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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to environmental protection; amending s. 403.7032, F.S.; clarifying the conditions under which waste to energy can be used as an option for meeting the seventy-five percent recycling goal; requiring all public entities to recycle; requiring public entities and certain private entities to report disposal of recyclable materials to the county; specifying utilization of the Department of Management Services website; directing the Department of Environmental Protection and Enterprise Florida, Inc., to create the Recycling Business Assistance Center; providing requirements; amending s. 288.9015, F.S.; requiring Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Department of Environmental Protection to create the Recycling Business Assistance Center; authorizing Enterprise Florida, Inc., to consult with other state agency personnel; amending s. 403.706, F.S.; requiring counties to meet specific recycling benchmarks, requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to maintain and report a list of non-compliance counties; requiring a report if benchmarks are not met; encouraging local government to adopt certain recycling options; amending s. 403.7145, F.S.; revising state buildings recycling requirements; amending s. 403.703, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 403.7045, F.S.; revising regulation requirements of certain recovered materials; amending s. amending s. 403.7046, F.S.; requiring annual certification of high yield materials recovery facilities; amending s. 403.707, F.S.; requiring liners for new construction and demolition debris landfills; establishing recycling rates for source



separation activities; requiring inspections for waste to energy facilities; repealing s. 288.1185, F.S; repealing s. 403.7033, F.S.; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Section 403.7032, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.7032 Recycling.-

- (1) The Legislature finds that the failure or inability to economically recover material and energy resources from solid waste results in the unnecessary waste and depletion of our natural resources. As the state continues to grow, so will the potential amount of discarded material that must be treated and disposed of, necessitating the improvement of solid waste collection and disposal. Therefore, the maximum recycling and reuse of such resources are considered high-priority goals of the state.
- (2) By the year 2020, the long-term goal for the recycling efforts of state and local governmental entities, private companies and organizations, and the general public is to reduce the amount of recyclable solid waste disposed of in waste management facilities, landfills, or incineration facilities by a statewide average of at least 75 percent. However, Any solid waste used for the production of renewable energy shall count toward the long-term recycling goal as set forth in this section, provided the county in which a waste to energy facility is located has implemented and maintains a program that is designed to recycle at least fifty percent of municipal solid



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waste by means other than combustion.

(3) All state agencies, K-12 public schools, public institutions of higher learning, community colleges, state universities; must at a minimum annually report to the county utilizing the Department's designated reporting format, all disposed recyclable materials from these entities. This includes all buildings that are occupied by city, county, or state employees, or if it is managed by the Department of Management Services, those entities must report, to the county, their recycling data utilizing the department's designated reporting format. Private businesses, other than Certified Recovered Materials Dealers, with 50 or more employees that generate recyclable materials such as but not limited to paper, metals, glass, plastics, textiles, rubber materials, and mulch, shall report the amount of recyclable materials they dispose of to the county starting January 1, 2011, utilizing the Department's designated reporting format.

(4) The Department of Environmental Protection shall develop a comprehensive recycling program that is designed to achieve the percentage under subsection (2) and submit the program to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2010. The program may not be implemented until approved by the Legislature. The program must be developed in coordination with input from state and local entities, private businesses, and the public. Under the program, recyclable materials shall include, but are not limited to, metals, paper, glass, plastic, textile, rubber materials, and mulch. Components of the program shall include, but are not limited to:



- (a) Programs to identify environmentally preferable purchasing practices to encourage the purchase of recycled, durable, and less toxic goods. The Department of Management Services shall modify the online procurement system to report on green and recycled products purchased through the system by September 30, 2011.
- (b) Programs to educate students in grades K-12 in the benefits of, and proper techniques for, recycling.
- (c) Programs for statewide recognition of successful recycling efforts by schools, businesses, public groups, and private citizens.
- (d) Programs for municipalities and counties to develop and implement efficient recycling efforts to return valuable materials to productive use, conserve energy, and protect natural resources.
- (e) Programs by which the department can provide technical assistance to municipalities and counties in support of their recycling efforts.
- (f) Programs to educate and train the public in proper recycling efforts.
- (g) Evaluation of how financial assistance can best be provided to municipalities and counties in support of their recycling efforts.
- (h) Evaluation of why existing waste management and recycling programs in the state have not been better used.
- (5) The Department of Environmental Protection, in cooperation with the Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall create the Recycling Business Assistance Center by December 1, 2010. The purpose of the center shall be to serve as the mechanism for



