

By Senator Torres

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to mitigation activities within the
3 St. Johns River Water Management District; amending s.
4 373.414, F.S.; requiring that the Department of
5 Environmental Protection and the St. Johns River Water
6 Management District consider mitigation on specified
7 land as meeting cumulative impact requirements under
8 certain conditions; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (20) is added to section 373.414,
13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 373.414 Additional criteria for activities in surface
15 waters and wetlands.—

16 (20) When land located within sections 2 through 5, 8
17 through 11, 14 through 17, and 21 through 28 of Township 26
18 South, Range 32 East, in Osceola County, contiguous with Lake
19 Conlin or within the Cat Island Swamp, is used for mitigation of
20 adverse impacts within drainage basin 18, St. Johns River
21 (Canaveral Marshes to Wekiva), or within drainage basin 19,
22 Econlockhatchee River nested in basin 18, as depicted in figure
23 10.2.8-2 of the "Environmental Resource Permit Applicant's
24 Handbook, Volume I (General and Environmental)" as incorporated
25 by reference in rule 62-330.010, Florida Administrative Code,
26 and if the mitigation offsets the adverse impacts within the
27 drainage basin, the department and the St. Johns River Water
28 Management District shall consider the activity regulated under
29 part IV of chapter 373 in order to meet the cumulative impact

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30 requirements of paragraph (8)(a).

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.