

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RCS 01/30/2012

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation (Detert) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 373.4591, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

373.4591 Improvements on private agricultural lands.-The Legislature encourages public-private partnerships to accomplish water storage and water quality improvements on private agricultural lands. When an agreement is entered into between a water management district or the department and a private landowner to establish such a partnership, a baseline condition

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determining the extent of wetlands and other surface waters on the property shall be established and documented in the agreement before improvements are constructed. The determination for the baseline condition shall be conducted using the methods set forth in the rules adopted pursuant to s. 373.421. The baseline condition documented in the agreement shall be considered the extent of wetlands and other surface waters on the property for the purpose of regulation under this chapter for the duration of the agreement and after its expiration.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to water storage and water quality improvements; creating s. 373.4591, F.S.; requiring a specified determination as a condition of an agreement for water storage and water quality improvements on private agricultural lands; providing a methodology for such determination; providing for regulation of such lands for the duration of the agreement and after its expiration; providing an effective date.