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coordination among state agencies and the private sector to coordinate policy and overall strategic planning for developing new markets and expanding and enhancing existing markets for recyclable materials in this state, other states, and foreign countries. The duties of the center must include, at a minimum:

- (a) Identifying and developing new markets and expanding and enhancing existing markets for recyclable materials;
 - (b) Pursuing expanded end uses for recycled materials;
- (c) Targeting materials for concentrated market-development efforts;
- (d) Developing proposals for new incentives for market development, particularly focusing on targeted materials;
- (e) Providing quidance on issues such as permitting, finance options for recycling market development, site location, research and development, grant program criteria for recycled materials markets, recycling markets education and information, and minimum content;
- (f) Coordinating the efforts of various governmental entities having market-development responsibilities in order to optimize supply and demand for recyclable materials;
- (g) Evaluating source-reduced products as they relate to state procurement policy. The evaluation shall include, but is not limited to, the environmental and economic impact of sourcereduced product purchases to the state. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "source-reduced" means any method, process, product, or technology that significantly or substantially reduces the volume or weight of a product while providing, at a minimum, equivalent or generally similar performance and service to and for the users of such materials;



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- (h) Providing solid waste management grants, pursuant to s. 403.7095, to reduce the flow of solid waste to disposal facilities and encourage the sustainable recovery of materials from Florida's waste stream;
- (i) Providing below-market financing for companies that manufacture products from recycled materials or convert recyclable materials into raw materials for use in manufacturing, pursuant to the Florida Recycling Loan Program as administered by the Florida First Capital Finance Corporation;
- (j) Maintaining a continuously updated online directory, listing the public and private entities that collect, transport, broker, process, or remanufacture recyclable materials in Florida.
- (k) Providing information on the availability and benefits of using recycled materials to private entities and industries in the state; and
- (1) Distributing any materials prepared in implementing this subsection to the public, private entities, industries, governmental entities, or other organizations upon request.
- Section 2. Subsection (9) is added to section 288.9015, Florida Statutes, to read:
 - 288.9015 Enterprise Florida, Inc.; purpose; duties.-
- (9) Enterprise Florida, Inc., in cooperation with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall create the Recycling Business Assistance Center by December 1, 2010, pursuant to the requirements of s. 403.7032(5).
- Section 3. Paragraph(a) of subsection (2) of section 403.706, Florida Statutes, is amended, present paragraphs (d) and (e) are redesignated as paragraph (d) and a new paragraph



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(e) is added to that subsection to read:

403.706 Local government solid waste responsibilities .-

(2)(a) Each county shall implement a recyclable materials recycling program. Each county must reduce the amount of solid waste disposed of in landfills by forty percent by December 31, 2012, fifty percent by December 31, 2014, sixty percent by December 31,2016, seventy percent by December 31, 2018, seventyfive percent by December 31, 2020. Counties that fail to meet and report to the department utilizing the department's designated reporting format will be placed on a non-compliance list posted on the department's website. If, on January 1, 2014, the state's current recycling rate is below forty-five percent, the department will provide to the Legislature a report, 30 days prior to the 2015 regular session, detailing the impact on the recycling rate a container deposit program and a landfill tipping fee would have on achieving the recycling goal provided in this paragraph. Counties and municipalities are encouraged to form cooperative arrangements for implementing recycling programs.

