

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to sewage treatment facility  
3           discharges; prohibiting new discharges, or  
4           increased pollutant loadings from existing  
5           sewage treatment facilities into coastal waters  
6           within Pasco County or waters tributary  
7           thereto; requiring elimination of existing  
8           discharges into coastal waters within Pasco  
9           County or waters tributary thereto; authorizing  
10          the Department of Environmental Protection to  
11          grant exceptions under certain circumstances;  
12          providing an effective date.

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

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16           Section 1. Elimination of sewage treatment facility  
17 discharges into coastal waters within Pasco County.--

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

25           (2) All existing sewage treatment facility discharges  
26 into the coastal waters of the state within Pasco County or  
27 into waters tributary thereto, as described in subsection (1),  
28 must be eliminated before July 1, 2004, except as provided in  
29 subsection (3).

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1           (3) The Department of Environmental Protection may  
2 grant an exception to subsections (1) or (2) only in the  
3 following circumstances:  
4           (a) The applicant conclusively demonstrates that no  
5 other practical alternative exists, the discharge will receive  
6 advanced waste treatment as defined in s. 403.086(4), or a  
7 higher level of treatment, and the applicant conclusively  
8 demonstrates that the proposed discharge will not result in a  
9 violation of water quality standards; or  
10           (b) The applicant's discharge is a limited wet weather  
11 surface water discharge serving as a backup to a reuse system  
12 pursuant to s. 403.086(7)(a) and will not cause a violation of  
13 state water quality standards and is subject to the  
14 requirements of department rules.

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

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