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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to property or liability  
insurance contracts; providing that certain  
pollution-exclusion provisions may exclude only  
certain incidents and hazards; providing an  
effective date.

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

Section 1. A clause in a property or liability  
insurance contract which excludes coverage for damage caused  
by the actual or threatened discharge or release of  
pollutants, including smoke, vapor, soot, fumes, acid,  
alkalis, chemicals, waste, or any other solid, liquid,  
gaseous, or thermal irritant or contaminant may exclude from  
coverage only incidents and hazards that involve long-term  
environmental degradation or an environment-wide exposure.

Section 2. This act shall take effect August 1, 2002,  
and shall apply to policies entered into or renewed on or  
after that date.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that property or liability insurance contracts  
that include pollution-exclusion clauses may exclude only  
incidents and hazards that involve long-term  
environmental degradation or an environment-wide  
exposure.