(d) By July 1, 2010, each county shall develop and implement a plan to achieve a goal to compost organic materials that would otherwise be disposed of in a landfill. The goal shall provide that up to 10 percent and no less than 5 percent of organic material would be composted within the county and the municipalities within its boundaries. The department may reduce or modify the compost goal if the county demonstrates to the department that achievement of the goal would be impractical given the county's unique demographic, urban density, or inability to separate normally compostable material from the



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- (d) (e) Each county is encouraged to consider plans for composting or mulching organic materials that would otherwise be disposed of in a landfill. The composting or mulching plans are encouraged to address partnership with the private sector.
- (e) The state strongly encourages local governments, counties, and regional planning entities to consider providing recyclable containers or single stream recycling options for multi-family dwellings and apartment complexes.

Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 403.7145, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.7145 Recycling.-

(1) The Capitol and the House and Senate office buildings constitute the Capitol recycling area. The Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Senate, and the Office of the Governor, the Secretary of State, and each Cabinet officer who heads a department that occupies office space in the Capitol, shall institute a recycling program for their respective offices in the House and Senate office buildings and the Capitol. Provisions shall be made to collect and sell wastepaper and empty aluminum beverage containers cans generated by employee activities in these offices. The collection and sale of such materials shall be reported to Leon County who must comply with the department's designated reporting format and coordinated with Department of Management Services recycling activities to maximize the efficiency and economy of this program. The Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Secretary of State, and the Cabinet



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officers may authorize the use of proceeds from recyclable material sales for employee benefits and other purposes, in order to provide incentives to their respective employees for participation in the recycling program. Such proceeds may also be used to offset any costs of the recycling program. As a demonstration of leading by example, the Capitol buildings recycling rates will be posted on the website of the Department of Management Services and will include the details of each state buildings recycling rates.

Section 5. Section 403.703, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.703 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

- (1) "Ash residue" has the same meaning as in the department rule governing solid waste combustors which defines the term.
- (2) "Biomedical waste" means any solid waste or liquid waste that may present a threat of infection to humans. The term includes, but is not limited to, nonliquid human tissue and body parts; laboratory and veterinary waste that contains humandisease-causing agents; discarded disposable sharps; human blood and human blood products and body fluids; and other materials that in the opinion of the Department of Health represent a significant risk of infection to persons outside the generating facility. The term does not include human remains that are disposed of by persons licensed under chapter 497.
- (3) "Biological waste" means solid waste that causes or has the capability of causing disease or infection and includes, but is not limited to, biomedical waste, diseased or dead animals, and other wastes capable of transmitting pathogens to humans or animals. The term does not include human remains that are



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- (4) "Clean debris" means any solid waste that is virtually inert, that is not a pollution threat to groundwater or surface waters, that is not a fire hazard, and that is likely to retain its physical and chemical structure under expected conditions of disposal or use. The term includes uncontaminated concrete, including embedded pipe or steel, brick, glass, ceramics, and other wastes designated by the department.
- (5) "Closure" means the cessation of operation of a solid waste management facility and the act of securing such facility so that it will pose no significant threat to human health or the environment and includes long-term monitoring and maintenance of a facility if required by department rule.
- (6) "Construction and demolition debris" means discarded materials generally considered to be not water-soluble and nonhazardous in nature, including, but not limited to, steel, glass, brick, concrete, asphalt roofing material, pipe, gypsum wallboard, and lumber, from the construction or destruction of a structure as part of a construction or demolition project or from the renovation of a structure, and includes rocks, soils, tree remains, trees, and other vegetative matter that normally results from land clearing or land development operations for a construction project, including such debris from construction of structures at a site remote from the construction or demolition project site. Mixing of construction and demolition debris with other types of solid waste will cause the resulting mixture to be classified as other than construction and demolition debris. The term also includes:
 - (a) Clean cardboard, paper, plastic, wood, and metal scraps



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from a construction project;

