1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to Sebring Airport Authority,
3	Highlands County; amending ch. 2005-300, Laws of
4	Florida, as amended; revising powers of the authority;
5	authorizing the authority to issue bonds secured by
	and payable from any legally available source, to
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7	issue bonds on an unsecured basis, to pledge all
8	legally available funds for the repayment of debt, and
9	to enter into public-private partnerships to
10	effectuate the purposes of the act; revising the
11	bidding threshold to the statutory Category Two level;
12	providing that all debt obligations issued by the
13	authority are tax exempt to the extent allowed by
14	general law; providing an effective date.
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16	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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18	Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 6, subsection (1) of
19	section 8, subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section 10, and
20	sections 14, 18, and 21 of section 3 of chapter 2005-300, Laws
21	of Florida, as amended by chapter 2011–265, Laws of Florida, are
22	amended, subsections (16) and (17) are added to section 6 of
23	section 3, and section 23 is added to section 3 of that chapter,
24	to read:
25	Section 6. The Sebring Airport Authority is hereby
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26	authorized and empowered:
27	(7) To issue refunding bonds of the authority as
28	hereinafter provided. The term "bond" includes bonds as defined
29	in sections 159.823 and 215.84(2)(b), Florida Statutes,
30	including bond anticipation notes, promissory notes, and any
31	other debt obligation. Any bond may be secured by and payable
32	from any sources provided for in this act and may also be issued
33	on an unsecured basis or as a general obligation of the
34	authority.
35	(16) To coordinate, work with, and, as the board deems
36	appropriate, enter into public-private partnerships and
37	agreements as may be necessary or useful to effectuate the
38	purposes of this act.
39	(17) To perform such acts and exercise such authorities,
40	functions, and powers as shall be necessary, convenient,
41	incidental, proper, or reasonable for the implementation of the
42	purposes set forth in this act, including those necessary and
43	incidental thereto.
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45	The enumeration of the powers herein shall not be deemed
46	exclusive or restrictive but shall be deemed to incorporate all
47	powers express or implied necessary or incident to carrying out
48	such enumerated powers, including also the powers provided by
49	this act to the authority to implement its purposes.
50	Section 8. (1) No contract for the construction, repair,
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51 or alteration of any facility or part of the same, or the 52 purchase of equipment, services, or supplies involving an 53 expenditure of an amount in excess of the amount provided in section 287.017(2), Florida Statutes, as amended from time to 54 55 time, for the CATEGORY TWO purchasing category more than 56 \$10,000, shall be awarded by the authority unless the authority 57 advertises for sealed bids at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks and such contract is awarded to the lowest 58 59 responsible bidder. However, the authority may reject all bids. 60 Section 10. (1) The authority is hereby authorized to 61 issue, at one time or from time to time, bonds or revenue certificates of the authority for the purpose of paying the cost 62 63 of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, 64 extending, enlarging, or equipping any of its facilities to fund 65 its operations or any expenses of the authority. The bonds of 66 each issue shall be dated, shall mature at such time or times not exceeding 40 years from their date or dates, and shall bear 67 68 interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the 69 authority, not exceeding the maximum rate of interest on bonds 70 allowed by the state, and may be made redeemable before 71 maturity, at the option of the authority, at such price or 72 prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by 73 the authority prior to the issuance of the bonds. The authority 74 shall determine the form and the manner of execution of the bonds, including any interest to be attached thereto, and shall 75

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76 fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the place 77 or places of payment of principal and interest, which may be at 78 any bank or trust company within or without the state. In case 79 any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature 80 shall appear on any bonds or coupons shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds, such signature or 81 82 such facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for 83 all purposes, the same as if he or she had remained in office 84 until such delivery. Notwithstanding any of the other provisions 85 of this act or any recitals in any bonds issued under the 86 provisions of this act, all such bonds shall be deemed to be 87 negotiable instruments under the laws of this state. The bonds may be issued in coupon or registered form, or both, as the 88 89 authority may determine, and provisions may be made for the 90 registration of any coupon bonds as to principal alone and also 91 as to both principal and interest, and for the reconversion into 92 coupon bonds of any bonds registered as to both principal and 93 interest. The authority may sell such bonds in such manner, 94 either at public or private sale, and for such price as it may 95 determine to be for the best interests of the authority, but no 96 such sale shall be made at a price so low as to require the 97 payment of interest on the money received therefor at more than 98 the maximum rate of interest on bonds allowed by the state τ 99 computed with relation to the absolute maturity or maturities of the bonds in accordance with standard tables of bond values, 100

