CHAPTER 99-84

House Bill No. 1299

An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Comptroller's Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund within the Department of Banking and Finance without modification and placing it on the standard review cycle; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; repealing s. 17.43(3), F.S.; abrogating provisions relating to the termination of the trust fund, to conform; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to extend the life of the Comptroller's Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund within the Department of Banking and Finance, which is otherwise scheduled to be terminated pursuant to constitutional mandate, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed the trust fund before its scheduled termination date and has found that it continues to meet an important public purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that existing public policy concerning the trust fund sets adequate parameters for its use, NOW, THERE-FORE,

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

Section 1. (1) The Comptroller's Federal Equitable Sharing Trust Fund within the Department of Banking and Finance, FLAIR number 44-2-719, which was created by section 17.43, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, and which is to be terminated pursuant to Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution on July 1, 2002, unless terminated sooner by law, is hereby terminated on November 4, 2000, and re-created.

(2) All current balances of the trust fund are carried forward, and all current sources and uses of the trust fund are continued.

Section 2. <u>Subsection (3) of section 17.43</u>, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect November 4, 2000.

Approved by the Governor April 6, 1999.

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