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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to alternative energy and energy
3 efficiency; creating s. 125.0112, F.S.; providing for the
4 construction and operation of a biofuel processing
5 facility or a renewable energy generating facility;
6 creating s. 166.0446, F.S.; providing for the construction
7 and operation of a biofuel processing facility or a
8 renewable energy generating facility; prohibiting such
9 regulation from requiring the owner or operator of the
10 facility to obtain a special exemption, use permit,
11 waiver, or variance, or to pay a special fee exceeding a
12 specified amount; amending s. 193.461, F.S.; relating to
13 the classification and assessment of agricultural lands;
14 amending s. 213.053, F.S.; updating references; amending
15 s. 220.192, F.S.; relating to duties of the Florida Energy
16 and Climate Commission regarding the renewable energy
17 technologies investment tax credit; amending s. 366.91,
18 F.S.; providing definition of renewable energy; amending
19 s. 366.92, F.S.; providing definitions; relating to
20 renewable energy; amending s. 373.236, F.S.; requiring
21 that a permit for the use of water for cultivating
22 agricultural products and renewable energy be granted for
23 a specified number of years if certain conditions are met;
24 providing requirements for permittees; providing an
25 exemption; amending s. 403.503, F.S.; relating to
26 definitions under the Florida Electrical Power Plant
27 Siting Act; amending s. 403.973, F.S.; providing for the
28 expedited review of permit applications for projects

29 | resulting in the production of biofuels or in the
 30 | construction of a biofuel or biodiesel processing facility
 31 | or renewable energy generating facility; clarifying
 32 | provisions relating to memoranda of agreement which
 33 | establish regional teams for the expedited review of such
 34 | applications; amending s. 525.09, F.S.; providing for an
 35 | inspection fee; amending s. 553.792, F.S.; relating to
 36 | building permit applications; requiring the Florida Energy
 37 | and Climate Commission to prepare a report on energy
 38 | efficiency with respect to low-income households and
 39 | rental housing properties to be submitted to the
 40 | Legislature by a specified date; providing report
 41 | requirements; providing an effective date.

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 43 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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45 | Section 1. Section 125.0112, Florida Statutes, is created
 46 | to read:

47 | 125.0112 Biofuels and renewable energy.--The construction
 48 | and operation of a biofuel processing facility or a renewable
 49 | energy generating facility, as defined in s. 366.91(2)(d), and
 50 | the cultivation and production of bioenergy, as defined in s.
 51 | 570.957(1)(a), are each a valid industrial, agricultural and
 52 | silvicultural use permitted within those land use categories in
 53 | the local comprehensive land use plan and for purposes of any
 54 | local zoning regulation. Such comprehensive land use plans and
 55 | local zoning regulations may not require the owner or operator
 56 | of a biofuel processing facility or a renewable energy

57 generating facility to obtain any comprehensive plan amendment,
 58 special exemption, use permit, waiver, or variance, or to pay
 59 any special fee in excess of \$1,000 to operate in an area zoned
 60 for or categorized as industrial, agricultural or silvicultural
 61 use. The construction and operation of a facility and related
 62 improvements on a portion of a property pursuant to this section
 63 shall not affect the remainder of that property's classification
 64 as agricultural pursuant to s. 193.461.

65 Section 2. Section 166.0446, Florida Statutes, is created
 66 to read:

67 166.0446 Biofuels and renewable energy.--The construction
 68 and operation of a biofuel processing facility or a renewable
 69 energy generating facility, as defined in s. 366.91(2)(d), and
 70 the cultivation and production of bioenergy, as defined in s.
 71 570.957(1)(a), are each a valid industrial, agricultural and
 72 silvicultural use permitted within those land use categories in
 73 the local comprehensive land use plan and for purposes of any
 74 local zoning regulation. Such comprehensive land use plans and
 75 local zoning regulations may not require the owner or operator
 76 of a biofuel processing facility to obtain any comprehensive
 77 plan amendment, special exemption, use permit, waiver, or
 78 variance, or to pay any special fee in excess of \$1,000 to
 79 operate in an area zoned for or categorized as industrial,
 80 agricultural or silvicultural use. The construction and
 81 operation of a facility and related improvements on a portion of
 82 a property pursuant to this section shall not affect the
 83 remainder of that property's classification as agricultural
 84 pursuant to s. 193.461.

