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TO: Senator Dempsey J. Barron  
Chairman, Governmental Operations Committee

FROM: Susan F. Clark, Attorney  
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RE: H. B. 1572, The General Reviser's Bill

AUTHORITY

H. B. 1572 was prepared pursuant to s. 11.242, Florida Statutes, to: replace incorrect cross-references; delete obsolete or expired provisions; correct grammatical and typographical errors; conform statutory language to previous legislation; and correct errors in editing, publishing, and printing of the Florida Statutes.

ANALYSIS

The changes made by H. B. 1572 appear to be proper and consistent with legislative intent. However, the following three sections should be reviewed by the committee.

1. On page 53, lines 24-28, Section 80.  
This section repeals s. 253.23, F. S., which required the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to "report to the Legislature...upon the several matters committed to its charge....", Chapter 75-22, Laws of Florida, transferred the powers, duties, and function of the board of trustees to the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Regulation, or the Department of State (with the possible exception that the board of trustees, as owners of state lands, may have the authority to hear and decide appeals of Department of Environmental Regulation decisions under chapter 253, F. S.). Therefore, s. 253.23, F. S., no longer seems necessary.

2. On page 62, lines 5-29, Section 90.  
This amendment to s. 316.199, F. S., conforms the formula for determining overall gross weight of vehicles to the formula in federal law, consistent with apparent legislative intent.

3. On page 114, lines 11-27, Section 170.  
This amendment to 468.184(3), F. S., strikes the term "qualifying agent," which the reviser believes is superfluous. The question is whether or not the Legislature intended that there be an investigation of the "financial responsibility and credit and business reputation" of the person who is the qualifying agent for a business entity making an application for an electrical contractor's certificate.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that H. B. 1572 be approved.

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