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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to pollution control; amending s. 403.021, F.S.; clarifying the declaration of public policy with respect to the Florida Air and Water Pollution Control Act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 403.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.021 Legislative declaration; public policy.--

(3) It is declared to be the public policy of this state and the purpose of this section ~~act~~ to achieve and maintain such levels of air quality as will protect human health and safety and, to the greatest degree practicable, prevent injury to plant and animal life and property, foster the comfort and convenience of the people, promote the economic and social development of this state, and facilitate the enjoyment of the natural attractions of this state. In accordance with the public policy established herein, the Legislature further declares that the citizens of this state should be afforded reasonable protection from the dangers inherent in the release of toxic or otherwise hazardous vapors, gases, or highly volatile liquids into the environment.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

SENATE SUMMARY

Clarifies the declaration of public policy with respect to the Florida Air and Water Pollution Control Act.