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A bill to be entitled An act relating to excise taxes; amending s. 206.9925, F.S.; replacing the term "petroleum products" with "pollutant" for purposes of part IV of ch. 206, F.S. and clarifying the definition; deleting provisions defining the terms "pollutants," "solvents," and "consume" for purposes of part IV of ch. 206, F.S.; amending s. 206.9935, F.S.; revising the amounts of excise taxes imposed on pollutants; deleting provisions providing for the revenues from the excise taxes to be deposited into the Coastal Protection Trust Fund, the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund, the Inland Protection Trust Fund, and the Coastal Protection Trust Fund; amending s. 206.9941, F.S.; deleting the exemptions applicable to the excise tax on solvents; revising the exemption from the excise tax on petroleum products to apply to pollutants; amending s. 206.9942, F.S.; replacing the term "petroleum product" with the term "pollutant"; deleting provisions relating to excise taxes on solvents and lead-acid batteries; amending s. 206.9945, F.S.; deleting the application of a service charge on funds in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund; providing for certain excise tax revenues to be transferred into the General Revenue Fund instead of the Coastal Protection Trust Fund and the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund; providing for certain excise tax revenue to be transferred to the General Revenue Fund after revenue bonds for the Florida

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Inland Protection Financing Corporation have been satisfied; repealing s. 376.70, F.S., relating to a gross receipts tax levied on drycleaning facilities and dry drop-off facilities; repealing s. 376.71, F.S., relating to an exemption for uniform rental companies and linen supply companies from a registration fee and a gross receipts tax; repealing s. 376.75, F.S., relating to a tax on the production or importation of perchloroethylene; repealing s. 403.717, F.S., relating to the requirements for waste tires and lead-acid batteries; repealing s. 403.718, F.S., relating to the imposition of a waste tire fee; repealing s. 403.7185, F.S., relating to the imposition of a lead-acid battery fee; repealing s. 681.117, F.S., relating to a fee on the lease or sale of a motor vehicle; amending s. 213.053, F.S.; providing for the future expiration of provisions authorizing the sharing of otherwise confidential information relating to waste tire fees, lead-acid battery fees, gross receipts taxes levied on drycleaning facilities and dry drop-off facilities, the tax relating to the production or importation of perchloroethylene, and motor vehicle warranty enforcement; amending ss. 72.011, 213.05, 376.301, 376.307, 376.3078, and 403.709, F.S.; conforming cross-references to changes made by the act; providing for the application of the act to distributions of tax revenues; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 206.9925, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.9925 Definitions.—As used in this part:

- (1) "Barrel" means 42 U.S. gallons at 60 °F.
- (2) "Oil" means crude petroleum oil and other hydrocarbons, regardless of gravity, which are produced at the well in liquid form by ordinary production methods and which are not the result of condensation of gas after it leaves the reservoir.
- (3) "Gas" means all natural gas, including casinghead gas, and all other hydrocarbons not defined as oil in subsection (2).
- (4) "Pollutant" "Petroleum product" means any refined liquid commodity made wholly or partially from oil or gas, or blends or mixtures of oil with one or more liquid products or byproducts derived from oil or gas, or blends or mixtures of two or more liquid products or byproducts derived from oil or gas, and includes, but is not limited to, motor gasoline, gasohol, aviation gasoline, naphtha-type jet fuel, kerosene-type jet fuel, kerosene, distillate fuel oil, residual fuel oil, motor oil and other lubricants, naphtha of less than 400 °F for petroleum feed, special naphthas, road oil, still gas, unfinished oils, motor gas blending components, including petroleum-derived ethanol when used for such purpose, and aviation gas blending components. The term does not include a product intended for application to the human body or for use in personal hygiene products for human use or for ingestion.
- (5) "Pollutants" includes any petroleum product as defined in subsection (4) as well as pesticides, ammonia, and chlorine;

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lead-acid batteries, including, but not limited to, batteries that are a component part of other tangible personal property; and solvents as defined in subsection (6), but the term excludes liquefied petroleum gas, medicinal oils, and waxes. Products intended for application to the human body or for use in human personal hygiene or for human ingestion are not pollutants, regardless of their contents. For the purpose of the tax imposed under s. 206.9935(1), "pollutants" also includes crude oil.

(6) "Solvents" means the following organic compounds, if the listed organic compound is in liquid form: acetamide, acetone, acetonitrile, acetophenone, amyl acetates (all), aniline, benzene, butyl acetates (all), butyl alcohols (all), butyl benzyl phthalate, carbon disulfide, carbon tetrachloride, chlorobenzene, chloroform, cumene, cyclohexane, cyclohexanone, dibutyl phthalate, dichlorobenzenes (all), dichlorodifluoromethane, diethyl phthalate, dimethyl phthalate, dioctyl phthalate (di2-ethyl hexyl phthalate), n-dioctyl phthalate, 1,4-dioxane, petroleum-derived ethanol, ethyl acetate, ethyl benzene, ethylene dichloride, 2-ethoxy ethanol (ethylene glycol ethyl ether), ethylene glycol, furfural, formaldehyde, n-hexane, isophorone, isopropyl alcohol, methanol, 2-methoxy ethanol (ethylene glycol methyl ether), methyl tertbutyl ether, methylene chloride (dichloromethane), methyl ethyl ketone, methyl isobutyl ketone, mineral spirits, 140-F naphtha, naphthalene, nitrobenzene, 2-nitropropane, pentachlorobenzene, phenol, perchloroethylene (tetrachloroethylene), stoddard solvent, tetrahydrofuran, toluene, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, 1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane, and xylenes (all).

