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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Florida Hurricane
3	Catastrophe Fund; amending s. 212.20, F.S.;
4	providing for distribution of certain revenues
5	from the tax on sales, use, and other
б	transactions to the Florida Hurricane
7	Catastrophe Fund; amending s. 215.555, F.S.;
8	redefining the term "retention"; decreasing the
9	threshold amount of loss above which an insurer
10	is entitled to reimbursement from the fund;
11	providing an effective date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section
16	212.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
17	212.20 Funds collected, disposition; additional powers
18	of department; operational expense; refund of taxes
19	adjudicated unconstitutionally collected
20	(6) Distribution of all proceeds under this chapter
21	and s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be as follows:
22	(d) The proceeds of all other taxes and fees imposed
23	pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s.
24	202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be distributed as follows:
25	1. In any fiscal year, the greater of \$500 million,
26	minus an amount equal to 4.6 percent of the proceeds of the
27	taxes collected pursuant to chapter 201, or 5 percent of all
28	other taxes and fees imposed pursuant to this chapter or
29	remitted pursuant to s. $202.18(1)(b)$ and $(2)(b)$ shall be
30	deposited in monthly installments into the General Revenue
31	Fund.

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1	2. Two-tenths of one percent shall be transferred to
2	the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund to be used
3	for water quality improvement and water restoration projects.
4	3. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1. and
5	2., 8.814 percent of the amount remitted by a sales tax dealer
б	located within a participating county pursuant to s. 218.61
7	shall be transferred into the Local Government Half-cent Sales
8	Tax Clearing Trust Fund. Beginning July 1, 2003, the amount to
9	be transferred pursuant to this subparagraph to the Local
10	Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund shall be
11	reduced by 0.1 percent, and the department shall distribute
12	this amount to the Public Employees Relations Commission Trust
13	Fund less \$5,000 each month, which shall be added to the
14	amount calculated in subparagraph 4. and distributed
15	accordingly.
16	4. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1., 2.,
17	and 3., 0.095 percent shall be transferred to the Local
18	Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund and
19	distributed pursuant to s. 218.65.
20	5. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2.,
21	3., and 4., 2.0440 percent of the available proceeds pursuant
22	to this paragraph shall be transferred monthly to the Revenue
23	Sharing Trust Fund for Counties pursuant to s. 218.215.
24	6. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2.,
25	3., and 4., 1.3409 percent of the available proceeds pursuant
26	to this paragraph shall be transferred monthly to the Revenue
27	Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities pursuant to s. 218.215.
28	If the total revenue to be distributed pursuant to this
29	subparagraph is at least as great as the amount due from the
30	Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former
31	Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year
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1 1999-2000, no municipality shall receive less than the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and 2 the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state 3 fiscal year 1999-2000. If the total proceeds to be distributed 4 are less than the amount received in combination from the 5 6 Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former 7 Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 8 1999-2000, each municipality shall receive an amount proportionate to the amount it was due in state fiscal year 9 10 1999-2000. 7. Of the remaining proceeds: 11 12 In each fiscal year, the sum of \$29,915,500 shall a. 13 be divided into as many equal parts as there are counties in the state, and one part shall be distributed to each county. 14 The distribution among the several counties shall begin each 15 fiscal year on or before January 5th and shall continue 16 17 monthly for a total of 4 months. If a local or special law 18 required that any moneys accruing to a county in fiscal year 1999-2000 under the then-existing provisions of s. 550.135 be 19 paid directly to the district school board, special district, 20 21 or a municipal government, such payment shall continue until 22 such time that the local or special law is amended or 23 repealed. The state covenants with holders of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness issued by local governments, 2.4 special districts, or district school boards prior to July 1, 25 2000, that it is not the intent of this subparagraph to 26 27 adversely affect the rights of those holders or relieve local 2.8 governments, special districts, or district school boards of 29 the duty to meet their obligations as a result of previous pledges or assignments or trusts entered into which obligated 30 funds received from the distribution to county governments 31