85 Section 3. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
 86 193.461, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

87 193.461 Agricultural lands; classification and assessment;
 88 mandated eradication or quarantine program.--

89 (3)

90 (d) When property receiving an agricultural classification
 91 contains a residence under the same ownership, the portion of
 92 the property consisting of the residence and curtilage must be
 93 assessed separately, pursuant to s. 193.011, to qualify for the
 94 assessment limitation set forth in s. 193.155. The remaining
 95 property may be classified under the provisions of paragraphs
 96 (a) and (b). When property receiving an agricultural
 97 classification contains a solar energy facility or biofuel
 98 processing facility under the same ownership, the portion of the
 99 property consisting of the solar energy facility or biofuel
 100 processing facility must be assessed separately, pursuant to s.
 101 193.011. The remaining property may be classified under the
 102 provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b).

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 104 Section 4. Effective upon becoming law and applying
 105 retroactively to July 1, 2008, paragraph (y) of subsection (8)
 106 of section 213.053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

107 213.053 Confidentiality and information sharing.--

108 (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
 109 the department may provide:

110 (y) Information relative to ss. 212.08(7)(ccc) and 220.192
 111 to the Florida Energy and Climate Commission ~~Department of~~
 112 ~~Environmental Protection~~ for use in the conduct of its official

113 business. Information relative to s. 220.192 to the Department
 114 of Environmental Protection for use in the conduct of its
 115 official business.

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 117 Disclosure of information under this subsection shall be
 118 pursuant to a written agreement between the executive director
 119 and the agency. Such agencies, governmental or nongovernmental,
 120 shall be bound by the same requirements of confidentiality as
 121 the Department of Revenue. Breach of confidentiality is a
 122 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided by s.
 123 775.082 or s. 775.083.

124 Section 5. Effective upon becoming law and applying
 125 retroactively to July 1, 2008, subsections (4) and (5) of
 126 section 220.192, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

127 220.192 Renewable energy technologies investment tax
 128 credit.--

129 (4) TAXPAYER APPLICATION PROCESS.--To claim a credit under
 130 this section, each taxpayer must apply to the Florida Energy and
 131 Climate Commission ~~Department of Environmental Protection~~ for an
 132 allocation of each type of annual credit by the date established
 133 by the Florida Energy and Climate Commission ~~Department of~~
 134 ~~Environmental Protection~~. The application form may be
 135 established by the Florida Energy and Climate Commission
 136 ~~Department of Environmental Protection~~ and shall include an
 137 affidavit from each taxpayer certifying that all information
 138 contained in the application, including all records of eligible
 139 costs claimed as the basis for the tax credit, are true and
 140 correct. Approval of the credits under this section shall be

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141 | accomplished on a first-come, first-served basis, based upon the
 142 | date complete applications are received by the Florida Energy
 143 | and Climate Commission ~~Department of Environmental Protection~~. A
 144 | taxpayer shall submit only one complete application based upon
 145 | eligible costs incurred within a particular state fiscal year.
 146 | Incomplete placeholder applications will not be accepted and
 147 | will not secure a place in the first-come, first-served
 148 | application line. If a taxpayer does not receive a tax credit
 149 | allocation due to the exhaustion of the annual tax credit
 150 | authorizations, then such taxpayer may reapply in the following
 151 | year for those eligible costs and will have priority over other
 152 | applicants for the allocation of credits.

153 | (5) ADMINISTRATION; AUDIT AUTHORITY; RECAPTURE OF
 154 | CREDITS.--

155 | (a) In addition to its existing audit and investigation
 156 | authority, the Department of Revenue may perform any additional
 157 | financial and technical audits and investigations, including
 158 | examining the accounts, books, and records of the tax credit
 159 | applicant, that are necessary to verify the eligible costs
 160 | included in the tax credit return and to ensure compliance with
 161 | this section. The Florida Energy and Climate Commission and the
 162 | Department of Environmental Protection shall provide technical
 163 | assistance when requested by the Department of Revenue on any
 164 | technical audits or examinations performed pursuant to this
 165 | section.

166 | (b) It is grounds for forfeiture of previously claimed and
 167 | received tax credits if the Department of Revenue determines, as
 168 | a result of either an audit or examination or from information

169 received from the Florida Energy and Climate Commission
 170 ~~Department of Environmental Protection~~, that a taxpayer received
 171 tax credits pursuant to this section to which the taxpayer was
 172 not entitled. The taxpayer is responsible for returning
 173 forfeited tax credits to the Department of Revenue, and such
 174 funds shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund of the state.

