1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to unlawful dumping; amending s. 3 403.413, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "dump" and "litter"; defining the term "water control 4 5 district"; specifying that it is unlawful to dump 6 litter in or on any water control district property or 7 canal right-of-way without specified consent; 8 providing that when litter is thrown or discarded from 9 a boat, the operator or owner, or both, are in violation of certain provisions; requiring a water 10 11 control district board of directors member or district 12 manager to report an unlawful dumping to the 13 appropriate law enforcement agencies; authorizing law enforcement officers to enter water control district 14 property under certain circumstances; amending s. 15 16 810.011, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "posted land" to include land owned by a water control 17 18 district which has no trespassing signs placed at 19 specified points; reenacting ss. 403.4135(1) and 810.12(6), F.S., relating to litter receptacles and 20 21 prima facie evidence of trespass, respectively, to 22 incorporate the amendment made to s. 403.413, F.S., in 23 references thereto; providing an effective date. 24 25 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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27	Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (f) of subsection (2),
28	subsection (4), and paragraph (i) of subsection (6) of section
29	403.413, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (j) is
30	added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:
31	403.413 Florida Litter Law
32	(2) DEFINITIONSAs used in this section:
33	(d) "Dump" means to dump, throw, discard, place, deposit,
34	<u>drain, discharge,</u> or dispose of.
35	(f) "Litter" means any personal property; garbage;
36	rubbish; trash; refuse; can; bottle; box; container; paper;
37	tobacco product; pharmaceutical of any kind; tire; household
38	item; shed; appliance; mechanical equipment or part; building or
39	construction material; tool; machinery; wood; motor vehicle or
40	motor vehicle part, including a truck, trailer, or motor home;
41	vessel; aircraft; farm machinery or equipment; sludge from a
42	waste treatment facility, water supply treatment plant, or air
43	pollution control facility; or substance in any form resulting
44	from domestic, industrial, commercial, mining, agricultural, or
45	governmental operations.
46	(j) "Water control district" means a water control
47	district that exists pursuant to chapter 298 or was created by
48	special act of the Legislature.
49	(4) DUMPING LITTER PROHIBITEDUnless otherwise authorized
50	by law or permit, it is unlawful for any person to dump litter
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51	in any manner or amount in or on any of the following areas:
52	<ul> <li>(a) In or on Any public highway, road, street, alley, or</li> </ul>
53	thoroughfare, including any portion of the right-of-way thereof,
54	or any other public lands, except in containers or areas
55	lawfully provided therefor. When any litter is thrown or
56	discarded from a motor vehicle, the operator or owner of the
57	motor vehicle, or both, <u>are</u> shall be deemed in violation of this
58	section.+
59	(b) <del>In or on</del> Any freshwater lake, river, canal, or stream
60	or tidal or coastal water of the state, including canals. When
61	any litter is thrown or discarded from a boat, the operator or
62	owner of the boat, or both, <u>are</u> <del>shall be deemed</del> in violation of
63	this section <u>.; or</u>
64	(c) Any water control district property or canal right-of-
65	way, unless the district board of directors or the district
66	manager or his or her designee has given prior consent. When any
67	litter is thrown or discarded from a boat, the operator or owner
68	of the boat, or both, are in violation of this section.
69	(d) <del>In or on</del> Any private property, unless <u>the owner has</u>
70	given prior consent <del>of the owner has been given</del> and unless the
71	dumping of such litter by such person will not cause a public
72	nuisance or otherwise be in violation of any other state or
73	local law, rule, or regulation.
74	(6) PENALTIES; ENFORCEMENT
75	(i) It <u>is</u> <del>shall be</del> the duty of all law enforcement
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76	officers to enforce <del>the provisions of</del> this section. <u>If a member</u>
77	of a water control district board of directors or a district
78	manager discovers that a person has committed unlawful dumping
79	in violation of paragraph (4)(c), he or she must report the
80	incident to the appropriate law enforcement agency with
81	jurisdiction over the district. A law enforcement officer may
82	enter any district canal right-of-way, property, or facility to
83	respond to such an incident.
84	Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
85	810.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
86	810.011 DefinitionsAs used in this chapter:
87	(5)(a) "Posted land" is <del>that</del> land upon which <u>any of the</u>
88	following are placed:
89	1. Signs <del>are</del> placed not more than 500 feet apart along $_{m{ au}}$
90	and at each corner of, the boundaries of the land $\mathrm{or},$ for land
91	owned by a water control district that exists pursuant to
92	chapter 298 or was created by special act of the Legislature,
93	signs placed at or near the intersection of any district canal
94	right-of-way and a road right-of-way, which, upon which signs
95	<del>there appears</del> prominently $ ext{display}_{m{ au}}$ in letters of not less than 2
96	inches in height, the words "no trespassing" and $rac{\mathrm{in}}{\mathrm{addition}}$
97	<del>thereto</del> the name of the owner, lessee, or occupant of <u>the</u> <del>said</del>
98	land. <u>The</u> <del>Said</del> signs <u>must</u> <del>shall</del> be placed along the boundary
99	line of posted land in a manner and in such position as to be
100	clearly noticeable from outside the boundary line; or
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101 Conspicuous no trespassing notice is painted on trees 2.a. or posts on the property, provided that the notice is: 102 103 (I) Painted in an international orange color and 104 displaying the stenciled words "No Trespassing" in letters no 105 less than 2 inches high and 1 inch wide either vertically or horizontally; 106 107 (II)Placed so that the bottom of the painted notice is 108 not less than 3 feet from the ground or more than 5 feet from 109 the ground; and Placed at locations that are readily visible to any 110 (III) 111 person approaching the property and no more than 500 feet apart on agricultural land. 112 When a landowner uses the painted no trespassing 113 b. 114 posting to identify a no trespassing "no trespassing" area, 115 those painted notices must shall be accompanied by signs 116 complying with subparagraph 1. and must be placed conspicuously 117 at all places where entry to the property is normally expected 118 or known to occur. Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 119 120 made by this act to section 403.413, Florida Statutes, in a 121 reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 403.4135, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read: 122 123 403.4135 Litter receptacles.-DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section "litter" and 124 (1)125 "vessel" have the same meanings as provided in s. 403.413.

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126 Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 127 made by this act to section 403.413, Florida Statutes, in 128 references thereto, subsection (6) of section 810.12, Florida 129 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

130 810.12 Unauthorized entry on land; prima facie evidence of 131 trespass.-

132 (6) The unlawful dumping by any person of any litter in 133 violation of s. 403.413(4) is prima facie evidence of the 134 intention of such person to commit an act of trespass. If any 135 waste that is dumped in violation of s. 403.413(4) is discovered 136 to contain any article, including, but not limited to, a letter, 137 bill, publication, or other writing that displays the name of a 138 person thereon, addressed to such person or in any other manner 139 indicating that the article last belonged to such person, that 140 discovery raises a mere inference that the person so identified 141 has violated this section. If the court finds that the discovery 142 of the location of the article is corroborated by the existence 143 of an independent fact or circumstance which, standing alone, would constitute evidence sufficient to prove a violation of s. 144 145 403.413(4), such person is rebuttably presumed to have violated that section. 146

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Section 5. This act shall take effect October 1, 2023.

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