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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS
TRUST FUND RE-CREATION ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1291 (PCB GG 99-30)

RELATING TO: Re-creating the Preneed Funeral Contract Consumer Protection Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): Committee on General Government Appropriations

COMPANION BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Preneed Funeral Contract Consumer Protection Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Preneed Funeral Contract Consumer Protection Trust Fund, FLAIR #44-2-536, is administered by the Department of Banking and Finance. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 1996, by Chapter 95-81, Laws of Florida.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Section 497.413, F.S., creates the trust fund and provides a revenue source.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND'S USES OR PURPOSES:

The fund regulates pre-need funeral contracts and reimburses persons for failed pre-need funeral contracts.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The major sources of revenue for the fund are pre-need funeral contract fees and license fees for selling pre-need funeral and cemetery services. According to Comptroller data, receipts to this fund for FY 1997-98 were \$211,156.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

C. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:

None.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

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IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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