175 (c) The Florida Energy and Climate Commission ~~Department~~
 176 ~~of Environmental Protection~~ may revoke or modify any written
 177 decision granting eligibility for tax credits under this section
 178 if it is discovered that the tax credit applicant submitted any
 179 false statement, representation, or certification in any
 180 application, record, report, plan, or other document filed in an
 181 attempt to receive tax credits under this section. The Florida
 182 Energy and Climate Commission ~~Department of Environmental~~
 183 ~~Protection~~ shall immediately notify the Department of Revenue of
 184 any revoked or modified orders affecting previously granted tax
 185 credits. Additionally, the taxpayer must notify the Department
 186 of Revenue of any change in its tax credit claimed.

187 (d) The taxpayer shall file with the Department of Revenue
 188 an amended return or such other report as the Department of
 189 Revenue prescribes by rule and shall pay any required tax and
 190 interest within 60 days after the taxpayer receives notification
 191 from the Florida Energy and Climate Commission ~~Department of~~
 192 ~~Environmental Protection~~ that previously approved tax credits
 193 have been revoked or modified. If the revocation or modification
 194 order is contested, the taxpayer shall file an amended return or
 195 other report as provided in this paragraph within 60 days after
 196 a final order is issued following proceedings.

197 (e) A notice of deficiency may be issued by the Department
 198 of Revenue at any time within 3 years after the taxpayer
 199 receives formal notification from the Florida Energy and Climate
 200 Commission ~~Department of Environmental Protection~~ that
 201 previously approved tax credits have been revoked or modified.
 202 If a taxpayer fails to notify the Department of Revenue of any
 203 changes to its tax credit claimed, a notice of deficiency may be
 204 issued at any time.

205 Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
 206 366.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

207 366.91 Renewable energy.--

208 (2) As used in this section, the term:

209 (d) "Renewable energy" means electrical energy produced
 210 from a method that uses one or more of the following fuels or
 211 energy sources: hydrogen produced from sources other than fossil
 212 fuels, hydrogen blended fuels, biodiesel, cogeneration, biomass,
 213 solar energy, geothermal energy, wind energy, ocean energy, and
 214 hydroelectric power. The term includes the alternative energy
 215 resource, waste heat, from sulfuric acid manufacturing
 216 operations.

217 Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 366.92, Florida
 218 Statutes, are amended to read:

219 366.92 Florida renewable energy policy.--

220 (2) As used in this section, the term:

221 (a) "Combined heat and power system" means a system that
 222 simultaneously or sequentially generates electricity and thermal
 223 energy from the same primary energy source.

224 (b)~~(a)~~ "Florida renewable energy resources" means
 225 renewable energy, as defined in s. 377.803, that is produced in
 226 Florida.

227 (c)~~(b)~~ "Provider" means a "utility" as defined in s.
 228 366.8255(1) (a) .

229 (d)~~(e)~~ "Renewable energy" means renewable energy as
 230 defined in s. 366.91(2) (d). The term also includes waste heat
 231 thermal energy which is produced by a combined heat and power
 232 system placed in service in Florida after the effective date of
 233 this legislation and which is used to produce biofuel and, if
 234 any, associated co-products.

235 (e)~~(d)~~ "Renewable energy credit" or "REC" means a product
 236 that represents the unbundled, separable, renewable attribute of
 237 renewable energy produced in Florida and is equivalent to 1
 238 megawatt-hour of electricity generated by a source of renewable
 239 energy located in Florida. For combined heat and power systems
 240 placed in service in Florida after the effective date of this
 241 legislation, one renewable energy credit shall be produced for
 242 every 3.412 million British thermal units of waste heat thermal
 243 energy used to produce biofuel and, if any, associated co-
 244 products.

245 (f)~~(e)~~ "Renewable portfolio standard" or "RPS" means the
 246 minimum percentage of total annual retail electricity sales by a
 247 provider to consumers in Florida that shall be supplied by
 248 renewable energy produced in Florida.

