1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to environmental permitting;

3   amending s. 373.4145, F.S.; providing for the

4   accelerated development of implementing actions

5   for a permitting program under pt. IV of ch.

6   373, F.S., in the Northwest Florida Water

7   Management District; providing an effective

8   date.

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

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12   Section 1. Subsections (6) and (7) of section

13   373.4145, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

14   373.4145 Interim part IV permitting program for the

15   Northwest Florida Water Management District.--

16   (6) Subsections (1), (2), (3), and (4) shall be

17   repealed upon the effective date of rules adopted under

18   paragraph (7)(c)effective July 1, 2003.

19   (7)(a) The department and the Northwest Florida Water

20   Management District are directed to begin developing a plan by

21   which the permitting for activities proposed in surface waters

22   and wetlands shall fully comply with the provisions of this

23   part, beginning January July 1, 2001 2003. The plan also shall

24   address the division of environmental resource permitting

25   responsibilities between the department and the Northwest

26   Florida Water Management District; the methodology of

27   delineating wetlands in the Northwest Florida Water Management

28   District; and the authority of the Northwest Florida Water

29   Management District to implement federal permitting programs

30   related to activities in surface waters and wetlands; and the

31   chapter 70 implications of implementing the provisions of this

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 1 | ~~part~~ within the jurisdiction of the Northwest Florida Water
 2 | Management District.
 3 | (b) The department and Northwest Florida Water
 4 | Management District shall jointly prepare a ~~an interim~~ report
 5 | on their progress in developing the ~~aforementioned~~ plan, to be
 6 | presented March 1, 2001,to the Governor, the President of the
 7 | Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
 8 | chairs of the relevant substantive and fiscal committees. ~~The~~
 9 | ~~department and district shall present a final report on March~~
10 | ~~1, 2003.~~
11 | (c) The department and the Northwest Florida Water
12 | Management District shall adopt rules implementing all or a
13 | portion of the Management and Storage of Surface Water Program
14 | under part IV as described in the progress report under
15 | paragraph (b) which are substantially equivalent to those in
16 | effect in the rest of the state and shall be exempt from the
17 | provisions of chapter 70. The rules shall be effective October
18 | 1, 2001.
19 | (d)~~(c)~~ Any jurisdictional declaratory statement issued
20 | for a project within the geographic jurisdiction of the
21 | Northwest Florida Water Management District that is valid on
22 | July 1, 1999, and for which there has been issued a permit
23 | pursuant to this chapter and chapter 403 for a phase of that
24 | project and which identified proposed future development,
25 | including mitigation, that would require an additional permit
26 | pursuant to this chapter and chapter 403 shall not expire
27 | until January 1, 2002.
28 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
29 | law.
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2   HOUSE SUMMARY

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        Provides for the accelerated development of a plan and
4   rules for a permitting program in the Northwest Florida
      Water Management District.
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