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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

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

403.0855 Biosolids management.—

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



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land application site operator.

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

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

403.0855 Biosolids management.—

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Section 3. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this



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

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

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



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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.