249 Section 8. Subsection (6) is added to section 373.236,
 250 Florida Statutes, to read:

251 373.236 Duration of permits; compliance reports.--

252 (6) A permit that is approved for the use of water for
 253 cultivating agricultural products on lands consisting of 1,000
 254 acres or more and for renewable energy, as defined in s.
 255 366.91(2)(d), shall be granted for a term of at least 25 years
 256 commensurate with the foreseeable life of the renewable energy
 257 generating facility, including the extension of a facility's
 258 life from viable repowering projects. The permittee shall
 259 provide a compliance report every 5 years during the term of the
 260 permit as required in subsection (4); however, s. 373.243(4)
 261 does not apply due to the financial and land requirements that
 262 must be met before initiating energy production.

263 Section 9. Subsection (14) of section 403.503, Florida
 264 Statutes, is amended to read:

265 403.503 Definitions relating to Florida Electrical Power
 266 Plant Siting Act.--As used in this act:

267 (14) "Electrical power plant" means, for the purpose of
 268 certification, any steam ~~or solar~~ electrical generating facility
 269 using any process or fuel, including nuclear materials, except
 270 that this term does not include any steam ~~or solar~~ electrical
 271 generating facility of less than 75 megawatts in capacity unless
 272 the applicant for such a facility elects to apply for
 273 certification under this act. This term also includes the site;
 274 all associated facilities that will be owned by the applicant
 275 that are physically connected to the site; all associated
 276 facilities that are indirectly connected to the site by other
 277 proposed associated facilities that will be owned by the
 278 applicant; and associated transmission lines that will be owned
 279 by the applicant which connect the electrical power plant to an

280 existing transmission network or rights-of-way to which the
 281 applicant intends to connect. At the applicant's option, this
 282 term may include any offsite associated facilities that will not
 283 be owned by the applicant; offsite associated facilities that
 284 are owned by the applicant but that are not directly connected
 285 to the site; any proposed terminal or intermediate substations
 286 or substation expansions connected to the associated
 287 transmission line; or new transmission lines, upgrades, or
 288 improvements of an existing transmission line on any portion of
 289 the applicant's electrical transmission system necessary to
 290 support the generation injected into the system from the
 291 proposed electrical power plant.

292 Section 10. Subsections (3), (4), (7), (11), paragraph (b)
 293 of subsection (13), paragraph (b) of subsection (14), subsection
 294 (15), and paragraph (b) of subsection (19), of section 403.973,
 295 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

296 403.973 Expedited permitting; comprehensive plan
 297 amendments.--

298 (3) (a) The Governor, through the office, shall direct the
 299 creation of regional permit action teams, for the purpose of
 300 expediting review of permit applications and local comprehensive
 301 plan amendments submitted by:

- 302 1. Businesses creating at least 100 jobs, or
- 303 2. Businesses creating at least 50 jobs if the project is
- 304 located in an enterprise zone, or in a county having a
- 305 population of less than 75,000 or in a county having a
- 306 population of less than 100,000 which is contiguous to a county
- 307 having a population of less than 75,000, as determined by the

308 | most recent decennial census, residing in incorporated and
 309 | unincorporated areas of the county. ~~7-09~~

310 | (b) On a case-by-case basis and at the request of a county
 311 | or municipal government, the office may certify as eligible for
 312 | expedited review a project not meeting the minimum job creation
 313 | thresholds but creating a minimum of 10 jobs. The recommendation
 314 | from the governing body of the county or municipality in which
 315 | the project may be located is required in order for the office
 316 | to certify that any project is eligible for expedited review
 317 | under this paragraph. When considering projects that do not meet
 318 | the minimum job creation thresholds but that are recommended by
 319 | the governing body in which the project may be located, the
 320 | office shall consider economic impact factors that include, but
 321 | are not limited to:

- 322 | 1. The proposed wage and skill levels relative to those
- 323 | existing in the area in which the project may be located;
- 324 | 2. The project's potential to diversify and strengthen the
- 325 | area's economy;
- 326 | 3. The amount of capital investment; and
- 327 | 4. The number of jobs that will be made available for
- 328 | persons served by the welfare transition program.

329 | (c) At the request of a county or municipal government,
 330 | the office or a Quick Permitting County may certify projects
 331 | located in counties where the ratio of new jobs per participant
 332 | in the welfare transition program, as determined by Workforce
 333 | Florida, Inc., is less than one or otherwise critical, as
 334 | eligible for the expedited permitting process. Such projects
 335 | must meet the numerical job creation criteria of this

336 subsection, but the jobs created by the project do not have to
 337 be high-wage jobs that diversify the state's economy.