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1 under then-existing s. 550.135. This distribution 2 specifically is in lieu of funds distributed under s. 550.135 prior to July 1, 2000. 3 b. The department shall distribute \$166,667 monthly 4 pursuant to s. 288.1162 to each applicant that has been 5 6 certified as a "facility for a new professional sports 7 franchise" or a "facility for a retained professional sports 8 franchise" pursuant to s. 288.1162. Up to \$41,667 shall be 9 distributed monthly by the department to each applicant that has been certified as a "facility for a retained spring 10 training franchise" pursuant to s. 288.1162; however, not more 11 12 than \$416,670 may be distributed monthly in the aggregate to 13 all certified facilities for a retained spring training franchise. Distributions shall begin 60 days following such 14 certification and shall continue for not more than 30 years. 15 Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to 16 17 allow an applicant certified pursuant to s. 288.1162 to 18 receive more in distributions than actually expended by the applicant for the public purposes provided for in s. 19 288.1162(6). 20 21 c. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Office of 22 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to the Department of 23 Revenue that an applicant has been certified as the professional golf hall of fame pursuant to s. 288.1168 and is 2.4 open to the public, \$166,667 shall be distributed monthly, for 25 26 up to 300 months, to the applicant. 27 d. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Office of 2.8 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to the Department of 29 Revenue that the applicant has been certified as the International Game Fish Association World Center facility 30 pursuant to s. 288.1169, and the facility is open to the 31 4

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1 public, \$83,333 shall be distributed monthly, for up to 168 months, to the applicant. This distribution is subject to 2 reduction pursuant to s. 288.1169. A lump sum payment of 3 \$999,996 shall be made, after certification and before July 1, 4 2000. 5 б 8. Of the remaining proceeds, 5 percent, plus an 7 amount equal to 5 percent of the amount deposited into the General Revenue Fund under subparagraph 1., shall be deposited 8 into the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to be used for the 9 purposes established in s. 215.555. 10 9.8. All other proceeds shall remain with the General 11 12 Revenue Fund. 13 Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 215.555, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 14 215.555 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.--15 (2) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section: 16 17 (e) "Retention" means the amount of losses below which an insurer is not entitled to reimbursement from the fund. An 18 insurer's retention shall be calculated as follows: 19 1. The board shall calculate and report to each 20 21 insurer the retention multiples for that year. For the 22 contract year beginning June 1, 2007 2005, the retention 23 multiple shall be equal to $3\frac{4.5}{5}$ billion divided by the total estimated reimbursement premium for the contract year; 2.4 for subsequent years, the retention multiple shall be equal to 25 26 <u>\$3</u>\$4.5 billion, adjusted based upon the reported exposure 27 from the prior contract year to reflect the percentage growth 2.8 in exposure to the fund for covered policies since 2006 2004, 29 divided by the total estimated reimbursement premium for the contract year. Total reimbursement premium for purposes of the 30 calculation under this subparagraph shall be estimated using 31

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1 the assumption that all insurers have selected the 90-percent 2 coverage level. 3 2. The retention multiple as determined under subparagraph 1. shall be adjusted to reflect the coverage 4 level elected by the insurer. For insurers electing the 5 6 90-percent coverage level, the adjusted retention multiple is 7 100 percent of the amount determined under subparagraph 1. For 8 insurers electing the 75-percent coverage level, the retention multiple is 120 percent of the amount determined under 9 subparagraph 1. For insurers electing the 45-percent coverage 10 level, the adjusted retention multiple is 200 percent of the 11 12 amount determined under subparagraph 1. 13 3. An insurer shall determine its provisional retention by multiplying its provisional reimbursement premium 14 by the applicable adjusted retention multiple and shall 15 determine its actual retention by multiplying its actual 16 17 reimbursement premium by the applicable adjusted retention 18 multiple. 4. For insurers who experience multiple covered events 19 causing loss during the contract year, beginning June 1, 2005, 20 21 each insurer's full retention shall be applied to each of the 22 covered events causing the two largest losses for that 23 insurer. For each other covered event resulting in losses, the insurer's retention shall be reduced to one-third of the full 2.4 retention. The reimbursement contract shall provide for the 25 reimbursement of losses for each covered event based on the 26 27 full retention with adjustments made to reflect the reduced 2.8 retentions after January 1 of the contract year provided the 29 insurer reports its losses as specified in the reimbursement 30 contract. Section 3. This act shall take effect June 1, 2007. 31

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2	SENATE SUMMARY
of revenues accruing to the General Revenue Fund from tax on sales, use, and other transactions to the Flor Hurricane Catastrophe Fund. Decreases the amount of losses which must be incurred before an insurer is	Provides for distribution of an amount equal to 5 percent
	tax on sales, use, and other transactions to the Florida
	losses which must be incurred before an insurer is entitled to reimbursement from that fund.
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