

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2       An act relating to desalination technology; providing  
 3       legislative intent; directing the Secretary of  
 4       Environmental Protection to coordinate with the water  
 5       management districts to conduct a study of certain  
 6       desalination technologies; providing study requirements;  
 7       requiring the secretary to report to the Governor and the  
 8       Legislature by a specified date; providing an effective  
 9       date.

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

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 13           Section 1.   (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--The Legislature finds  
 14 that desalination of seawater is a proven technology for  
 15 providing water supply solutions for countries around the world  
 16 and an increasingly cost-competitive alternative for coastal  
 17 cities within the United States. The potential success of  
 18 desalination projects would benefit the communities they  
 19 directly serve and the state as a whole by preserving existing  
 20 natural water resources and providing a practical means of  
 21 ensuring adequate supplies of water for future generations of  
 22 Floridians. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to  
 23 aggressively pursue desalination technologies for use in the  
 24 state.

25           (2) DESALINATION TECHNOLOGY STUDY; REPORT.--The Secretary  
 26 of Environmental Protection is directed to coordinate with the  
 27 water management districts to conduct a study examining all  
 28 current and available desalination technologies. The study shall

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29 include an analysis of the existing desalination projects in the  
30 state and recommendations for a plan to effectively utilize and  
31 implement desalination technologies that are environmentally and  
32 fiscally sound and that will provide sustainability of the  
33 current water supply demands of the state as well as long-term  
34 potable water supply demands based on projected population  
35 growth. The secretary shall submit a report of the findings of  
36 the study and plan recommendations to the Governor, the  
37 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
38 Representatives by June 30, 2009.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.