

House Bill No. 1997

An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 589.065, F.S.; creating a Florida Forever Program Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing purposes; providing for a source of moneys; providing for annual carryforward of funds; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 589.065, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

589.065 Florida Forever Program Trust Fund of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.—

(1) There is created a Florida Forever Program Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to carry out the duties of the department under the Florida Forever Act as specified in s. 259.105(3)(e). The trust fund shall receive funds pursuant to s. 259.105(3)(e).

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of the year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund.

(3) Pursuant to the provisions of s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2004. Prior to its scheduled termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved by the Governor June 14, 2000.

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