

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 64

INTRODUCER: Environment and Natural Resources Committee and Senator Albritton

SUBJECT: Reclaimed Water

DATE: April 14, 2021

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 101923 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1:

- Extends the deadline for utilities to fully implement a plan to eliminate surface water discharges to January 1, 2032, from January 1, 2028.
- Eliminates the hardship conditions available under the bill, which authorize surface water discharges for utilities with various hardships.
- Deletes the requirement that a plan to eliminate surface water discharges and certain applicable environmental and public health protection requirements be included in a utility's operating permit.
- Clarifies that approval or modification of a plan by the Department of Environmental Protection does not constitute final agency action.
- Provides that the bill provisions do not apply to certain domestic wastewater treatment facilities operated by an operator of a mobile home park.
- Provides for a 25 percent density or intensity bonus to a developer or homebuilder if at least 75 percent of a proposed or existing development will have a graywater system installed or a 35 percent bonus if 100 percent of a proposed or existing development will have a graywater system installed, in addition to any bonus provided by a county, municipality or special district ordinance in effect on July 1, 2021.
- Provides that the required maintenance of a graywater system is the responsibility of a residential homeowner, not the manufacturer.