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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to electrical power plants;
prohibiting the use of orimulsion as a fuel to
generate electricity; providing for an
independent environmental impact study and
report to the Legislature; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. An electrical power plant may not use any fossil fuel known as orimulsion, or any combination of water and a heavy hydrocarbon known as bitumen found in or in the vicinity of the Orinoco River Basin in Venezuela, to generate electricity in this state. An independent environmental impact study shall be undertaken and a report with recommendations shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 1999. When the report is submitted to the Legislature, the ban may be removed if appropriate.

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

SENATE SUMMARY

Prohibits the use of orimulsion as a fuel to generate electricity in the state. Provides for an independent environmental impact study and report to the Legislature.