

By the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and  
Senator Rodriguez

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to waste facilities; amending s.  
3 373.4592, F.S.; conforming cross references;  
4 prohibiting state or local governmental entities from  
5 approving permits for specified waste facilities;  
6 providing applicability; amending ss. 316.5501,  
7 339.2818, and 373.036, F.S.; conforming cross-  
8 references; providing an effective date.  
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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12 Section 1. Present subsections (13) through (17) of section  
13 373.4592, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (14)  
14 through (18), respectively, a new subsection (13) is added to  
15 that section, and paragraphs (c) and (f) of subsection (2) are  
16 amended, to read:

17 373.4592 Everglades improvement and management.—

18 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

19 (c) "C-139 Basin" or "Basin" means those lands described in  
20 subsection (17) ~~subsection (16)~~.

21 (f) "Everglades Agricultural Area" or "EAA" means the  
22 Everglades Agricultural Area, which are those lands described in  
23 subsection (16) ~~subsection (15)~~.

24 (13) PROHIBITION ON WASTE FACILITIES.—

25 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a state or  
26 local governmental entity may not approve any permit under  
27 chapter 373, chapter 376, chapter 377, chapter 379, chapter 380,  
28 or chapter 403 for the construction or operation of any of the  
29 following facilities that are proposed to be located within 1

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30 mile of the C-9 impoundment, authorized by the Water Resources  
31 Reform and Development Act of 2014, Pub. L. No. 113-121:

32 1. A municipal solid waste-to-energy facility as defined in  
33 s. 377.814(2).

34 2. A pyrolysis facility as defined in s. 403.703.

35 3. To the extent that it includes incineration of any type,  
36 a solid waste disposal facility as defined in s. 403.703.

37 (b) This subsection does not apply to a facility that was  
38 constructed and had an operating permit authorizing incineration  
39 before July 1, 2025.

40 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 316.5501, Florida  
41 Statutes, is amended to read:

42 316.5501 Permitting program for combination truck tractor,  
43 semitrailer, and trailer combination coupled as a single unit  
44 subject to certain requirements.—

45 (1) By no later than January 1, 2020, the Department of  
46 Transportation in conjunction with the Department of Highway  
47 Safety and Motor Vehicles shall develop a permitting program  
48 that, notwithstanding any other provision of law except  
49 conflicting federal law and applicable provisions of s. 316.550,  
50 prescribes the operation of any combination of truck tractor,  
51 semitrailer, and trailer combination coupled together so as to  
52 operate as a single unit in which the semitrailer and the  
53 trailer unit may each be up to 48 feet in length, but not less  
54 than 28 feet in length, if such truck tractor, semitrailer, and  
55 trailer combination is:

56 (a) Being used for the primary purpose of transporting farm  
57 products as defined in s. 823.14(3)(e) on a prescribed route  
58 within the boundary of the Everglades Agricultural Area as

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described in s. 373.4592(16) ~~s. 373.4592(15)~~;

(b) Traveling on a prescribed route that has been submitted to and approved by the Department of Transportation for public safety purposes having taken into account, at a minimum, the point of origin, destination, traffic and pedestrian volume on the route, turning radius at intersections along the route, and potential for damage to roadways or bridges on the route;

(c) Operating only on state or local roadways within a radius of 60 miles from where such truck tractor, semitrailer, and trailer combination was loaded; however, travel is not authorized on the Interstate Highway System; and

(d) Meeting the following weight limitations:

1. The maximum gross weight of the truck tractor and the first trailer shall not exceed 88,000 pounds.

2. The maximum gross weight of the dolly and second trailer shall not exceed 67,000 pounds.

3. The maximum overall gross weight of the truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination shall not exceed 155,000 pounds.

Section 3. Subsection (8) of section 339.2818, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.2818 Small County Outreach Program.—

(8) Subject to a specific appropriation in addition to funds appropriated for projects under this section, a local government either wholly or partially within the Everglades Agricultural Area as defined in s. 373.4592(16) ~~s. 373.4592(15)~~, the Peace River Basin, or the Suwannee River Basin may compete for additional funding using the criteria listed in paragraph (4)(c) at up to 100 percent of project costs on state or county roads used primarily as farm-to-market connections between rural

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88 agricultural areas and market distribution centers, excluding  
89 capacity improvement projects.

90 Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (7) of section  
91 373.036, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

92 373.036 Florida water plan; district water management  
93 plans.—

94 (7) CONSOLIDATED WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT.—

95 (e) In addition to the elements specified in paragraph (b),  
96 the South Florida Water Management District shall include in the  
97 consolidated annual report the following elements:

98 1. The Lake Okeechobee Protection Program annual progress  
99 report required by s. 373.4595(6).

100 2. The Everglades annual progress reports specified in s.  
101 373.4592(4)(d)5., (14), and (15) ~~s. 373.4592(4)(d)5., (13), and~~  
102 ~~(14)~~.

103 3. The Everglades restoration annual report required by s.  
104 373.470(7).

105 4. The Everglades Trust Fund annual expenditure report  
106 required by s. 373.45926(3).

107 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.