By Senator Lynn

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to a NASCAR Hall of Fame
3	facility; amending s. 212.20, F.S.; providing
4	for distribution of a portion of revenues from
5	the tax on sales, use, and other transactions
6	to a NASCAR Hall of Fame facility; creating s.
7	288.1170, F.S.; specifying the Office of
8	Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development as the
9	state entity for screening NASCAR Hall of Fame
10	facility applicants; providing for
11	certification of such facility by the office;
12	providing requirements for certification and
13	operation of the facility; providing for
14	distribution of funds; authorizing certain uses
15	of funds distributed to the facility; providing
16	procedural requirements for the office;
17	limiting distribution of funds by the
18	Department of Revenue; providing for audits by
19	the department; providing for periodic
20	recertification by the office; providing
21	requirements; providing certain advertising
22	contribution requirements; providing for
23	increasing such advertising contribution
24	requirements under certain circumstances;
25	providing an effective date.
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27	WHEREAS, the National Association for Stock Car Auto
28	Racing, Inc. (NASCAR), founded in 1948, is the preeminent auto
29	racing sanctioning body in the world, and
30	WHEREAS, the City of Daytona Beach is the recognized
31	center of auto racing in the United States and a leading

economic engine, attracting millions of race fans each year to 2 Florida to attend racing events and to participate in related 3 racing activities, and WHEREAS, NASCAR, Inc., has recently submitted its 4 Request For Proposals to at least four cities in the United 5 States, including the City of Daytona Beach, to develop, fund, 7 and maintain the NASCAR Hall of Fame, and 8 WHEREAS, the City of Daytona Beach, the County of Volusia, and the State of Florida would benefit greatly by the 9 establishment of the NASCAR Hall of Fame in the cradle of auto 10 racing, the City of Daytona Beach, and 11 12 WHEREAS, the NASCAR Hall of Fame facility would receive 13 national and international media promotion and attention to the extent of promoting the quality of life in Florida, so as 14 to attract national and international tourists and 15 16 sports-related industry, and 17 WHEREAS, additional generated tourism has a positive 18 impact on both the taxes and economy of the state and additional economic development enhances employment 19 opportunities for Florida citizens as well as expanding the 20 21 tax base, NOW, THEREFORE, 22 23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 2.4 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section 25 212.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 26 27 212.20 Funds collected, disposition; additional powers of department; operational expense; refund of taxes 29 adjudicated unconstitutionally collected .--30 (6) Distribution of all proceeds under this chapter

and s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be as follows:

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- (d) The proceeds of all other taxes and fees imposed
 pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s.
 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. In any fiscal year, the greater of \$500 million, minus an amount equal to 4.6 percent of the proceeds of the taxes collected pursuant to chapter 201, or 5 percent of all other taxes and fees imposed pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be deposited in monthly installments into the General Revenue Fund.
- 2. Two-tenths of one percent shall be transferred to the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund to be used for water quality improvement and water restoration projects.
- 3. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1. and 2., 8.814 percent of the amount remitted by a sales tax dealer located within a participating county pursuant to s. 218.61 shall be transferred into the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund. Beginning July 1, 2003, the amount to be transferred pursuant to this subparagraph to the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund shall be reduced by 0.1 percent, and the department shall distribute this amount to the Public Employees Relations Commission Trust Fund less \$5,000 each month, which shall be added to the amount calculated in subparagraph 4. and distributed accordingly.
- 4. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3., 0.095 percent shall be transferred to the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund and distributed pursuant to s. 218.65.
- 5. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., 31, and 4., 2.0440 percent of the available proceeds pursuant

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to this paragraph shall be transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Counties pursuant to s. 218.215.

- 6. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., 3., and 4., 1.3409 percent of the available proceeds pursuant to this paragraph shall be transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities pursuant to s. 218.215. If the total revenue to be distributed pursuant to this subparagraph is at least as great as the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, no municipality shall receive less than the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000. If the total proceeds to be distributed are less than the amount received in combination from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, each municipality shall receive an amount proportionate to the amount it was due in state fiscal year 1999-2000.
 - 7. Of the remaining proceeds:
- a. In each fiscal year, the sum of \$29,915,500 shall be divided into as many equal parts as there are counties in the state, and one part shall be distributed to each county. The distribution among the several counties shall begin each fiscal year on or before January 5th and shall continue monthly for a total of 4 months. If a local or special law required that any moneys accruing to a county in fiscal year 1999-2000 under the then-existing provisions of s. 550.135 be paid directly to the district school board, special district, or a municipal government, such payment shall continue until

such time that the local or special law is amended or 2 repealed. The state covenants with holders of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness issued by local governments, 3 special districts, or district school boards prior to July 1, 4 5 2000, that it is not the intent of this subparagraph to 6 adversely affect the rights of those holders or relieve local 7 governments, special districts, or district school boards of 8 the duty to meet their obligations as a result of previous 9 pledges or assignments or trusts entered into which obligated funds received from the distribution to county governments 10 under then-existing s. 550.135. This distribution specifically 11 12 is in lieu of funds distributed under s. 550.135 prior to July 13 1, 2000. b. The department shall distribute \$166,667 monthly 14 pursuant to s. 288.1162 to each applicant that has been 15 certified as a "facility for a new professional sports 16 franchise" or a "facility for a retained professional sports 18 franchise" pursuant to s. 288.1162. Up to \$41,667 shall be distributed monthly by the department to each applicant that 19 has been certified as a "facility for a retained spring 20 training franchise" pursuant to s. 288.1162; however, not more 2.1 22 than \$208,335 may be distributed monthly in the aggregate to 23 all certified facilities for a retained spring training franchise. Distributions shall begin 60 days following such 2.4 certification and shall continue for not more than 30 years. 25 26 Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to 27 allow an applicant certified pursuant to s. 288.1162 to receive more in distributions than actually expended by the 29 applicant for the public purposes provided for in s. 288.1162(6). However, a certified applicant is entitled to 30

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undistributed under this section for additional renovations and improvements to the facility for the franchise without additional certification.