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(7) "Consume" means to destroy or to alter the chemical or physical structure of a solvent so that it is no longer identifiable as the solvent it was.

(5)(8) "Storage facility" means a location owned, operated, or leased by a licensed terminal operator, which location contains any stationary tank or tanks for holding a pollutant petroleum products.

Section 2. Section 206.9935, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.9935 Taxes imposed.

- (1) TAX FOR COASTAL PROTECTION.-
- (a)1. There is hereby levied an excise tax for the privilege of producing in, importing into, or causing to be imported into this state pollutants for sale, use, or otherwise.
- 2. The tax shall be imposed only once on each barrel of pollutant, other than petroleum products, when first produced in or imported into this state. The tax on pollutants first imported into or produced in this state shall be imposed when the product is first sold or first removed from storage. The tax shall be paid and remitted by any person who is licensed by the department to engage in the production or importation of motor fuel, diesel fuel, aviation fuel, or other pollutants.
- 2.3. The tax shall be imposed on a pollutant petroleum products and remitted to the department in the same manner as the motor fuel tax imposed pursuant to s. 206.41.
- (b) The excise tax shall be 2 cents per barrel of pollutant, or equivalent measure as established by the department, produced in or imported into this state until the balance in the Coastal Protection Trust Fund equals or exceeds

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\$50 million. For the fiscal year immediately following the year in which the balance in the fund equals or exceeds \$50 million, no excise tax shall be levied unless:

1. The balance in the fund is less than or equal to \$40 million. For the fiscal year immediately following the year in which the balance in the fund is less than or equal to \$40 million, the excise tax shall be and shall remain 2 cents per barrel or equivalent measure until the fund again equals or exceeds \$50 million. For the fiscal year immediately following the year in which the fund again is equal to or exceeds \$50 million, the excise tax and fund shall be controlled as when the fund first was equal to or exceeded \$50 million.

2. There is a discharge of catastrophic proportions, the results of which could significantly reduce the balance in the fund. In the event of such a catastrophic occurrence, the Secretary of Environmental Protection may, by rule, relevy the excise tax in an amount not to exceed 10 cents per barrel for a period of time sufficient to maintain the fund at a balance of \$50 million, after payment of the costs and damages related to the catastrophic discharge.

3. The fund is unable to pay any proven claims against the fund at the end of the fiscal year. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, for the fiscal year following the year in which the fund is unable to pay any proven claims against the fund at the end of the fiscal year, the excise tax shall be and shall remain 5 cents per barrel or equivalent measure until all outstanding proven claims have been paid and the fund again equals or exceeds \$20 million. For the fiscal year immediately following the year in which the fund, after

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levy of the 5-cent excise tax, again is equal to or exceeds \$20 million, the excise tax and fund shall be controlled in accordance with subparagraph 1., unless otherwise provided.

4. The fund has had appropriated to it by the Legislature, but has not yet repaid, state funds from the General Revenue Fund. In such event, the excise tax shall continue to be in effect until all such funds are repaid to the General Revenue Fund.

(c) 1. Excluding natural gas drilling activities, if offshore oil drilling activity is approved by the United States Department of the Interior for the waters off the coast of this state in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, or Straits of Florida, paragraph (b) shall not apply. Instead, the excise tax shall be 2 cents per barrel of pollutant, or equivalent measure as established by the department, produced in or imported into this state, and the proceeds shall be deposited into the Coastal Protection Trust Fund with a cap of \$100 million.

2. If a discharge of catastrophic proportions occurs, the results of which could significantly reduce the balance in the fund, the Secretary of Environmental Protection may, by rule, increase the levy of the excise tax to an amount not to exceed 10 cents per barrel for a period of time sufficient to pay any proven claim against the fund and restore the balance in the fund until it again equals or exceeds \$50 million; except that for any fiscal year immediately following the year in which the fund is equal to or exceeds \$50 million, the excise tax and fund shall be governed by the provisions of subparagraph 1.

- (2) TAX FOR WATER QUALITY.-
- (a) 1. There is hereby levied an excise tax for the

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privilege of producing in, importing into, or causing to be imported into this state pollutants for sale, use, or otherwise.

