

Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

HB 4001 — Florida Climate Protection Act

by Representative Plakon and others (SB 648 by Senators Hays, Evers, Fasano, Flores, Benacquisto, Lynn, and Oelrich)

The bill repeals s. 403.44, F.S., known as the Florida Climate Protection Act (act), which authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to adopt rules to create a cap-and-trade regulatory program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The act was enacted in 2008, and DEP has not adopted any rules. The bill also deletes a related provision in s. 366.8255, F.S., on the recovery of costs associated with greenhouse gas registries.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 31-5; House 82-34