

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to biosolids management; amending s.
3 403.0855, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of
4 Environmental Protection from issuing or renewing a
5 permit for certain biosolids land application sites if
6 there is a permitted wastewater treatment facility
7 that accepts septage for higher levels of treatment
8 within a specified distance of the application site
9 and which meets specified requirements; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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

17 403.0855 Biosolids management.—

18 (6) The department may not issue or renew a permit for a
19 land application site which authorizes disposal or land
20 application of septage, as defined in s. 381.0065(2), as Class B
21 biosolids if there is a permitted wastewater treatment facility
22 that accepts septage for higher levels of treatment which is:

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

25 (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.