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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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03/26/2014	.	
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The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
(Altman) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 381.0065, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

381.0065 Onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems;
regulation.—

(6) LAND APPLICATION OF SEPTAGE PROHIBITED.—

(a) Effective January 1, 2017 ~~2016~~, the land application of



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11 septage from onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems is
12 prohibited.

13 (b) The Department of Environmental Protection, in
14 consultation with the Department of Health, the Department of
15 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Economic
16 Opportunity, the University of Florida Institute of Food and
17 Agricultural Sciences, local governments, and other
18 stakeholders, shall examine and report on the potential options
19 for safely and appropriately disposing of or reusing septage and
20 the contents of portable toilets, grease interceptors, and
21 holding tanks, including, but not limited to:

22 1. An inventory of domestic wastewater utilities and solid
23 waste management facilities that are known to receive and treat
24 septage or the contents of portable toilets, grease
25 interceptors, and holding tanks.

26 2. An inventory of permitted septage land application
27 sites.

28 3. An analysis of the nutrient concentrations of septage.

29 4. An analysis of the technical limitations for domestic
30 wastewater utilities and solid waste management facilities to
31 receive and treat septage or the contents of portable toilets,
32 grease interceptors, and holding tanks.

33 5. An analysis of the sufficiency of chapter 64E-6, Florida
34 Administrative Code, in managing nutrient loading from land
35 application sites, with emphasis on high recharge areas of the
36 aquifer and other sensitive surface waters or groundwaters.

37 6. An analysis of compliance rates with chapter 64E-6,
38 Florida Administrative Code, and the sufficiency of operator
39 oversight to ensure compliance.



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40 7. An analysis of the sufficiency of penalties for
41 noncompliance.

42 8. The transfer of regulatory authority over the land
43 application of septage or the contents of portable toilets,
44 grease interceptors, and holding tanks from the Department of
45 Health to the Department of Environmental Protection, including
46 the environmental benefits of applying the nutrient management
47 plan requirements, setbacks, site-monitoring requirements, and
48 provisions of chapter 62-640, Florida Administrative Code, to
49 the land application of septage.

50 (c) The Department of Environmental Protection shall submit
51 a report of its findings and recommendations, pursuant to
52 paragraph (b), to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
53 the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1, 2015.

54 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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56 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

57 And the title is amended as follows:

58 Delete everything before the enacting clause
59 and insert:

60 A bill to be entitled
61 An act relating to onsite sewage treatment and
62 disposal systems; amending s. 381.0065, F.S.; delaying
63 the effective date of the prohibition against the land
64 application of septage from onsite sewage treatment
65 and disposal systems; Providing for a study on
66 potential options for safely and appropriately
67 disposing or reusing septage; providing an effective
68 date.