A bill to be entitled

An act relating to construction and demolition debris recycling; amending s. 403.703, F.S.; revising the definition of "recovered materials" to include wood and concrete; amending s. 403.7046, F.S.; providing for construction and demolition debris to be considered recovered material under certain circumstances; providing for certain persons to be considered certified recovered materials dealers; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 403.703, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.703 Definitions.--As used in this act, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

(7) "Recovered materials" means metal, paper, glass, plastic, textile, wood, concrete, or rubber materials that have known recycling potential, can be feasibly recycled, and have been diverted and source separated or have been removed from the solid waste stream for sale, use, or reuse as raw materials, whether or not the materials require subsequent processing or separation from each other, but does not include materials destined for any use that constitutes disposal. Recovered materials as described above are not solid waste.

Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 403.7046, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.7046 Regulation of recovered materials.--

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(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section or pursuant to a special act in effect on or before January 1, 1993, a local government may not require a commercial establishment that generates source-separated recovered materials to sell or otherwise convey its recovered materials to the local government or to a facility designated by the local government, nor may the local government restrict such a generator's right to sell or otherwise convey such recovered materials to any properly certified recovered materials dealer who has satisfied the requirements of this section. A local government may not enact any ordinance that prevents such a dealer from entering into a contract with a commercial establishment to purchase, collect, transport, process, or receive source-separated recovered materials.

- (a) The local government may require that the recovered materials generated at the commercial establishment be source separated at the premises of the commercial establishment.
- (b) Prior to engaging in business within the jurisdiction of the local government, a recovered materials dealer must provide the local government with a copy of the certification provided for in this section. In addition, the local government may establish a registration process whereby a recovered materials dealer must register with the local government prior to engaging in business within the jurisdiction of the local government. Such registration process is limited to requiring the dealer to register its name, including the owner or operator of the dealer, and, if the dealer is a business entity, its general or limited partners, its corporate officers and

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directors, its permanent place of business, evidence of its certification under this section, and a certification that the recovered materials will be processed at a recovered materials processing facility satisfying the requirements of this section. All counties, and municipalities whose population exceeds 35,000 according to the population estimates determined pursuant to s. 186.901, may establish a reporting process which shall be limited to the regulations, reporting format, and reporting frequency established by the department pursuant to this section, which shall, at a minimum, include requiring the dealer to identify the types and approximate amount of recovered materials collected, recycled, or reused during the reporting period; the approximate percentage of recovered materials reused, stored, or delivered to a recovered materials processing facility or disposed of in a solid waste disposal facility; and the locations where any recovered materials were disposed of as solid waste. Information reported under this subsection which, if disclosed, would reveal a trade secret, as defined in s. 812.081(1)(c), is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and s. 119.07(1). The local government may charge the dealer a registration fee commensurate with and no greater than the cost incurred by the local government in operating its registration program. Registration program costs are limited to those costs associated with the activities described in this paragraph. Any reporting or registration process established by a local government with regard to recovered materials shall be governed by the

provisions of this section and department rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

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- (c) A local government may establish a process in which the local government may temporarily or permanently revoke the authority of a recovered materials dealer to do business within the local government if the local government finds the recovered materials dealer, after reasonable notice of the charges and an opportunity to be heard by an impartial party, has consistently and repeatedly violated state or local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.
- In addition to any other authority provided by law, a local government is hereby expressly authorized to prohibit a person or entity not certified under this section from doing business within the jurisdiction of the local government; to enter into a nonexclusive franchise or to otherwise provide for the collection, transportation, and processing of recovered materials at commercial establishments, provided that a local government may not require a certified recovered materials dealer to enter into such franchise agreement in order to enter into a contract with any commercial establishment located within the local government's jurisdiction to purchase, collect, transport, process, or receive source-separated recovered materials; and to enter into an exclusive franchise or to otherwise provide for the exclusive collection, transportation, and processing of recovered materials at single-family or multifamily residential properties.

(e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local government from enacting ordinances designed to protect the public's general health, safety, and welfare.

(f) As used in this section:

- 1. "Commercial establishment" means a property or properties zoned or used for commercial or industrial uses, or used by an entity exempt from taxation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and excludes property or properties zoned or used for single-family residential or multifamily residential uses.
 - 2. "Local government" means a county or municipality.
- 3. "Certified recovered materials dealer" means a dealer certified under this section.
- (g) Solely for the purpose of subsection (3), except for the provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c), construction and demolition debris that is collected and transported directly to a permitted waste processing facility for the purpose of recycling is considered to be recovered material, and any person or entity handling such material in accordance with a department permit or other authorization shall be considered certified.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.