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101 excluding, however, from such computation the amount of any 102 premium to be paid on redemption of any bonds at more than the 103 maximum rate of interest on bonds allowed by the state, computed 104 with relation to the absolute maturity or maturities of the 105 bonds in accordance with standard tables of bond values, 106 excluding, however, from such computation the amount of any 107 premium to be paid on redemption of any bonds prior to maturity.

108 The proceeds of the bonds of each issue shall be used (2) 109 solely for the purpose for which such bonds shall have been 110 authorized and shall be disbursed in such manner and under such 111 restrictions, if any, as the authority may provide in the resolution authorizing the issuance of such bonds or in the 112 113 trust agreement hereinafter mentioned securing the same. Unless 114 otherwise provided in the authorizing resolution or in the trust 115 agreement securing such bonds, if the proceeds of such bonds, by 116 error of estimates or otherwise, shall be less than such costs, 117 additional bonds may in like manner be issued to provide the 118 amount of such deficit and shall be deemed to be of the same 119 issue and shall be entitled to payment from samo 120 without preference or priority of the bonds first issued for the 121 same purpose.

(3) The resolution providing for the issuance of bonds, and any trust agreement securing such bonds, may also contain such limitations upon the issuance of additional bonds as the authority may deem proper, and such additional bonds shall be

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126 issued under such restrictions and limitations as may be 127 prescribed by such resolution or trust agreement. Such 128 authorizing resolution or resolutions for bonds or revenue 129 certificates may further provide for the contracts authorized by 130 section 159.825(1)(f)-(g), Florida Statutes, regardless of the 131 tax treatment of such bonds or revenue certificates being 132 authorized, subject to the finding by the board of a net saving 133 to the authority resulting by reason thereof. 134 Section 14. The authority is hereby authorized to issue 135 from time to time refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding 136 any bonds of the authority then outstanding, including the payment of any redemption premium thereon and any interest 137 138 accrued or to accrue to the date of redemption of such bonds. 139 The authority is further authorized to issue from time to time 140 bonds of the authority for the combined purpose of refunding any 141 bonds of the authority then outstanding, including the payment of any redemption premium thereon and any interest accrued or to 142 143 accrue to the date of redemption of such bonds, and paying all or any part of the cost of acquiring or constructing any 144 145 additional facilities or of any improvements or to fund the 146 operations of the authority or to pay any expenses of the 147 authority. The issuance of such bonds, the maturities and other 148 details thereof, the rights and remedies of the holders thereof, 149 and the rights, powers, privileges, duties, and obligations of the authority with respect to the same, shall be governed by the 150

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151 foregoing provisions of this act insofar as the same may be 152 applicable.

Section 18. The Sebring Airport Authority shall hold regular meetings at least once every <u>quarter</u> month and at such other times as the authority shall determine to be reasonably necessary from time to time.

157 Section 21. The Sebring Airport Authority is authorized from time to time to issue revenue certificates of the authority 158 159 to fund its operations, acquisitions, construction, or 160 reconstruction, or the improving, enlarging, or equipping of its functions and facilities, under this act. Revenue certificates 161 shall pay no more than the maximum interest payable upon bonds 162 issued by the state. The interest rate paid may vary provided 163 164 that it does not exceed the maximum rate permitted under 165 applicable Florida law paid by the state. Revenue certificates may pledge legally available funds only the revenues generated 166 167 by one or more of the authority's facilities or improvements and 168 shall not be an obligation of the state or the City of Sebring.

Section 23. To the extent allowed by general law, all bonds and other debt obligations issued hereunder and the interest paid thereon and all fees, charges, and other revenue derived by the authority from projects provided by this act are exempt from all taxes imposed by the state or by any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof; however, any interest, income, or profits on debt obligations issued

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176	hereunder are not exempt from the tax imposed by chapter 220,	
177	<u>Florida Statutes.</u>	
178	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.	
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