- (b) Except as provided in s. 403.707(9)(j), yard trash and unpainted, nontreated wood scraps and wood pallets from sources other than construction or demolition projects;
- (c) Scrap from manufacturing facilities which is the type of material generally used in construction projects and which would meet the definition of construction and demolition debris if it were generated as part of a construction or demolition project. This includes debris from the construction of manufactured homes and scrap shingles, wallboard, siding concrete, and similar materials from industrial or commercial facilities; and
- (d) De minimis amounts of other nonhazardous wastes that are generated at construction or destruction projects, provided such amounts are consistent with best management practices of the industry.
- (7) "County," or any like term, means a political subdivision of the state established pursuant to s. 1, Art. VIII of the State Constitution and, when s. 403.706(19) applies, means a special district or other entity.
- (8) "Department" means the Department of Environmental Protection or any successor agency performing a like function.
- (9) "Disposal" means the discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, or placing of any solid waste or hazardous waste into or upon any land or water so that such solid waste or hazardous waste or any constituent thereof may enter other lands or be emitted into the air or discharged into any waters, including groundwaters, or otherwise enter the environment.



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- (10) "Generation" means the act or process of producing solid or hazardous waste.
- (11) "Guarantor" means any person, other than the owner or operator, who provides evidence of financial responsibility for an owner or operator under this part.
- (12) "Hazardous substance" means any substance that is defined as a hazardous substance in the United States Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 94 Stat. 2767.
- (13) "Hazardous waste" means solid waste, or a combination of solid wastes, which, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics, may cause, or significantly contribute to, an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness or may pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly transported, disposed of, stored, treated, or otherwise managed. The term does not include human remains that are disposed of by persons licensed under chapter 497.
- (14) "Hazardous waste facility" means any building, site, structure, or equipment at or by which hazardous waste is disposed of, stored, or treated.
- (15) "Hazardous waste management" means the systematic control of the collection, source separation, storage, transportation, processing, treatment, recovery, recycling, and disposal of hazardous waste.
- (16) "Land disposal" means any placement of hazardous waste in or on the land and includes, but is not limited to, placement in a landfill, surface impoundment, waste pile, injection well,



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land treatment facility, salt bed formation, salt dome formation, or underground mine or cave, or placement in a concrete vault or bunker intended for disposal purposes.

- (17) "High yield materials" are a combination of generator separated debris which, when segregated from the waste stream and then processed at a licensed facility using presently available, proven technology, yields a rate of at least 65% reusable materials.
- (18) "High yield Materials Recovery Facility" means a facility that provides for the extraction of 65 percent or more per year of solid waste into recyclable materials, recovered materials, materials suitable for use as a fuel or soil amendment, or any combination of such materials, and a majority of the materials are demonstrated to be sold, used, or reused within 1 year. Such a facility is not a solid waste management facility if it meets the conditions of s. 403.7045(1)(e).
- (19) (17) "Landfill" means any solid waste land disposal area for which a permit, other than a general permit, is required by s. 403.707 and which receives solid waste for disposal in or upon land. The term does not include a landspreading site, an injection well, a surface impoundment, or a facility for the disposal of construction and demolition debris.
- (20) (18) "Manifest" means the recordkeeping system used for identifying the concentration, quantity, composition, origin, routing, and destination of hazardous waste during its transportation from the point of generation to the point of disposal, storage, or treatment.
- (21) (19) "Materials recovery facility" means a solid waste management facility that provides for the extraction from solid



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waste of recyclable materials, materials suitable for use as a fuel or soil amendment, or any combination of such materials.

(22) (20) "Municipality," or any like term, means a municipality created pursuant to general or special law authorized or recognized pursuant to s. 2 or s. 6, Art. VIII of the State Constitution and, when s. 403.706(19) applies, means a special district or other entity.

(23) (21) "Operation," with respect to any solid waste management facility, means the disposal, storage, or processing of solid waste at and by the facility.

(24) "Person" means any and all persons, natural or artificial, including any individual, firm, or association; any municipal or private corporation organized or existing under the laws of this state or any other state; any county of this state; and any governmental agency of this state or the Federal Government.

(25) (23) "Processing" means any technique designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of any solid waste so as to render it safe for transport; amenable to recovery, storage, or recycling; safe for disposal; or reduced in volume or concentration.

