

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the city of Daytona Beach, Volusia County; providing for use and development of lands within city limits; providing for the State of Florida to grant specific deeds to Daytona Beach in good faith for redevelopment and revitalization in lieu of payment to the state; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees deeded approximately 97.22±-acres to the City of Daytona Beach through multiple deeds. The deeds all contain deed restrictions that, if violated, cause reversion of the property should the City lease the land for any private use, and

WHEREAS, the State owns the oil, gas and mineral rights held by the State of Florida formerly under Board of Trustees Deed No. 20798 and those mineral rights held under Deed No. 19622-A, 40152, 17190, 17191, 23287, and 20798-B, and

WHEREAS, these deeds were written between 1925 and 1963, and

WHEREAS, the total area considered for oil, gas and mineral reservation release is approximately 97.22±-acres of filled submerged lands, and

WHEREAS, the need to address these restrictions and reservations is precipitated from the City's desire to redevelop the downtown riverfront area. The City's plan is to expand its efforts to attract new residents and businesses to the once vital area for the benefit of the local economy, and

WHEREAS, the City adopted a Downtown Redevelopment Riverfront Master Plan on August 4, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the restrictions, reverter and mineral reservation clause limits the opportunities that can be considered in the redevelopment of this area of the city, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Cabinet approved release of these restrictions to Daytona Beach at the Cabinet meeting on December 4, 2018, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

All oil, gas and mineral rights held and approved for release by the Florida Cabinet formerly under Board of Trustees Deed No. 20798 and those mineral rights held under Deed No. 19622-A, 40152, 17190, 17191, 23287, and 20798-B will be granted to the City of Daytona Beach without payment.

This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.