- 2. The tax shall be imposed only once on each barrel or other unit of pollutant, other than petroleum products, when first produced in or imported into this state. The tax on pollutants first imported into or produced in this state shall be imposed when the product is first sold or first removed from storage. The tax shall be paid and remitted by any person who is licensed by the department to engage in the production or importation of motor fuel, diesel fuel, aviation fuel, or other pollutants.
- 2.3. The tax shall be imposed on a pollutant petroleum products and remitted to the department in the same manner as the motor fuel tax imposed pursuant to s. 206.41.
- (b) The excise tax shall be <u>imposed at</u> the <u>applicable</u> rate of as specified in subparagraph 1. per barrel or per unit of pollutant, or equivalent measure as established by the department, produced in or imported into the state. If the unobligated balance of the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund is or falls below \$3 million, the tax shall be increased to the applicable rates specified in subparagraph 2. and shall remain at said rates until the unobligated balance in the fund exceeds \$5 million, at which time the tax shall be imposed at the rates specified in subparagraph 1. If the unobligated balance of the fund exceeds \$12 million, the levy of the tax shall be discontinued until the unobligated balance of the fund falls below \$5 million, at which time the tax shall be imposed at the rates specified in subparagraph 1. Changes in the tax rates pursuant to this paragraph shall take effect on the first day of

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the month after 30 days' notification to the Department of Revenue when the unobligated balance of the fund falls below or exceeds a limit set pursuant to this paragraph. The unobligated balance of the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund as it relates to determination of the applicable excise tax rate shall exclude the unobligated balances of funds of the Dry Cleaning, Operator Certification, and nonagricultural nonpoint source programs, and other required reservations of fund balance. The unobligated balance in the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund is based upon the current unreserved fund balance, projected revenues, authorized legislative appropriations, and funding for the department's base budget for the subsequent fiscal year. Determination of the unobligated balance of the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund shall be performed annually subsequent to the annual legislative appropriations becoming law.

1. As provided in this paragraph, the tax shall be 2.36 cents per gallon of solvents, 1 cent per gallon of motor oil or other lubricants, and 2 cents per barrel of pollutants, or equivalent measure as established by the department, produced in or imported into this state petroleum products, pesticides, ammonia, and chlorine.

- 2. As provided in this paragraph, the tax shall be 5.9 cents per gallon of solvents, 2.5 cents per gallon of motor oil or other lubricants, 2 cents per barrel of ammonia, and 5 cents per barrel of petroleum products, pesticides, and chlorine.
- (c) Any person producing in or importing into the state a liquid mixture and claiming that the mixture is not subject to taxation as a pollutant shall bear the burden of demonstrating to the Department of Revenue that the mixture is not a pollutant

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or is intended for application to the human body or for use in $\frac{1}{2}$ human personal hygiene $\frac{1}{2}$ products for human use or for human ingestion.

- (3) TAX FOR INLAND PROTECTION. -
- (a)1. There is hereby levied an excise tax for the privilege of producing in, importing into, or causing to be imported into this state pollutants for sale, use, or otherwise.
- 2. The tax shall be imposed only once on each barrel of pollutant produced in or imported into this state in the same manner as the motor fuel tax imposed pursuant to s. 206.41. The tax shall be paid or remitted by any person who is licensed by the department to engage in the production or importation of motor fuel, diesel fuel, aviation fuel, or other pollutants.
- (b) 1. The excise tax shall be 80 cents per barrel of pollutant, or equivalent measure as established by the department, produced in or imported into this state. shall be:
- a. Thirty cents if the unobligated balance of the fund is between \$100 million and \$150 million.
- b. Sixty cents if the unobligated balance of the fund is above \$50 million, but below \$100 million.
- c. Eighty cents if the unobligated balance of the fund is
 \$50 million or less.
- 2. Any change in the tax rate shall be effective for a minimum of 6 months, unless the unobligated balance of the fund requires that a higher rate be levied.
- 3. If the unobligated balance of the fund exceeds \$150 million, the tax shall be discontinued until such time as the unobligated balance of the fund reaches \$100 million.
 - 4. The Secretary of Environmental Protection shall

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immediately notify the Department of Revenue when the unobligated balance of the fund falls below or exceeds an amount set herein. Changes in the tax rates pursuant to this subsection shall take effect on the first day of the month after 30 days' notification to the Department of Revenue by the Secretary of Environmental Protection when the unobligated balance of the fund falls below or exceeds a limit set pursuant to this subsection. The unobligated balance of the Inland Protection Trust Fund as it relates to determination of the applicable excise tax rate shall exclude any required reservations of fund balance. The unobligated balance of the Inland Protection Trust Fund is based upon the current unreserved fund balance, projected revenues, authorized legislative appropriations, and funding for the department's base budget for the subsequent fiscal year. Determination of the unobligated balance of the Inland Protection Trust Fund shall be performed annually subsequent to the annual legislative appropriations becoming law.

"first sale" does not include exchanges or loans, gallon-for-gallon, of pollutants petroleum products between licensed terminal suppliers before the pollutants petroleum products have been sold or removed through the loading rack or transfers between terminal facilities owned by the same taxpayer. The tax on pollutants petroleum products first imported into this state by a licensed terminal supplier storing such pollutants petroleum products in a terminal facility shall be imposed when the product is first removed through the loading rack. The tax shall be remitted by the licensed terminal supplier who owned

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the <u>pollutants</u> <u>petroleum products</u> immediately prior to removal of such pollutants <u>petroleum products</u> from storage.