(26) (24) "Recovered materials" means metal, paper, glass, plastic, wood, earth, concrete, textile, or rubber materials or other high yield materials that have known recycling potential, can be feasibly recycled, and have been diverted or 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 the term does not include materials destined for any



use that constitutes disposal. Recovered materials as described in this subsection are not solid waste.

(27) "Recovered materials processing facility" means a facility engaged solely in the storage, processing, resale, or reuse of recovered materials. Such a facility is not a solid waste management facility if it meets the conditions of s. 403.7045(1) (e).

(28) "Recyclable material" means those materials that are capable of being recycled and that would otherwise be processed or disposed of as solid waste.

(29) (27) "Recycling" means any process by which solid waste, or materials that would otherwise become solid waste, are collected, separated, or processed and reused or returned to use in the form of raw materials or products.

 $\underline{(30)}$ "Resource recovery" means the process of recovering materials or energy from solid waste, excluding those materials or solid waste under the control of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

(31) (29) "Resource recovery equipment" means equipment or machinery exclusively and integrally used in the actual process of recovering material or energy resources from solid waste.

(32)(30) "Sludge" includes the accumulated solids, residues, and precipitates generated as a result of waste treatment or processing, including wastewater treatment, water supply treatment, or operation of an air pollution control facility, and mixed liquids and solids pumped from septic tanks, grease traps, privies, or similar waste disposal appurtenances.

 $\underline{(33)}$ "Special wastes" means solid wastes that can require special handling and management, including, but not



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limited to, white goods, waste tires, used oil, lead-acid batteries, construction and demolition debris other than high yield materials, ash residue, yard trash, and biological wastes.

 $(34) \frac{(32)}{(32)}$ "Solid waste" means sludge unregulated under the federal Clean Water Act or Clean Air Act, sludge from a waste treatment works, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility, or garbage, rubbish, refuse, special waste, or other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from domestic, industrial, commercial, mining, agricultural, or governmental operations. Recovered materials as defined in subsection (24) are not solid waste.

(35) (33) "Solid waste disposal facility" means any solid waste management facility that is the final resting place for solid waste, including landfills and incineration facilities that produce ash from the process of incinerating municipal solid waste.

 $(36) \frac{(34)}{(34)}$ "Solid waste management" means the process by which solid waste is collected, transported, stored, separated, processed, or disposed of in any other way according to an orderly, purposeful, and planned program, which includes closure.

(37) (35) "Solid waste management facility" means any solid waste disposal area, volume reduction plant, transfer station, materials recovery facility, or other facility, the purpose of which is resource recovery or the disposal, recycling, processing, or storage of solid waste. The term does not include recovered materials processing facilities that meet the requirements of s. 403.7046, except the portion of such



facilities, if any, which is used for the management of solid waste.

(38) (36) "Source separated" means that the recovered materials are separated from solid waste at the location where the recovered materials and solid waste are generated. The term does not require that various types of recovered materials be separated from each other, and recognizes de minimis solid waste, in accordance with industry standards and practices, may be included in the recovered materials. Materials are not considered source separated when two or more types of recovered materials are deposited in combination with each other in a commercial collection container located where the materials are generated and when such materials contain more than 10 percent solid waste by volume or weight. For purposes of this subsection, the term "various types of recovered materials" means metals, paper, glass, plastic, textiles, concrete, wood, earth, and rubber and high yield materials.

- (39) (37) "Storage" means the containment or holding of a hazardous waste, either on a temporary basis or for a period of years, in such a manner as not to constitute disposal of such hazardous waste.
- (40) (38) "Transfer station" means a site the primary purpose of which is to store or hold solid waste for transport to a processing or disposal facility.
- (41) (39) "Transport" means the movement of hazardous waste from the point of generation or point of entry into the state to any offsite intermediate points and to the point of offsite ultimate disposal, storage, treatment, or exit from the state.
 - (42) "Treatment," when used in connection with



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hazardous waste, means any method, technique, or process, including neutralization, which is designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of any hazardous waste so as to neutralize it or render it nonhazardous, safe for transport, amenable to recovery, amenable to storage or disposal, or reduced in volume or concentration. The term includes any activity or processing that is designed to change the physical form or chemical composition of hazardous waste so as to render it nonhazardous.

