## **CHAPTER 99-113**

## House Bill No. 1363

An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Minerals Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; repealing s. 2, ch. 94-198, Laws of Florida, as amended; abrogating provisions relating to the termination of the trust fund; providing effective dates.

WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to extend the life of the Minerals Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection, 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, THEREFORE.

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

- Section 1. (1) The Minerals Trust Fund, FLAIR number 37-2-499, which was created within the Department of Environmental Protection and which is to be terminated pursuant to Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution on November 4, 2000, is 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>Effective upon this act becoming a law, section 2 of chapter 94-198</u>, Laws of Florida, as amended by section 73 of chapter 96-321, Laws of Florida, is repealed.
- Section 3. Except as otherwise provided herein, this act shall take effect November 4, 2000.

Approved by the Governor April 6, 1999.

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