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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Escambia County; limiting the county's
 3 liability for groundwater contamination arising from the
 4 property known as the Saufley Landfill; limiting
 5 regulatory action and enforcement by the Department of
 6 Environmental Protection under certain circumstances;
 7 requiring the department to assist the county in
 8 addressing violations of certain laws and regulations;
 9 providing an effective date.

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 11 WHEREAS, Escambia County is in the process of acquiring (or
 12 has acquired) property owned by Louisiana Investment Group, LLC,
 13 located on Saufley Field Road in Escambia County, more commonly
 14 known as the Saufley Landfill, and

15 WHEREAS, Escambia County's acquisition of the Saufley
 16 Landfill is for the express purpose of addressing violations of
 17 environmental laws and regulations, and

18 WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to encourage proactive
 19 responses to violations of environmental laws and regulations by
 20 local governments, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 24 Section 1. The facts stated in the preamble of this act
 25 are found and declared to be true.

26 Section 2. Escambia County shall not be subject to
 27 liability or regulatory action by the Department of

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28 Environmental Protection for groundwater contamination arising
29 directly or indirectly from the Saufley Landfill.

30 Section 3. Provided that it proceeds in good faith to
31 address the other violations of environmental laws and
32 regulations at the Saufley Landfill, Escambia County shall not
33 be subject, with respect to the Saufley Landfill, to regulatory
34 enforcement action by the Department of Environmental Protection
35 under chapter 403, Florida Statutes, or the rules adopted in
36 Title 62, Florida Administrative Code.

37 Section 4. The Department of Environmental Protection is
38 directed to render all reasonable assistance to Escambia County
39 to address the violations of environmental laws and regulations
40 at the Saufley Landfill.

41 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.