- (43) (41) "Volume reduction plant" includes incinerators, pulverizers, compactors, shredding and baling plants, composting plants, and other plants that accept and process solid waste for recycling or disposal.
- (44) (42) "White goods" includes discarded air conditioners, heaters, refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, freezers, and other similar domestic and commercial large appliances.
- (45) (43) "Yard trash" means vegetative matter resulting from landscaping maintenance and land clearing operations and includes associated rocks and soils.
- Section 6. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 403.7045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 403.7045 Application of act and integration with other acts.-
- (1) The following wastes or activities shall not be regulated pursuant to this act:
- (e) Recovered materials or recovered materials processing facilities, or high yield material recovery facilities except as provided in s. 403.7046, if:
 - 1. A majority of the recovered materials at the facility



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are demonstrated to be sold, used, or reused within 1 year.

- 2. The recovered materials handled by the facility or the products or byproducts of operations that process recovered materials are not discharged, deposited, injected, dumped, spilled, leaked, or placed into or upon any land or water by the owner or operator of such facility so that such recovered materials, products or byproducts, or any constituent thereof may enter other lands or be emitted into the air or discharged into any waters, including groundwaters, or otherwise enter the environment such that a threat of contamination in excess of applicable department standards and criteria is caused.
- 3. The recovered materials handled by the facility are not hazardous wastes as defined under s. 403.703, and rules promulgated pursuant thereto.
- 4. The facility is registered as required in s. 403.7046. Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 403.7046, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 403.7046 Regulation of recovered materials.
- (1) Any person who handles, purchases, receives, recovers, sells, or is an end user of recovered materials, including those who run high yield materials recovery facilities shall annually certify to the department on forms provided by the department. The department may by rule exempt from this requirement generators of recovered materials; persons who handle or sell recovered materials as an activity which is incidental to the normal primary business activities of that person; or persons who handle, purchase, receive, recover, sell, or are end users of recovered materials in small quantities as defined by the department. The department shall adopt rules for the



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certification of and reporting by such persons and shall establish criteria for revocation of such certification. Prior to the adoption of such rules, the department shall appoint a technical advisory committee of no more than nine persons, including, at a minimum, representatives of the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida League of Cities, the Florida Recyclers Association, and the Florida Chapter of the National Solid Waste Management Association, to aid in the development of such rules. Such rules shall be designed to elicit, at a minimum, the amount and types of recovered materials handled by registrants, and the amount and disposal site, or name of person with whom such disposal was arranged, of any solid waste generated by such facility. Such rules may provide for the department to conduct periodic inspections. The department may charge a fee of up to \$50 for each registration, which shall be deposited into the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund for implementation of the program.

Section 8. Subsection (9) of section 403.707, Florida Statutes, is amended and a new subsection (15) is created to read:

403.707 Permits.-

(9) The department shall establish a separate category for solid waste management facilities that accept only construction and demolition debris for disposal or recycling. The department shall establish a reasonable schedule for existing facilities to comply with this section to avoid undue hardship to such facilities. However, a permitted solid waste disposal unit that receives a significant amount of waste prior to the compliance deadline established in this schedule shall not be required to



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be retrofitted with liners or leachate control systems.

- (a) The department shall establish reasonable construction, operation, monitoring, recordkeeping, financial assurance, and closure requirements for such facilities. The department shall take into account the nature of the waste accepted at various facilities when establishing these requirements, and may impose less stringent requirements, including a system of general permits or registration requirements, for facilities that accept only a segregated waste stream which is expected to pose a minimal risk to the environment and public health, such as clean debris. The Legislature recognizes that incidental amounts of other types of solid waste are commonly generated at construction or demolition projects. In any enforcement action taken pursuant to this section, the department shall consider the difficulty of removing these incidental amounts from the waste stream.
- (b) The department shall not require liners and leachate collection systems at individual facilities constructed after July 1, 2010. unless it demonstrates, based upon the types of waste received, the methods for controlling types of waste disposed of, the proximity of groundwater and surface water, and the results of the hydrogeological and geotechnical investigations, that the facility is reasonably expected to result in violations of groundwater standards and criteria otherwise.
- (c) The owner or operator shall provide financial assurance for closing of the facility in accordance with the requirements of s. 403.7125. The financial assurance shall cover the cost of closing the facility and 5 years of long-term care after