338 (d) Projects located in a designated brownfield area are
 339 eligible for the expedited permitting process.

340 (e) Projects that are part of the state-of-the-art
 341 biomedical research institution and campus to be established in
 342 this state by the grantee under s. 288.955 are eligible for the
 343 expedited permitting process, if the projects are designated as
 344 part of the institution or campus by the board of county
 345 commissioners of the county in which the institution and campus
 346 are established.

347 (f) Projects that result in the production of biofuels
 348 cultivated on lands consisting of 1,000 acres or more, or in the
 349 construction of a biofuel or biodiesel processing facility or
 350 renewable energy generating facility as defined in s.
 351 366.91(2)(d), are eligible for the expedited permitting process.

352 (4) The regional teams shall be established through the
 353 execution of memoranda of agreement developed by the applicant
 354 and between the office with input solicited from ~~and~~ the
 355 respective heads of the Department of Environmental Protection,
 356 the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of
 357 Transportation and its district offices, the Department of
 358 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Fish and Wildlife
 359 Conservation Commission, appropriate regional planning councils,
 360 appropriate water management districts, and voluntarily
 361 participating municipalities and counties. The memoranda of
 362 agreement must ~~should also~~ accommodate participation in the ~~this~~

363 expedited process by other local governments and federal
 364 agencies as circumstances warrant.

365 (7) An appeal ~~At the option of the participating local~~
 366 ~~government, appeals of a local government's its final approval~~
 367 for a project must ~~may~~ be conducted pursuant to the summary
 368 hearing provisions in ~~of~~ s. 120.574, pursuant to subsection
 369 (14), and consolidated with the challenge of applicable state
 370 agency actions, if any ~~or pursuant to other appellate processes~~
 371 ~~available to the local government. The local government's~~
 372 ~~decision to enter into a summary hearing must be made as~~
 373 ~~provided in s. 120.574 or in the memorandum of agreement.~~

374 (11) The standard form memorandum ~~memoranda~~ of agreement
 375 must ~~shall~~ include guidelines to be used in working with state,
 376 regional, and local permitting authorities. Guidelines may
 377 include, but are not limited to, the following:

378 (a) A central contact point for filing permit applications
 379 and local comprehensive plan amendments and for obtaining
 380 information on permit and local comprehensive plan amendment
 381 requirements;

382 (b) Identification of the individual or individuals within
 383 each respective agency who will be responsible for processing
 384 the expedited permit application or local comprehensive plan
 385 amendment for the ~~that~~ agency;

386 (c) A mandatory preapplication review process to reduce
 387 permitting conflicts by providing guidance to applicants
 388 regarding the permits needed from each agency and governmental
 389 entity, site planning and development, site suitability and
 390 limitations, facility design, and steps the applicant can take

391 to ensure expeditious permit application and local comprehensive
 392 plan amendment review. As a part of the ~~this~~ process, the first
 393 interagency meeting to discuss a project shall be held within 14
 394 days after the office's determination that the project is
 395 eligible for expedited review. Subsequent interagency meetings
 396 may be scheduled to accommodate the needs of participating local
 397 governments that are unable to meet public notice requirements
 398 for executing a memorandum of agreement within the ~~this~~
 399 timeframe. Such ~~This~~ accommodation may not exceed 45 days from
 400 the office's determination that the project is eligible for
 401 expedited review;

402 (d) The preparation of a single coordinated project
 403 description form and checklist and an agreement by state and
 404 regional agencies to reduce the burden on an applicant to
 405 provide duplicate information to multiple agencies;

406 (e) ~~Establishment of~~ A process for the adoption and review
 407 of any comprehensive plan amendment needed by any certified
 408 project within 90 days after the submission of an application
 409 for a comprehensive plan amendment. However, the memorandum of
 410 agreement may not prevent affected persons as defined in s.
 411 163.3184 from appealing or participating in the ~~this~~ expedited
 412 plan amendment process and any review or appeals of decisions
 413 made under this paragraph; and

414 (f) Additional incentives for an applicant who proposes a
 415 project that provides a net ecosystem benefit.

