HB 533

1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to Melbourne-Tillman Water Control 3 District, Brevard County; amending ch. 2001-336, Laws of Florida, as amended; providing requirements for 4 5 establishing an offense of trespass; requiring certain 6 signage for trespass on posted land and providing 7 requirements therefor; providing prima facie evidence 8 of intent to trespass; defining the term "unlawful 9 dumping"; providing requirements for certain law enforcement agencies; providing immunity for certain 10 11 law enforcement officers; providing an effective date. 12 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 14 Section 33 is added to section 3 of chapter 15 Section 1. 16 2001-336, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 2019-175, 2010-253, and 2003-334, Laws of Florida, to read: 17 18 Section 33. Trespass.-For purposes of chapter 810, Florida 19 Statutes, establishing an offense of trespass, as it relates to 20 lands owned by the District, shall require all of the following: (1) Posted land, as defined in section 810.011(5), Florida 21 22 Statutes, shall require placement of signs at or near the 23 intersection of a District canal right-of-way and a road right-24 of-way and shall comply with the lettering and size requirements 25 of that section.

Page 1 of 3

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

2022

HB 533

2022

26	(2) The unlawful dumping by any person of any personal
27	property of any kind on or in a District canal right-of-way is
28	prima facie evidence of the intention of such person to commit
29	an act of trespass. For purposes of this subsection, the term
30	"unlawful dumping" shall mean dumping, placing, throwing,
31	discarding, depositing, disposing of, draining, or discharging
32	the following items, including, but not limited to, any item of
33	personal property; fluids; tires; household items; appliances;
34	garbage; vehicles; trucks; trailers; motorhomes; vessels; farm
35	machinery or equipment; sheds; garden, landscaping, tree, or
36	yard debris; fencing; construction materials; hazardous waste as
37	defined by any state or federal regulatory agency; human or
38	animal waste; pharmaceuticals of any kind; fertilizers; or any
39	substance in any form resulting from domestic, industrial,
40	commercial, mining, agriculture, or government operations in or
41	upon a District canal right-of-way without the express written
42	consent of the District Board of Directors or the District
43	manager or his or her designee.
44	(3) Upon contact from the District, the law enforcement
45	agency in whose jurisdiction any alleged trespass of District
46	property has occurred shall respond and arrest either on or off
47	any District canal right-of-way or any other District property,
48	facility, or equipment and with or without warrant any person
49	the officer has probable cause to believe has committed the
50	offense of trespass upon any District canal right-of-way or any
	Page 2 of 3

Page 2 of 3

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

FLORIDA	HOUSE	OF REP	RESENTA	TIVES
---------	-------	--------	---------	-------

HB 533

2022

51	other District property, facility, or equipment, or has
52	otherwise violated subsection (2). Such arrest shall not render
53	the law enforcement officer criminally or civilly liable for
54	false arrest, false imprisonment, or unlawful detention.
55	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law

Page 3 of 3

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.