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closing, unless the department determines, based upon hydrogeologic conditions, the types of wastes received, or the groundwater monitoring results, that a different long-term care period is appropriate. However, unless the owner or operator of the facility is a local government, the escrow account described in s. 403.7125(2) may not be used as a financial assurance mechanism.

- (d) The department shall establish training requirements for operators of facilities, and shall work with the State University System or other providers to assure that adequate training courses are available. The department shall also assist the Florida Home Builders Association in establishing a component of its continuing education program to address proper handling of construction and demolition debris, including best management practices for reducing contamination of the construction and demolition debris waste stream.
- (e) The issuance of a permit under this subsection does not obviate the need to comply with all applicable zoning and land use regulations.
- (f) A permit is not required under this section for the disposal of construction and demolition debris on the property where it is generated, but such property must be covered, graded, and vegetated as necessary when disposal is complete.
- (q) Beginning July 1, 2011, all construction or demolition debris must be processed at a material recovery facility prior to disposal, unless such material has been source separated into recyclable components. Any materials recovery facility that accepts construction or demolition debris beginning January 1, 2012, must be designed to separate and offer for recycling at



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least sixty percent of the material accepted and seventy-five percent by December 31, 2020. It is the policy of the Legislature to encourage facilities to recycle. The department shall establish criteria and quidelines that encourage recycling where practical and provide for the use of recycled materials in a manner that protects the public health and the environment. Facilities are authorized to recycle, provided such activities do not conflict with such criteria and guidelines.

- (h) The department shall ensure that the requirements of this section are applied and interpreted consistently throughout the state. In accordance with s. 20.255, the Division of Waste Management shall direct the district offices and bureaus on matters relating to the interpretation and applicability of this section.
- (i) The department shall provide notice of receipt of a permit application for the initial construction of a construction and demolition debris disposal facility to the local governments having jurisdiction where the facility is to be located.
- (j) The Legislature recognizes that recycling, waste reduction, and resource recovery are important aspects of an integrated solid waste management program and as such are necessary to protect the public health and the environment. If necessary to promote such an integrated program, the county may determine, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing prior to April 30, 2008, that some or all of the material described in s. 403.703(6)(b) shall be excluded from the definition of "construction and demolition debris" in s. 403.703(6) within the jurisdiction of such county. The county



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may make such a determination only if it finds that, prior to June 1, 2007, the county has established an adequate method for the use or recycling of such wood material at an existing or proposed solid waste management facility that is permitted or authorized by the department on June 1, 2007. The county is not required to hold a hearing if the county represents that it previously has held a hearing for such purpose, or if the county represents that it previously has held a public meeting or hearing that authorized such method for the use or recycling of trash or other nonputrescible waste materials and that such materials include those materials described in s. 403.703(6)(b). The county shall provide written notice of its determination to the department by no later than April 30, 2008; thereafter, the materials described in s. 403.703(6) shall be excluded from the definition of "construction and demolition debris" in s. 403.703(6) within the jurisdiction of such county. The county may withdraw or revoke its determination at any time by providing written notice to the department.

- (k) Brazilian pepper and other invasive exotic plant species as designated by the department resulting from eradication projects may be processed at permitted construction and demolition debris recycling facilities or disposed of at permitted construction and demolition debris disposal facilities or Class III facilities. The department may adopt rules to implement this paragraph.
- (15) The department must, at a minimum, conduct at least one unannounced inspection, on an annual basis, of each wasteto-energy facility for the purposes of determining compliance with permit conditions.



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696	Section	9.	Section 288.1185, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
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699	Section	11.	. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.