everglades. The
21	Legislature intends that the restoration of the Everglades
22	under the comprehensive plan be implemented expeditiously to
23	avoid increasing land-acquisition costs and competition for
24	available lands. As used in this section, the term
25	"Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan" or "comprehensive
26	plan" has the same meaning as "comprehensive plan" in section
27	373.470(2), Florida Statutes.
28	Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
29	373.470, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
30	373.470 Everglades restoration
31	(5) SAVE OUR EVERGLADES TRUST FUND SUPPLEMENTED
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