(5) The sum of \$8 million or 2.5 percent, whichever is greater, of the amount credited to the Inland Protection Trust Fund pursuant to subsection (3) shall be transferred to the Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund and used for the purposes authorized in s. 376.11.

Section 3. Section 206.9941, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.9941 Exemptions.-

- (1) The following items shall be exempt from the tax imposed under s. 206.9935(3): American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) grades No. 5 and No. 6 residual oils; intermediate fuel oils (IFO) used by the taxpayer for marine bunkering with a viscosity of 30 and higher; asphalt oil; petrochemical feedstocks; and pesticides, ammonia, chlorine, and derivatives thereof.
- (2) Petroleum products exported from the first storage facility at which they are held in this state by a licensed terminal supplier, importer, exporter, wholesaler, or producer are exempt from the taxes imposed under s. 206.9935(2) and (3).
- (3) Pollutants exported from the manufacturing plant, first storage tank system, or first warehouse at which they are held in this state by a licensed importer or producer are exempt from the tax imposed under s. 206.9935(2).
- (4) Solvents consumed in the manufacture or production of a material that is not itself a pollutant, as defined in s. 206.9925, are exempt from the tax imposed by s. 206.9935(2).
 - $\underline{\text{(4)}}$ (5) Solvents, Motor oil, and lubricants are exempt from

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349 the taxes imposed by s. 206.9935(1) and (3).

(5)(6) Crude oil produced at a well site subject to regulation under s. 377.22 and exported from that site by the producer exclusively by pipeline, truck, or rail to beyond the jurisdiction of this state without intermediate storage or stoppage shall be exempt from the tax imposed under s. 206.9935(1).

(6) (7) Pollutants Petroleum products bunkered into marine vessels engaged in interstate or foreign commerce from the first storage facility at which they are held in this state by a licensed terminal supplier, importer, exporter, wholesaler, or producer are exempt from the taxes imposed under s. 206.9935(2) and (3).

Section 4. Section 206.9942, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.9942 Refunds and credits.-

- (1) Any licensed terminal supplier, importer, exporter, producer, wholesaler, or dealer who has purchased a pollutant petroleum products, who has paid the tax pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) or (3) to his or her supplier, and who subsequently exports said products from the state or bunkers pollutants petroleum products into marine vessels engaged in interstate or foreign commerce may deduct the amount of tax paid thereon pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) or (3) from the amount owed to the state and remitted pursuant to s. 206.9931(2) or may apply for a refund of the amount of tax paid thereon pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) or (3).
- (2) Any person licensed pursuant to this chapter who has produced, imported, or purchased pollutants on which the tax has

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been paid pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) to the state or to his or her supplier and who subsequently exports from the state said pollutants or products containing said pollutants may deduct the amount of tax paid thereon pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) from the amount owed to the state and remitted pursuant to s. 206.9931(2) or may apply for a refund of the amount of tax paid thereon pursuant to s. 206.9935(2).

(3) Any person licensed pursuant to this chapter who has produced, imported, or purchased solvents on which the tax has been paid pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) to the state or to his or her supplier and which solvents are subsequently consumed in the manufacture or production of a product which is not itself a pollutant as defined in s. 206.9925(5) may deduct the amount of tax paid thereon pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) from the amount owed to the state and remitted pursuant to s. 206.9931(2) or may apply for a refund of the amount of tax paid thereon pursuant to s. 206.9935(2).

(4) Any person licensed pursuant to this chapter who has produced, imported, or purchased solvents on which the tax has been paid pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) to the state or to his or her supplier and which solvents were subsequently consumed, blended, or mixed to produce a pollutant that is subject to tax pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) may deduct the amount of tax paid on the solvent pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) from the amount owed to the state for the pollutant and remitted pursuant to s. 206.9931(2) or may apply for a refund of the amount of tax paid on the solvent pursuant to s. 206.9935(2). In no event shall any deduction or credit under this subsection exceed the tax owed to the state for the pollutant.

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(5) Any person licensed pursuant to this chapter who has produced, imported, or purchased lead-acid batteries on which the tax has been paid pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) to the state or to his or her supplier and who subsequently exports from the state said lead-acid batteries may deduct the amount of tax paid thereon pursuant to s. 206.9935(2) from the amount owed to the state and remitted pursuant to s. 206.9931(2) or may apply for a refund of the amount of tax paid thereon pursuant to s. 206.9935(2).

- (3) (6) Administrative procedures governing refunds under this section shall be those specified in s. 206.41, except for the provisions requiring refund permits.
- (4) (7) It is the responsibility of the applicant to affirmatively demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that he or she is eligible for any deduction or refund claimed hereunder. Without such demonstration, no refund or deduction shall be allowed.

