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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to biosolids management; amending s. 403.0855, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing or renewing a permit for certain biosolids land application sites if there is a permitted wastewater treatment facility that accepts septage for higher levels of treatment within a specified distance of the application site and which meets specified requirements; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsection (6) of section 403.0855, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

403.0855 Biosolids management.—

(6) The department may not issue or renew a permit for a biosolids land application site which authorizes disposal or land application of septage as Class B biosolids if there is a permitted wastewater treatment facility that accepts septage for higher levels of treatment which is:

(a) Less than 50 miles from a proposed Class B biosolids land application site;

(b) Owned or operated by the Federal Government or a

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26 federal agency, a state government body or agency, or a
27 political subdivision of this state; and

28 (c) Not defunct, used for other purposes, or out of
29 capacity.

30 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.