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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to sewage treatment facility discharges; prohibiting new discharges or increased pollutant loadings from existing sewage treatment facilities into coastal waters adjacent to Pasco County or waters tributary thereto; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to grant exceptions under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. New or increased sewage treatment facility discharges into coastal waters adjacent to Pasco County prohibited.--

(1) No new discharges or increased pollutant loadings from existing sewage treatment facilities into the coastal waters of the state adjacent to 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 (2).

(2) The Department of Environmental Protection may grant an exception to subsection (1) only in the following circumstances:

(a) If the applicant conclusively demonstrates that no other practical alternative exists and the discharge will receive advanced waste treatment as defined in section 403.086(4), Florida Statutes, or a higher level of treatment;

1 (b) If the applicant conclusively demonstrates that
2 the proposed discharge will not result in violation of state
3 water quality standards, either by itself or in combination
4 with other discharges, and will not hinder efforts to restore
5 the water quality of the coastal waters of the state adjacent
6 to Pasco County; or

7 (c) If the applicant's discharge is an intermittent
8 surface water discharge occurring during wet weather
9 conditions, subject to the requirements of department rules.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2002.

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13 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

14 Effective January 1, 2002, prohibits new discharges or
15 increased pollutant loadings from existing sewage
16 treatment facilities into the coastal waters adjacent to
17 Pasco County or waters tributary thereto. Authorizes the
18 Department of Environmental Protection to grant
19 exceptions under specified circumstances. (See bill for
20 details.)
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