Section 5. Section 206.9945, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 206.9945 Funds collected; disposition; department authority.—
- (1) The department shall deposit all funds received and collected by it under this part into the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund to be transferred, less the costs of administration and less the service charges to be deducted pursuant to s. 215.20, as follows:
- (a) Moneys collected pursuant to s. 206.9935(1) and tax revenues collected pursuant to s. 207.003 at the rates specified in s. 206.9935(3) shall be transferred to the General Revenue

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     2010-280, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:
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          213.053 Confidentiality and information sharing.-
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           (1) This section applies to:
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           (a) Section 125.0104, county government;
           (b) Section 125.0108, tourist impact tax;
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           (c) Chapter 175, municipal firefighters' pension trust
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           (f) Chapter 199, intangible personal property taxes;
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           (i) Chapter 203, gross receipts taxes;
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           (m) Chapter 221, emergency excise tax;
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           (n) Section 252.372, emergency management, preparedness,
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     and assistance surcharge;
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           (o) Section 379.362(3), Apalachicola Bay oyster surcharge;
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           (p) Chapter 376, pollutant spill prevention and control;
           (q) Section 403.718, waste tire fees;
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           (r) Section 403.7185, lead-acid battery fees;
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           (s) Section 538.09, registration of secondhand dealers;
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(u) Sections 624.501 and 624.509-624.515, insurance code;

- (v) Section 681.117, motor vehicle warranty enforcement; and
- (w) Section 896.102, reports of financial transactions in trade or business.

Paragraphs (q), (r), and (v) of this subsection expire July 1, 2015.

- (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department may provide:
- (o) Information relative to ss. 376.70 and 376.75 to the Department of Environmental Protection in the conduct of its official business and to the facility owner, facility operator, and real property owners as defined in s. 376.301. This paragraph expires July 1, 2015.

Disclosure of information under this subsection shall be pursuant to a written agreement between the executive director and the agency. Such agencies, governmental or nongovernmental, shall be bound by the same requirements of confidentiality as the Department of Revenue. Breach of confidentiality is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided by s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 72.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 72.011 Jurisdiction of circuit courts in specific tax matters; administrative hearings and appeals; time for commencing action; parties; deposits.—
 - (1) (a) A taxpayer may contest the legality of any

37-01211-11 20111746 523 assessment or denial of refund of tax, fee, surcharge, permit, 524 interest, or penalty provided for under s. 125.0104, s. 525 125.0108, chapter 198, chapter 199, chapter 201, chapter 202, 526 chapter 203, chapter 206, chapter 207, chapter 210, chapter 211, 527 chapter 212, chapter 213, chapter 220, chapter 221, s. 379.362(3), chapter 376, s. 403.717, s. 403.718, s. 403.7185, s. 528 529 538.09, s. 538.25, chapter 550, chapter 561, chapter 562, 530 chapter 563, chapter 564, chapter 565, or chapter 624, or s. 531 681.117 by filing an action in circuit court; or, alternatively, 532 the taxpayer may file a petition under the applicable provisions of chapter 120. However, once an action has been initiated under 533 534 s. 120.56, s. 120.565, s. 120.569, s. 120.57, or s. 535 120.80(14)(b), no action relating to the same subject matter may 536 be filed by the taxpayer in circuit court, and judicial review 537 shall be exclusively limited to appellate review pursuant to s. 538 120.68; and once an action has been initiated in circuit court, 539 no action may be brought under chapter 120. 540 Section 15. Section 213.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 541 542 213.05 Department of Revenue; control and administration of 543 revenue laws.-The Department of Revenue shall have only those 544 responsibilities for ad valorem taxation specified to the department in chapter 192, taxation, general provisions; chapter 545 193, assessments; chapter 194, administrative and judicial 546 547 review of property taxes; chapter 195, property assessment 548 administration and finance; chapter 196, exemption; chapter 197, 549 tax collections, sales, and liens; chapter 199, intangible 550 personal property taxes; and chapter 200, determination of 551

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of regulating, controlling, and administering all revenue laws and performing all duties as provided in s. 125.0104, the Local Option Tourist Development Act; s. 125.0108, tourist impact tax; chapter 198, estate taxes; chapter 201, excise tax on documents; chapter 202, communications services tax; chapter 203, gross receipts taxes; chapter 206, motor and other fuel taxes; chapter 211, tax on production of oil and gas and severance of solid minerals; chapter 212, tax on sales, use, and other transactions; chapter 220, income tax code; chapter 221, emergency excise tax; ss. 336.021 and 336.025, taxes on motor fuel and special fuel; s. 376.11, pollutant spill prevention and control; s. 403.718, waste tire fees; s. 403.7185, lead-acid battery fees; s. 538.09, registration of secondhand dealers; s. 538.25, registration of secondary metals recyclers; s. 624.4621, group self-insurer's fund premium tax; s. 624.5091, retaliatory tax; s. 624.475, commercial self-insurance fund premium tax; ss. 624.509-624.511, insurance code: administration and general provisions; s. 624.515, State Fire Marshal regulatory assessment; s. 627.357, medical malpractice self-insurance premium tax; and s. 629.5011, reciprocal insurers premium tax; and s. 681.117, motor vehicle warranty enforcement.

