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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1753
RELATING TO: Environmental Control
SPONSOR(S): Representative Alexander
TIED BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
 - (2) AGRICULTURE
 - (3) GOVERNMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
 - (4) FINANCE AND TAXATION
 - (5) GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS
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I. SUMMARY:

HB 1753 creates s. 403.08725, F.S., to address emissions from citrus juice processing facilities. Specific provisions:

- Direct that this new section will supersede current law governing emissions from these facilities.
- Provide emissions limits for these facilities.
- Provide requirements, specifications, and restrictions with respect to air emissions trading.
- Provide requirements for the construction of new facilities or modification of existing facilities.
- Direct that the upon passage the bill be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval.
- Direct the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to explore alternatives to traditional methods of regulatory permitting for these types of facilities.
- Allow the DEP to utilize pilot projects to test alternative regulatory methods.

The bill would take effect July 1, 2000.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

In 1990, a series of amendments to the Clean Air Act were signed into law by the President. These amendments represented significant changes designed to achieve enhanced air quality goals and cover a wide range of air pollution issues.

In 1992 and 1993, the Legislature passed legislation which enabled the state to receive delegation to administer the federal Clean Air Title V program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. s. 7661a. Section 403.0872, F.S., allows the DEP to issue operation permits for major sources of air pollution. Each permitted source of air pollution must pay an annual operation license fee in an amount determined by the DEP that is sufficient to cover all reasonable direct and indirect costs required to develop and administer the major stationary source air-operation permit program.

Currently thousands of facilities, operations, or sources are subject to air permitting either by the EPA or the DEP or both. Most of whom are subject to Title V permitting because they have air emissions of 100 tons per year or more. Essentially all citrus processing plants in Florida have some type of air permit and most need Title V permits. Many of these need to obtain retroactive Prevention of Significant Deterioration permits (PSD) and perform case-by-case Best Available Control Technology determinations (BACT) for Volatile Organic Compound emissions (VOC). This involves extensive permitting work for both the industry and the department. A comprehensive air sampling study was conducted in 1997 to determine the quantity of VOC emissions from peel dryers. The VOC emissions were over 100 tons per year from the smaller dryers and over 1,000 tons per year for the large plants.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill creates s. 403.08725, F.S., to establish a new method for regulating air emissions from citrus juice processing facilities. These facilities as defined by the bill include all units at a plant that processes citrus fruit to produce single-strength or frozen concentrated juice and other related products or byproducts. If covered by this bill the facility, effective July 1, 2002, would be subject to these provisions, in lieu of the current provisions for obtaining air pollution construction and operation permits required under ss. 403.087(1) and 403.0872, F.S.

The bill contains specific subsections related to: emissions limits; emissions determination and reporting; emissions trading; emissions fees; modifications and new construction; rule-making authority; and legislative review.

Emissions Limits

The bill directs that each new and existing facility shall operate within the most stringent of emissions limits. Existing facilities would be permitted to operate under the conditions of their Title V permits until October 31, 2002, at which time the provisions of this subsection would supersede.

Additional provisions of this subsection:

- > establish limits for volatile organic compounds;
- > prohibit the use of specific types of fuel oils; and
- > set emissions levels for specific sources, including: citrus peel dryers, pellet coolers, steam boilers, combustion turbines, duct burners, glass plant furnaces, anaerobic reactors, emergency generators, and emission control incinerators.

Emissions Determination and Reporting

Reiterates that all facilities subject to EPA reporting requirements shall continue complying.

Creates a requirement for annual reporting and details what information and testing methods are to be used in determining emissions levels.

Directs that records be kept for a period of five years and that the DEP shall be allowed to inspect these records.

Emissions Trading

This subsection permits facilities that have exceeded an established emission limit to obtain an allowance or credit from another facility that is operating under an established emission limit. An "allowance" means a credit equal to emissions of one ton per year of a specific pollutant. Allowances granted under this bill would be subject to limitations. Limitations to these allowances include that they:

- > Only be obtained from another facility authorized to operate under the provisions of the bill.
- > Are real, excess, and are not resulting from the shutdown of an emissions unit.
- > Be applied on a pollutant specific basis only.
- > Not be used for any other regulatory purpose.

Facilities located in an area designated as a nonattainment area, by the EPA, for a specific pollutant shall not be allowed to acquire allowances for that pollutant.

Emissions Fees

Facilities that are eligible to operate under the provisions of this bill will pay annual emissions fees in the same amount to which they are subject under the DEP's Title V program. Beginning on July 1, 2002, the fees shall be computed as the emissions limits established by this bill multiplied by the actual operation rates, heat input, and hours of operation of each new and existing source for the previous calendar year.

For the purposes of determining the emissions for fee purposes any allowances traded away shall be deducted and any allowances acquired shall be included.

Modification and New Construction

Any facility authorized to operate which seeks to build a new facility or modify its operations will be required to comply with the requirements as detailed in this bill. Facilities operating within an area of nonattainment will also be required to operate under additional limits established pursuant to department rules.

Any facility that becomes subject to federal acid rain regulations would be prohibited from operating under the provisions of this bill.

Rules

This subsection of the bill grants the DEP the specific authority to adopt and implement rules under Chapter 120, F.S. However, an exemption to provisions of Chapter 120, F.S., is provided for rules that establish best available control technology, lowest achievable emissions rate, or case-by-case maximum achievable control technology.

Legislative Review

Directs that by March, 2004, the DEP in consultation with the citrus industry shall provide a report to the Legislature concerning the implementation of this bill.

The bill contains two additional sections. The first would require that the department submit the language of the bill to the EPA as a revision of the state's implementation plan and our approved Title V program. Should the EPA not approve these both or one of these revisions than that portion of the bill affected would not be implemented.

The final section of the bill grants authority to the department to explore alternatives to traditional methods of regulatory permitting for citrus juice processing facilities, provided such methods do not increase pollution emissions. Any pilot projects allowed under this provision would be allowed to operate for a period not to exceed three years unless such pilot was enacted by the Legislature. The department is required to submit a report detailing any pilot prior to seeking enactment by the Legislature.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

This section need be completed only in the discretion of the Committee.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

The DEP estimates that provisions of the bill would save an estimated \$250,000 in one-time permit processing costs to the agency and additional \$100,000 every five years in permit renewal work.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

According to the DEP the legislation would not add any additional costs to the industry. They would continue, as a whole, to be subject to \$250,000 in annual Title V fees. In addition it is anticipated that the industry will expend in excess of \$10 million in updating and retrofitting to meet the air emissions standards.

The legislation would eliminate the re-permitting costs and the initial cost of a PSD for the industry. Projected savings would be \$25,000 per years for re-permitting and a one-time savings of up to \$500,000 for the PSD.

The creation of an emissions trading program would allow the industry to use a market-based approach to reducing emissions and thus reduce costs for those operators whom perform below the emissions targets.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

N/A

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

N/A

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B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

N/A

V. COMMENTS:

The DEP anticipates that the bill will result in lower overall emissions from the citrus processing industry than currently are being achieved. Additionally, the department expects that it will lessen the administrative burden both for the industry and themselves.

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

N/A

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VII. SIGNATURES:

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