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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 directly  
19 serve and the state as a whole by preserving existing natural  
20 water resources and providing a practical means of ensuring  
21 adequate supplies of water for future generations of Floridians.  
22 Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to aggressively  
23 pursue desalination technologies for use in the state.

24           (2) DESALINATION TECHNOLOGY STUDY; REPORT.--The Secretary  
25 of Environmental Protection is directed to coordinate with the  
26 water management districts to conduct a study examining all  
27 current and available desalination technologies. The study shall  
28 include an analysis of the existing desalination projects in the  
29 state and recommendations for a plan to effectively utilize and

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

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