Section 16. Section 376.301, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

376.301 Definitions of terms used in ss. 376.30-376.317, 376.70, and 376.75. When used in ss. 376.30-376.317, 376.70, and 376.75, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the term:

(1) "Aboveground hazardous substance tank" means any stationary aboveground storage tank and onsite integral piping that contains hazardous substances which are liquid at standard

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temperature and pressure and has an individual storage capacity greater than 110 gallons.

- (2) "Additive effects" means a scientific principle that the toxicity that occurs as a result of exposure is the sum of the toxicities of the individual chemicals to which the individual is exposed.
- (3) "Antagonistic effects" means a scientific principle that the toxicity that occurs as a result of exposure is less than the sum of the toxicities of the individual chemicals to which the individual is exposed.
- (4) "Backlog" means reimbursement obligations incurred pursuant to s. 376.3071(12), prior to March 29, 1995, or authorized for reimbursement under the provisions of s. 376.3071(12), pursuant to chapter 95-2, Laws of Florida. Claims within the backlog are subject to adjustment, where appropriate.
- (5) "Barrel" means 42 U.S. gallons at 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
- (6) "Bulk product facility" means a waterfront location with at least one aboveground tank with a capacity greater than 30,000 gallons which is used for the storage of pollutants.
- (7) "Cattle-dipping vat" means any structure, excavation, or other facility constructed by any person, or the site where such structure, excavation, or other facility once existed, for the purpose of treating cattle or other livestock with a chemical solution pursuant to or in compliance with any local, state, or federal governmental program for the prevention, suppression, control, or eradication of any dangerous, contagious, or infectious diseases.
 - (8) "Cleanup target level" means the concentration for each

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contaminant identified by an applicable analytical test method, in the medium of concern, at which a site rehabilitation program is deemed complete.

- (9) "Compression vessel" means any stationary container, tank, or onsite integral piping system, or combination thereof, which has a capacity of greater than 110 gallons, that is primarily used to store pollutants or hazardous substances above atmospheric pressure or at a reduced temperature in order to lower the vapor pressure of the contents. Manifold compression vessels that function as a single vessel shall be considered as one vessel.
- (10) "Contaminant" means any physical, chemical, biological, or radiological substance present in any medium which may result in adverse effects to human health or the environment or which creates an adverse nuisance, organoleptic, or aesthetic condition in groundwater.
- (11) "Contaminated site" means any contiguous land, sediment, surface water, or groundwater areas that contain contaminants that may be harmful to human health or the environment.
- (12) "Department" means the Department of Environmental Protection.
- (13) "Discharge" includes, but is not limited to, any spilling, leaking, seeping, pouring, misapplying, emitting, emptying, releasing, or dumping of any pollutant or hazardous substance which occurs and which affects lands and the surface and ground waters of the state not regulated by ss. 376.011-376.21.
 - (14) "Drycleaning facility" means a commercial

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establishment that operates or has at some time in the past operated for the primary purpose of drycleaning clothing and other fabrics utilizing a process that involves any use of drycleaning solvents. The term "drycleaning facility" includes laundry facilities that use drycleaning solvents as part of their cleaning process. The term does not include a facility that operates or has at some time in the past operated as a uniform rental company or a linen supply company regardless of whether the facility operates as or was previously operated as a drycleaning facility.

- (15) "Drycleaning solvents" means any and all nonaqueous solvents used in the cleaning of clothing and other fabrics and includes perchloroethylene, (also known as tetrachloroethylene), and petroleum-based solvents, and their breakdown products. For purposes of this definition, "drycleaning solvents" only includes those drycleaning solvents originating from use at a drycleaning facility or by a wholesale supply facility.
- (16) "Dry drop-off facility" means any commercial retail store that receives from customers clothing and other fabrics for drycleaning or laundering at an offsite drycleaning facility and that does not clean the clothing or fabrics at the store utilizing drycleaning solvents.
- (17) "Engineering controls" means modifications to a site to reduce or eliminate the potential for exposure to petroleum products' chemicals of concern, drycleaning solvents, or other contaminants. Such modifications may include, but are not limited to, physical or hydraulic control measures, capping, point of use treatments, or slurry walls.
 - (18) "Wholesale supply facility" means a commercial

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establishment that supplies drycleaning solvents to drycleaning facilities.

