

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

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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  
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  
land application site which authorizes disposal or land  
application of septage, as defined in rule 62-640.200(43),  
Florida Administrative Code, 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  
federal agency, a state government body or agency, or a  
political subdivision of this state; and

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

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