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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Pasco County; amending chapter 99-166, Laws of Florida; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to grant an exception from requirements prohibiting sewage treatment facility discharges into certain waters of the state for an applicant's discharge from permitted reuse systems as part of a plan to rehydrate certain surface water bodies; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Chapter 99-166, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

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Section 1. Elimination of sewage treatment facility discharges into coastal waters within Pasco County.—

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(1) No new discharges, or increased pollutant loadings from existing sewage treatment facilities into the coastal waters of the state within Pasco County, which include, but are not limited to, Anclote Anchorage, Sandy Bay, Cross Bayou, Millers Bayou, Boggy Bay, Hope Bayou, Lighter Bayou, or Fillman Bayou, or into waters tributary thereto, are permitted except as provided in subsection (3).

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(2) All existing sewage treatment facility discharges into the coastal waters of the state within Pasco County or into waters tributary thereto, as described in subsection (1), must

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be eliminated before July 1, 2004, except as provided in subsection (3).

- (3) The Department of Environmental Protection may grant an exception to <u>subsection</u> subsection (1) or <u>subsection</u> (2) only if <u>in the following circumstances</u>:
- (a) The applicant conclusively demonstrates that no other practical alternative exists, that the discharge will receive advanced waste treatment as defined in s. 403.086(4), or a higher level of waste treatment, and the applicant conclusively demonstrates that the proposed discharge will not result in a violation of water quality standards; or
- (b) The applicant's discharge is a limited wet weather surface water discharge serving as a backup to a reuse system pursuant to s. 403.086(7)(a) and will not cause a violation of state water quality standards and is subject to the requirements of department rules; or
- (c) The applicant's discharge is from a permitted reuse system and is authorized as part of a plan to rehydrate a surface water body that is not meeting its minimum water level, or is otherwise adversely impacted by drainage modifications or groundwater pumping, and the reclaimed water is needed to restore, recover, or enhance natural aquatic ecosystems.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.