- (19) "Facility" means a nonresidential location containing, or which contained, any underground stationary tank or tanks which contain hazardous substances or pollutants and have individual storage capacities greater than 110 gallons, or any aboveground stationary tank or tanks which contain pollutants which are liquids at standard ambient temperature and pressure and have individual storage capacities greater than 550 gallons. This subsection shall not apply to facilities covered by chapter 377, or containers storing solid or gaseous pollutants, and agricultural tanks having storage capacities of less than 550 gallons.
- (20) "Flow-through process tank" means an aboveground tank that contains hazardous substances or specified mineral acids as defined in s. 376.321 and that forms an integral part of a production process through which there is a steady, variable, recurring, or intermittent flow of materials during the operation of the process. Flow-through process tanks include, but are not limited to, seal tanks, vapor recovery units, surge tanks, blend tanks, feed tanks, check and delay tanks, batch tanks, oil-water separators, or tanks in which mechanical, physical, or chemical change of a material is accomplished.
- (21) "Hazardous substances" means those substances defined as hazardous substances in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-510, 94 Stat. 2767, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986.
 - (22) "Institutional controls" means the restriction on use

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or access to a site to eliminate or minimize exposure to petroleum products' chemicals of concern, drycleaning solvents, or other contaminants. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, or conservation easements.

- (23) "Laundering on a wash, dry, and fold basis" means the service provided by the owner or operator of a coin-operated laundry to its customers whereby an employee of the laundry washes, dries, and folds laundry for its customers.
- (24) "Marine fueling facility" means a commercial or recreational coastal facility, excluding a bulk product facility, providing fuel to vessels.
- (25) "Natural attenuation" means a verifiable approach to site rehabilitation that allows natural processes to contain the spread of contamination and reduce the concentrations of contaminants in contaminated groundwater and soil. Natural attenuation processes may include the following: sorption, biodegradation, chemical reactions with subsurface materials, diffusion, dispersion, and volatilization.
- (26) "Operator" means any person operating a facility, whether by lease, contract, or other form of agreement.
 - (27) "Owner" means any person owning a facility.
- (28) "Person" means any individual, partner, joint venture, or corporation; any group of the foregoing, organized or united for a business purpose; or any governmental entity.
- (29) "Person in charge" means the person on the scene who is in direct, responsible charge of a facility from which pollutants are discharged, when the discharge occurs.
 - (30) "Person responsible for conducting site

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rehabilitation" means the site owner, operator, or the person designated by the site owner or operator on the reimbursement application. Mortgage holders and trust holders may be eligible to participate in the reimbursement program pursuant to s.

376.3071(12).

- (31) "Person responsible for site rehabilitation" means the person performing site rehabilitation pursuant to s. 376.3071(5), s. 376.3078(4), s. 376.81, or s. 376.30701. Such person may include, but is not limited to, any person who has legal responsibility for site rehabilitation pursuant to this chapter or chapter 403, the department when it conducts site rehabilitation, a real property owner, a facility owner or operator, any person responsible for brownfield site rehabilitation, or any person who voluntarily rehabilitates a site and seeks acknowledgment from the department for approval of site rehabilitation program tasks.
 - (32) "Petroleum" includes:
- (a) Oil, including crude petroleum oil and other hydrocarbons, regardless of gravity, which are produced at the well in liquid form by ordinary methods and which are not the result of condensation of gas after it leaves the reservoir; and
- (b) All natural gas, including casinghead gas, and all other hydrocarbons not defined as oil in paragraph (a).
- (33) "Petroleum product" means any liquid fuel commodity made from petroleum, including, but not limited to, all forms of fuel known or sold as diesel fuel, kerosene, all forms of fuel known or sold as gasoline, and fuels containing a mixture of gasoline and other products, excluding liquefied petroleum gas and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) grades no.

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5 and no. 6 residual oils, bunker C residual oils, intermediate fuel oils (IFO) used for marine bunkering with a viscosity of 30 and higher, asphalt oils, and petrochemical feedstocks.

- (34) "Petroleum products' chemicals of concern" means the constituents of petroleum products, including, but not limited to, xylene, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, naphthalene, and similar chemicals, and constituents in petroleum products, including, but not limited to, methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE), lead, and similar chemicals found in additives, provided the chemicals of concern are present as a result of a discharge of petroleum products.
- (35) "Petroleum storage system" means a stationary tank not covered under the provisions of chapter 377, together with any onsite integral piping or dispensing system associated therewith, which is used, or intended to be used, for the storage or supply of any petroleum product. Petroleum storage systems may also include oil/water separators, and other pollution control devices installed at petroleum product terminals as defined in this chapter and bulk product facilities pursuant to, or required by, permits or best management practices in an effort to control surface discharge of pollutants. Nothing herein shall be construed to allow a continuing discharge in violation of department rules.
- (36) "Pollutants" includes any "product" as defined in s. 377.19(11), pesticides, ammonia, chlorine, and derivatives thereof, excluding liquefied petroleum gas.
- (37) "Pollution" means the presence on the land or in the waters of the state of pollutants in quantities which are or may be potentially harmful or injurious to human health or welfare,

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animal or plant life, or property or which may unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or property, including outdoor recreation.

