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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           adjacent to Pasco County or waters tributary  
7           thereto; authorizing the Department of  
8           Environmental Protection to grant exceptions  
9           under certain circumstances; providing an  
10          effective date.

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

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

17           (1) No new discharges or increased pollutant loadings  
18 from existing sewage treatment facilities into the coastal  
19 waters of the state adjacent to Pasco County, which include,  
20 but are not limited to, Anclote Anchorage, Sandy Bay, Cross  
21 Bayou, Millers Bayou, Boggy Bay, Hope Bayou, Lighter Bayou, or  
22 Fillman Bayou, or into waters tributary thereto, are permitted  
23 except as provided in subsection (2).

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

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