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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: WD	.	
02/08/2024	.	
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The Committee on Community Affairs (Brodeur) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete line 373

and insert:

Section 9. Effective July 1, 2024, section 125.489, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

125.489 Preemption of restrictions on gasoline-powered leaf blowers.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "gasoline-powered leaf blower" means a machine powered by an internal combustion



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11 engine or motor that uses gasoline or a blend of gasoline and
12 oil to blow leaves, dirt, or other debris from sidewalks,
13 driveways, lawns, or other surfaces.

14 (2) A county may not enact or enforce a resolution, an
15 ordinance, a rule, a code, or a policy or take any action that
16 restricts or prohibits the use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers
17 and may not create differing standards for or distinguish
18 gasoline-powered leaf blowers from any other gasoline-powered,
19 electric, or similar equipment or any other type of leaf blower
20 in a retail, manufacturer, or distributor setting.

21 (3) This section does not prohibit or limit a county from
22 encouraging the use of alternative leaf blower equipment, such
23 as battery-powered tools.

24 Section 10. Effective July 1, 2024, section 166.0486,
25 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

26 166.0486 Preemption of restrictions on gasoline-powered
27 leaf blowers.-

28 (1) As used in this section, the term "gasoline-powered
29 leaf blower" means a machine powered by an internal combustion
30 engine or motor that uses gasoline or a blend of gasoline and
31 oil to blow leaves, dirt, or other debris from sidewalks,
32 driveways, lawns, or other surfaces.

33 (2) A municipality may not enact or enforce a resolution,
34 an ordinance, a rule, a code, or a policy or take any action
35 that restricts or prohibits the use of gasoline-powered leaf
36 blowers and may not create differing standards for or
37 distinguish gasoline-powered leaf blowers from any other
38 gasoline-powered, electric, or similar equipment or any other
39 type of leaf blower in a retail, manufacturer, or distributor



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40 setting.

41 (3) This section does not prohibit or limit a municipality
42 from encouraging the use of alternative leaf blower equipment,
43 such as battery-powered tools.

44 Section 11. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
45 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
46 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect October 1,
47 2024.

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50 And the title is amended as follows:

51 Delete lines 34 - 35

52 and insert:

53 report; providing applicability; creating ss. 125.489
54 and 166.0486, F.S.; defining the term "gasoline-
55 powered leaf blower"; prohibiting counties and
56 municipalities, respectively, from taking certain
57 actions to restrict or prohibit the use of gasoline-
58 powered leaf blowers; prohibiting differing standards
59 or distinctions between leaf blowers and other similar
60 equipment; providing construction; providing effective
61 dates.