

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to fill material for reclamation  
 3           activities; amending s. 253.03, F.S.; requiring the  
 4           Department of Environmental Protection to approve  
 5           reclamation and restoration activities on sovereignty  
 6           submerged lands involving specified fill material;  
 7           providing an effective 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 (f) is added to subsection (10) of  
 12           section 253.03, Florida Statutes, to read:

13           253.03 Board of trustees to administer state lands; lands  
 14           enumerated.—

15           (10) The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement  
 16           Trust Fund and the state through any of its agencies are hereby  
 17           prohibited from levying any charge, by whatever name known, or  
 18           attaching any lien, on any and all materials dredged from state  
 19           sovereignty tidal lands or submerged bottom lands or on the  
 20           lands constituting the spoil areas on which such dredged  
 21           materials are placed, except as otherwise provided for in this  
 22           subsection, when such materials are dredged by or on behalf of  
 23           the United States or the local sponsors of active federal  
 24           navigation projects in the pursuance of the improvement,  
 25           construction, maintenance, and operation of such projects or by

26 a public body authorized to operate a public port facility (all  
27 such parties referred to herein shall hereafter be called  
28 "public body") in pursuance of the improvement, construction,  
29 maintenance, and operation of such facility, including any  
30 public transfer and terminal facilities, which actions are  
31 hereby declared to be for a public purpose. The term "local  
32 sponsor" means the local agency designated pursuant to an act of  
33 Congress to assume a portion of the navigation project costs and  
34 duties. Active federal navigation projects are those  
35 congressionally approved projects which are being performed by  
36 the United States Army Corps of Engineers or maintained by the  
37 local sponsors.

38 (f) The Department of Environmental Protection shall  
39 approve reclamation or restoration activities on sovereignty  
40 submerged lands involving the deposit of fill material below the  
41 ordinary high-water line or mean high-water line if the fill  
42 material is not actual sediment. The reclamation or restoration  
43 activities may use innovative technologies for fill material,  
44 which may include bonded molecules, such as alum or lanthanum-  
45 based technologies.

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