- (38) "Real property owner" means the individual or entity that is vested with ownership, dominion, or legal or rightful title to the real property, or which has a ground lease interest in the real property, on which a drycleaning facility or wholesale supply facility is or has ever been located.
- (39) "Response action" means any activity, including evaluation, planning, design, engineering, construction, and ancillary services, which is carried out in response to any discharge, release, or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or other contaminant from a facility or site identified by the department under the provisions of ss. 376.30-376.317.
- (40) "Response action contractor" means a person who is carrying out any response action, including a person retained or hired by such person to provide services relating to a response action.
- (41) "Risk reduction" means the lowering or elimination of the level of risk posed to human health or the environment through interim remedial actions, remedial action, or institutional and, if appropriate, engineering controls.
- (42) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Environmental Protection.
- (43) "Site rehabilitation" means the assessment of site contamination and the remediation activities that reduce the levels of contaminants at a site through accepted treatment methods to meet the cleanup target levels established for that

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site. For purposes of sites subject to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, the term includes removal, decontamination, and corrective action of releases of hazardous substances.

- (44) "Source removal" means the removal of free product, or the removal of contaminants from soil or sediment that has been contaminated to the extent that leaching to groundwater or surface water has occurred or is occurring.
- (45) "Storage system" means a stationary tank not covered under the provisions of chapter 377, together with any onsite integral piping or dispensing system associated therewith, which is or has been used for the storage or supply of any petroleum product, pollutant, or hazardous substance as defined herein, and which is registered with the Department of Environmental Protection under this chapter or any rule adopted pursuant hereto.
- (46) "Synergistic effects" means a scientific principle that the toxicity that occurs as a result of exposure is more than the sum of the toxicities of the individual chemicals to which the individual is exposed.
- (47) "Temporary point of compliance" means the boundary represented by one or more designated monitoring wells at which groundwater cleanup target levels may not be exceeded while site rehabilitation is proceeding.
- (48) "Terminal facility" means any structure, group of structures, motor vehicle, rolling stock, pipeline, equipment, or related appurtenances which are used or capable of being used for one or more of the following purposes: pumping, refining, drilling for, producing, storing, handling, transferring, or

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processing pollutants, provided such pollutants are transferred over, under, or across any water, estuaries, tidal flats, beaches, or waterfront lands, including, but not limited to, any such facility and related appurtenances owned or operated by a public utility or a governmental or quasi-governmental body. In the event of a ship-to-ship transfer of pollutants, the vessel going to or coming from the place of transfer and a terminal facility shall also be considered a terminal facility. For the purposes of ss. 376.30-376.317, the term "terminal facility" shall not be construed to include spill response vessels engaged in response activities related to removal of pollutants, or temporary storage facilities created to temporarily store recovered pollutants and matter, or waterfront facilities owned and operated by governmental entities acting as agents of public convenience for persons engaged in the drilling for or pumping, storing, handling, transferring, processing, or refining of pollutants. However, each person engaged in the drilling for or pumping, storing, handling, transferring, processing, or refining of pollutants through a waterfront facility owned and operated by such a governmental entity shall be construed as a terminal facility.

- (49) "Transfer" or "transferred" includes onloading, offloading, fueling, bunkering, lightering, removal of waste pollutants, or other similar transfers, between terminal facility and vessel or vessel and vessel.
- (50) "Nearby real property owner" means the individual or entity that is vested with ownership, dominion, or legal or rightful title to real property, or that has a ground lease in real property, onto which drycleaning solvent has migrated

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through soil or groundwater from a drycleaning facility or wholesale supply facility eligible for site rehabilitation under s. 376.3078(3) or from a drycleaning facility or wholesale supply facility that is approved by the department for voluntary cleanup under s. 376.3078(11).

Section 17. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section 376.307, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

376.307 Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund.-

- (4) The trust fund shall be funded as follows:
- (e) All penalties, judgments, recoveries, reimbursements, loans, and other fees and charges collected under s. 376.3078; tax revenues levied, collected, and credited under ss. 376.70 and 376.75; and registration fees collected under s. 376.303(1)(d).

Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 376.3078, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

376.3078 Drycleaning facility restoration; funds; uses; liability; recovery of expenditures.—

- (2) FUNDS; USES.—
- (a) All penalties, judgments, recoveries, reimbursements, loans, and other fees and charges related to the implementation of this section and the tax revenues levied, collected, and credited pursuant to ss. 376.70 and 376.75, and fees collected pursuant to s. 376.303(1)(d), and deductibles collected pursuant to paragraph (3)(d), shall be deposited into the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund, to be used upon appropriation as provided in this section. Charges against the funds for drycleaning facility or wholesale supply site rehabilitation shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this section.

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Section 19. Subsection (2) of section 403.709, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.709 Solid Waste Management Trust Fund; use of waste tire fees.—There is created the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund, to be administered by the department.

(2) The department shall recover to the use of the fund from the site owner or the person responsible for the accumulation of tires at the site, jointly and severally, all sums expended from the fund pursuant to this section to manage tires at an illegal waste tire site, except that the department may decline to pursue such recovery if it finds the amount involved too small or the likelihood of recovery too uncertain. If a court determines that the owner is unable or unwilling to comply with the rules adopted pursuant to this section or s. 403.717, the court may authorize the department to take possession and control of the waste tire site in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community and the environment.

Section 20. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, and applies to distributions on or after that date.