

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to biosolids management; creating s.
 3 403.08715, F.S.; providing legislative findings;
 4 defining the term "biosolids"; directing the
 5 Department of Environmental Protection to initiate
 6 rulemaking by a specified date and to adopt rules for
 7 biosolids management; providing rule requirements;
 8 providing applicability; 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. Section 403.08715, Florida Statutes, is created
 13 to read:

14 403.08715 Biosolids management.-

15 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.-The Legislature finds it is in
 16 the best interest of the state to:

17 (a) Regulate biosolids management to minimize the
 18 migration of nutrients that impair waterbodies.

19 (b) Expedite implementation of the recommendations of the
 20 Biosolids Technical Advisory Committee, which includes
 21 permitting based on site-specific application conditions,
 22 increased inspection frequencies, groundwater and surface water
 23 monitoring protocols, and nutrient management research to
 24 improve the management of biosolids and protect the state's
 25 water resources and water quality.

26 (c) Expedite the implementation of biosolids processing
27 innovative technologies as a means to improve biosolids
28 management and protect water resources and water quality.

29 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term
30 "biosolids" has the same meaning as in s. 373.4595(2).

31 (3) RULEMAKING.—

32 (a) The department shall adopt rules for biosolids
33 management to:

34 1. Permit the use of biosolids in a manner that minimizes
35 the migration of nutrients and that prevents impairment of
36 surface water and groundwater quality, including:

37 a. Site-specific land application rates of biosolids based
38 on soil characteristics, soil adsorption capacity, water table
39 characteristics, hydrogeology, site use, and distance to surface
40 water;

41 b. An evaluation of the percentage of water-extractable
42 phosphorus in all biosolids to inform the appropriate
43 application rate; and

44 c. Criteria for low-, medium-, and high-risk sites that
45 guide application practices and required water quality
46 monitoring.

47 2. Establish site specific groundwater and surface water
48 monitoring requirements.

49 (b) The department shall initiate rulemaking by August 1,
50 2019.

51 (4) APPLICABILITY.—

52 (a) This section does not conflict with or supersede s.
53 373.4595 or s. 373.811.

54 (b) An ordinance, moratorium, or regulation adopted by a
55 municipality or county before February 1, 2019, relating to the
56 land application of Class B biosolids shall remain in effect
57 until the ordinance, moratorium, or regulation expires or is
58 repealed by the municipality or county or until the effective
59 date of the rules adopted by the department pursuant to
60 subsection (3).

61 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.