- c. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to the Department of Revenue that an applicant has been certified as the professional golf hall of fame pursuant to s. 288.1168 and is open to the public, \$166,667 shall be distributed monthly, for up to 300 months, to the applicant.
- d. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Office of 10 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to the Department of 11 12 Revenue that the applicant has been certified as the 13 International Game Fish Association World Center facility pursuant to s. 288.1169, and the facility is open to the 14 public, \$83,333 shall be distributed monthly, for up to 168 15 months, to the applicant. This distribution is subject to 16 reduction pursuant to s. 288.1169. A lump sum payment of 18 \$999,996 shall be made, after certification and before July 1, 2000. 19
 - e. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to the Department of Revenue that an applicant has been certified as the NASCAR Hall of Fame facility pursuant to s. 288.1170 and is open to the public, \$250,000 shall be distributed monthly, for up to 300 months, to the applicant.
- 28 Section 2. Section 288.1170, Florida Statutes, is 29 created to read:

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1	288.1170 National Association for Stock Car Auto
2	Racing, Inc. (NASCAR) Hall of Fame facility; duties of the
3	Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development
4	(1) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
5	Development shall serve as the state entity for screening
6	applicants for state funding pursuant to s. 212.20 and for
7	certifying one applicant as the NASCAR Hall of Fame facility
8	in the state.
9	(2) Prior to certifying the NASCAR Hall of Fame
10	facility, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
11	Development must determine that:
12	(a) The NASCAR Hall of Fame facility would be the only
13	NASCAR Hall of Fame in the United States recognized by NASCAR,
14	Inc.
15	(b) The applicant is a unit of local government as
16	defined in s. 218.369 or a private sector group that has
17	contracted to construct or operate the NASCAR Hall of Fame
18	facility on land owned by a unit of local government.
19	(c) The municipality in which the NASCAR Hall of Fame
20	facility is located, or the county if the facility is located
21	in an unincorporated area, has certified by resolution after a
22	public hearing that the application serves a public purpose.
23	(d) There are existing projections that the NASCAR
24	Hall of Fame facility will attract a paid attendance of more
25	than 500,000 annually.
26	(e) There is an independent analysis or study, using
27	methodology approved by the Department of Revenue, which
28	demonstrates that the amount of the revenues generated by the
29	taxes imposed under chapter 212 with respect to the use and
30	operation of the NASCAR Hall of Fame facility will equal or
31	exceed \$3 million annually.

(f) The applicant has submitted an agreement to 2 provide \$2 million annually in national and international media promotion of the NASCAR Hall of Fame facility, this 3 4 state, and tourism in this state, through NASCAR, Inc., or its affiliates, at the then-current commercial rate, during the 5 6 period of time the facility receives funds pursuant to s. 212.20. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development 7 and NASCAR, Inc., or its affiliates, must agree annually on a 8 reasonable percentage of advertising specifically allocated 9 10 for generic advertising in this state. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall have final approval of 11 all such generic advertising. Failure on the part of NASCAR, 12 13 Inc., or its affiliates, to annually provide the advertising as provided in this paragraph or subsection (6) shall result 14 in the termination of funding as provided in s. 212.20. 15 The application is signed by an official senior 16 executive of the applicant and is notarized according to the 18 laws of this state providing for penalties for falsification. 19 (3) The applicant may use funds provided pursuant to s. 212.20 for the public purpose of paying for the 2.0 21 construction, reconstruction, renovation, or operation of the 2.2 NASCAR Hall of Fame facility, or to pay or pledge for payment 23 of debt service on, or to fund debt service reserve funds, arbitrage rebate obligations, or other amounts payable with 2.4 respect to, bonds issued for the construction, reconstruction, 2.5 or renovation of the facility or for the reimbursement of such 26 2.7 costs or the refinancing of bonds issued for such purpose. 2.8 (4) Upon determining that an applicant is or is not certifiable, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic 29 Development shall notify the applicant of his or her status by 30 means of an official letter. If certifiable, the secretary 31

shall notify the executive director of the Department of 2 Revenue and the applicant of such certification by means of an official letter granting certification. From the date of such 3 4 certification, the applicant shall have 5 years to open the NASCAR Hall of Fame facility to the public and notify the 5 6 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development of such 7 opening. The Department of Revenue shall not begin distributing funds until 30 days following notice by the 8 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development that the 9 10 NASCAR Hall of Fame facility is open to the public. (5) The Department of Revenue may audit as provided in 11 12 213.34, to verify that the distributions under this section 13 have been expended as required by this section. (6) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic 14 Development must recertify every 10 years that the facility is 15 open, continues to be the only NASCAR Hall of Fame in the 16 17 United States recognized by NASCAR, Inc., and is meeting the 18 minimum projections for attendance or sales tax revenue as required at the time of original certification. If the 19 facility is not certified as meeting the minimum projections, 2.0 21 NASCAR, Inc., shall increase its required advertising contribution of \$2 million annually to \$2.5 million annually 2.2 23 in lieu of reduction of any funds as provided by s. 212.20. The additional \$500,000 must be allocated in its entirety for 2.4 the use and promotion of generic advertising of this state as 2.5 determined by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic 26 Development. If the facility is not open to the public or is 2.7 2.8 no longer in use as the only NASCAR Hall of Fame in the United States recognized by NASCAR, Inc., the entire \$2.5 million for 29 advertising must be used for generic advertising in this state 30 31

as determined by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.