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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to public health; amending s.  
3           381.0065, F.S.; delaying the implementation date of  
4           provisions requiring the Department of Health to  
5           administer an onsite sewage treatment and disposal  
6           system evaluation program; providing an effective  
7           date.

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

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section  
12           381.0065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           381.0065 Onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems;  
14           regulation.—

15           (5) EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT.—

16           (a) Beginning July ~~January~~ 1, 2011, the department shall  
17           administer an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system  
18           evaluation program for the purpose of assessing the fundamental  
19           operational condition of systems and identifying any failures  
20           within the systems. The department shall adopt rules  
21           implementing the program standards, procedures, and  
22           requirements, including, but not limited to, a schedule for a 5-  
23           year evaluation cycle, requirements for the pump-out of a system  
24           or repair of a failing system, enforcement procedures for  
25           failure of a system owner to obtain an evaluation of the system,  
26           and failure of a contractor to timely submit evaluation results  
27           to the department and the system owner. The department shall  
28           ensure statewide implementation of the evaluation and assessment  
29           program by January 1, 2016.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.