



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (Bradley) recommended the following:

1                   **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3                   Delete everything after the enacting clause  
4 and insert:

5                   Section 1. Subsections (7) and (8) are added to section  
6 403.0855, Florida Statutes, to read:

7                   403.0855 Biosolids management.—

8                   (7) The land application of bulk Class AA biosolids  
9 fertilizer and compost products may not exceed the appropriate  
10 agronomic rate. Application records must be maintained by the



11 land application site operator.

12 (8) The University of Florida's Institute of Food and  
13 Agricultural Sciences shall, on a biennial basis, publish and  
14 make publicly available the recommended agronomic rates for the  
15 beneficial reuse of bulk Class AA biosolids fertilizer and  
16 compost products based on predominant application practices.

17 Section 2. Effective July 1, 2028, subsections (9) through  
18 (13) are added to section 403.0855, Florida Statutes, as amended  
19 by this act, to read:

20 403.0855 Biosolids management.—

21 (9) (a) Bulk Class AA biosolids or biosolids products may be  
22 distributed or marketed as fertilizer in accordance with chapter  
23 576 and may be land applied if such biosolids and products are  
24 transferred pursuant to a bona fide sale as fertilizer and meet  
25 all applicable labeling and registration requirements.

26 (b) As used in this section, the term "bona fide sale"  
27 means a sale in which monetary consideration is paid for the  
28 biosolids fertilizer or biosolids compost product, and the  
29 amount paid bears a reasonable relationship to the fair market  
30 value of comparable marketable fertilizer or soil-amendment  
31 products. A nominal charge, an exchange arrangement, a transfer  
32 made to offset disposal costs, or a transfer in which the  
33 biosolids treatment facility compensates the recipient does not  
34 constitute a bona fide sale. A transaction does not constitute a  
35 bona fide sale if its price, structure, or associated payments  
36 are arranged for the purpose of avoiding compliance with  
37 paragraph (a) or subsection (10).

38 (10) (a) Bulk Class AA biosolids compost products may be  
39 distributed or marketed as soil amendments in accordance with



40 chapter 576 and may be land applied if such products are  
41 transferred pursuant to a bona fide sale and meet all applicable  
42 labeling and registration requirements.

43 (b) Class AA biosolids compost products, if their labeling  
44 does not claim any plant nutrients or beneficial plant growth  
45 properties, are not required to be distributed or marketed as a  
46 soil amendment or a fertilizer, as those terms are defined in s.  
47 576.011, if the Class AA biosolids compost products are enrolled  
48 and certified under the U.S. Composting Council's Seal of  
49 Testing Assurance program.

50 (11) Bulk Class AA biosolids compost and fertilizer  
51 products that are not distributed, marketed, or sold through a  
52 bona fide sale as a fertilizer or soil amendment may be land  
53 applied only at land application sites expressly approved by the  
54 Department of Environmental Protection. This subsection does not  
55 apply to Class AA biosolids compost products enrolled and  
56 certified under the U.S. Composting Council's Seal of Testing  
57 Assurance program.

58 (12) The requirement for a bona fide sale does not apply to  
59 biosolids treatment facilities that own or control the land  
60 where the bulk Class AA fertilizer or compost biosolids products  
61 are being land applied; however, bulk Class AA products that are  
62 land applied on land owned or controlled by a biosolids  
63 treatment facility must still meet all applicable registration  
64 and labeling requirements before land application.

65 (13) Subsections (9), (10), and (11) do not apply to sales  
66 or exchanges between importers, manufacturers, or licensees  
67 under s. 576.141.

68 Section 3. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this



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69 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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72 | And the title is amended as follows:

73 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
74 and insert:

75 | A bill to be entitled

An act relating to biosolids management; amending s. 403.0855, F.S.; prohibiting the land application of Class AA biosolids fertilizer and compost products from exceeding the appropriate agronomic rate; requiring the land application site operator to maintain application records; requiring the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences to publish and make publicly available recommended agronomic rates for the reuse of bulk Class AA biosolids fertilizer and compost products, based on certain criteria; authorizing bulk Class AA biosolids or biosolids products to be distributed or marketed as fertilizer and land applied if specified requirements are met; defining the term "bona fide sale"; authorizing bulk Class AA biosolids compost products to be distributed or marketed as soil amendments and land applied if specified requirements are met; providing an exception; requiring that certain bulk Class AA biosolids compost and fertilizer products be land applied at land application sites approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; providing applicability; requiring certain



98       bulk Class AA products that are land applied on  
99       certain lands meet certain requirements before land  
100      application; providing applicability; providing  
101      effective dates.