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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to sewage treatment; amending  
3           s. 381.00655, F.S.; excluding certain onsite  
4           sewage treatment and disposal systems from the  
5           requirement to connect with an available  
6           central sewerage system; providing an effective  
7           date.

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

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
12 381.00655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           381.00655 Connection of existing onsite sewage  
14 treatment and disposal systems to central sewerage system;  
15 requirements.--

16           (1)(a) The owner of a properly functioning onsite  
17 sewage treatment and disposal system, excluding an approved  
18 onsite graywater system and a system located in an area  
19 designated by a local government for rural land use, must  
20 connect the system or the building's plumbing to an available  
21 publicly owned or investor-owned sewerage system within 365  
22 days after written notification by the owner of the publicly  
23 owned or investor-owned sewerage system that the system is  
24 available for connection. The publicly owned or  
25 investor-owned sewerage system must notify the owner of the  
26 onsite sewage treatment and disposal system of the  
27 availability of the central sewerage system. No less than 1  
28 year prior to the date the sewerage system will become  
29 available, the publicly owned or investor-owned sewerage  
30 system shall notify the affected owner of the onsite sewage  
31 treatment and disposal system of the anticipated availability

1 of the sewerage system and shall also notify the owner that  
2 the owner will be required to connect to the sewerage system  
3 within 1 year of the actual availability. The owner shall have  
4 the option of prepaying the amortized value of required  
5 connection charges in equal monthly installments over a period  
6 not to exceed 2 years from the date of the initial  
7 notification of anticipated availability. Nothing in this  
8 section shall operate to impair contracts or other binding  
9 obligations relating to payment schedules in existence as of  
10 October 1, 1993. Nothing in this paragraph limits the power of  
11 a municipality or county to enforce other laws for the  
12 protection of the public health and safety.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
14 law.

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17 SENATE SUMMARY

18 Provides that onsite sewage treatment and disposal  
19 systems that are located in an area designated by a local  
20 government for rural land use are exempt from the  
21 requirement to connect with an available central sewerage  
22 treatment system.  
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