

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and
 3 Technology Development Initiative; amending s.
 4 379.2273, F.S.; requiring the initiative to develop
 5 certain deployment technologies and submit a report on
 6 the technologies to the Department of Environmental
 7 Protection; requiring the department to make certain
 8 determinations regarding the technologies within a
 9 specified time period; providing that the technologies
 10 are deemed approved for use in specified state waters
 11 under certain circumstances; removing the expiration
 12 of date of the initiative; providing an effective
 13 date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of
 18 section 379.2273, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
 19 paragraphs (d) and (e), respectively, and a new paragraph (c) is
 20 added to that subsection, and subsection (4) of that section is
 21 amended, to read:

22 379.2273 Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology
 23 Development Initiative; Initiative Technology Advisory Council.—

24 (2) The Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology
 25 Development Initiative is established as a partnership between

26 | the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute within the commission
27 | and Mote Marine Laboratory.

28 | (c) Upon successful completion of science-based laboratory
29 | testing of prevention, control, and mitigation approaches and
30 | technologies, the initiative shall develop field trial
31 | deployment technologies for the approaches and technologies.
32 | When the initiative develops a field trial deployment
33 | technology, the initiative shall submit a report with its
34 | findings to the department. Within 30 business days after
35 | receipt of the report, the department shall review the
36 | technology and approve, approve with conditions, or deny with
37 | explanation the use of the technology in state waters exhibiting
38 | red tide bloom concentrations of greater than 10,000 cells per
39 | liter. If the department fails to approve, approve with
40 | conditions, or deny with explanation a field trial deployment
41 | technology within 30 business days after receipt of the report,
42 | the technology shall be deemed approved for use in state waters
43 | exhibiting red tide bloom concentrations of greater than 10,000
44 | cells per liter.

45 | ~~(4) This section expires June 30, 2025.~~

46 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.