416 (13) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law:

417 (b) Projects that are qualified under this section are not
 418 subject to interstate highway level-of-service standards adopted

419 by the Department of Transportation for concurrency purposes.
 420 The memorandum of agreement specified in subsection (5) must
 421 include a process by which the applicant will be assessed a fair
 422 share of the cost of mitigating the project's significant
 423 traffic impacts, as defined in chapter 380 and related rules.
 424 The agreement must also specify whether the significant traffic
 425 impacts on the interstate system will be mitigated through the
 426 implementation of a project or payment of funds to the
 427 Department of Transportation. If ~~where~~ funds are paid, the
 428 Department of Transportation must include in the 5-year work
 429 program transportation projects or project phases, in an amount
 430 equal to the funds received, to mitigate the traffic impacts
 431 associated with the proposed project.

432 (14)

433 (b) Challenges to state agency action in the expedited
 434 permitting process for establishment of a state-of-the-art
 435 biomedical research institution and campus in the ~~this~~ state by
 436 the grantee under s. 288.955 or a project identified in
 437 paragraph (3) (f) are subject to the same requirements as
 438 challenges brought under paragraph (a), except that,
 439 notwithstanding s. 120.574, summary proceedings must be
 440 conducted within 30 days after a party files the motion for
 441 summary hearing, regardless of whether the parties agree to the
 442 summary proceeding.

443 (15) The office, working with the agencies that provide
 444 input to ~~participating in~~ the memoranda of agreement, shall
 445 review sites proposed for the location of facilities eligible
 446 for the Innovation Incentive Program under s. 288.1089. Within

447 20 days after the request for the review by the office, the
 448 agencies shall provide to the office a statement as to each
 449 site's necessary permits under local, state, and federal law and
 450 an identification of significant permitting issues, which if
 451 unresolved, may result in the denial of an agency permit or
 452 approval or any significant delay caused by the permitting
 453 process.

454 (19) The following projects are ineligible for review
 455 under this part:

456 (b) A project, the primary purpose of which is to:

457 1. Effect the final disposal of solid waste, biomedical
 458 waste, or hazardous waste in this state.

459 2. Produce electrical power, unless the production of
 460 electricity is incidental and not the primary function of the
 461 project or the electrical power is derived from a renewable
 462 energy fuel source as defined in s. 366.91(2)(d).

463 . 3. Extract natural resources.

464 4. Produce oil.

465 5. Construct, maintain, or operate an oil, petroleum,
 466 natural gas, or sewage pipeline.

467 Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 525.09, Florida
 468 Statutes, is amended to read:

469 525.09 Inspection fee.--

470 (1) For the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to
 471 inspecting, testing, and analyzing petroleum fuels in this
 472 state, there shall be paid to the department a charge of one-
 473 eighth cent per gallon on all gasoline, alternative fuel
 474 containing alcohol as described in s. 525.01(1)(c) or 2.,

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475 kerosene (except when used as aviation turbine fuel), and #1
 476 fuel oil for sale or use in this state. This inspection fee
 477 shall be imposed in the same manner as the motor fuel tax
 478 pursuant to s. 206.41. Payment shall be made on or before the
 479 25th day of each month.

480 Section 12. Subsection (3) is added to section 553.792,
 481 Florida Statutes, to read:

482 553.792 Building permit application to local government.--

483 (3) A local government shall only require a single permit,
 484 permit application, and fee for the installation of a single
 485 system that is covered by a single warranty. The permit fee
 486 shall be based upon the time required to review the application
 487 and issue the number of inspections required.

488 Section 13. (1) The Florida Energy and Climate Commission
 489 shall prepare a report that:

490 (a) Identifies methods of increasing energy-efficiency
 491 practices among low-income households as defined in s. 420.9071,
 492 Florida Statutes. The commission shall, at a minimum, identify
 493 energy-efficiency programs currently offered to low-income
 494 households by community action agencies, community-based
 495 organizations, and utility companies in this state and similar
 496 programs offered to low-income households in other states.

497 (b) Determines the statewide impact of improving the level
 498 of energy efficiency of rental housing properties, including,
 499 but not limited to, the environmental benefits of the
 500 improvements and the potential fiscal impact on property
 501 tenants, owners, and landlords and the economy. The commission
 502 shall consider the relative equity and economic efficiency of

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503 the cost share for such energy-efficiency improvements.

504 (c) Provides recommendations to effect more energy-
 505 efficiency practices among low-income household residents.

506 (2) The commission shall submit the report to the
 507 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
 508 Representatives by February 1, 2010.

509 Section 14. Except as otherwise provided, this act shall
 510 take effect July 1, 2009.