

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the land application of septage;  
 3           amending s. 381.0065, F.S.; removing the future  
 4           prohibition against the land application of septage  
 5           from onsite treatment and disposal systems; requiring  
 6           land application to be subject to certain  
 7           requirements; defining the term "spring protection and  
 8           management zone"; providing an effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 381.0065, Florida  
 13   Statutes, is amended to read:

14           381.0065 Onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems;  
 15   regulation.—

16           (6) ~~LAND APPLICATION OF SEPTAGE PROHIBITED. Effective~~  
 17   ~~January 1, 2016,~~ The land application of septage from onsite  
 18   sewage treatment and disposal systems is subject to the  
 19   following requirements in addition to any permit requirements:  
 20   ~~is prohibited.~~

21           (a) If applied to an area delineated as a spring  
 22   protection and management zone:

- 23           1. Monthly inspections by the Department of Health;  
 24           2. Metered receiving at treatment facilities;  
 25           3. Testing with electronic pH meters rather than paper  
 26   strips;

- 27        4. Stabilized septage sampling;
- 28        5. Annual tracking of nutrient loading based on septage
- 29 sampling;
- 30        6. Annual soil sampling of active application sites;
- 31        7. Sites may not be sold, but may be transferred; and
- 32        8. Additional sites may not be permitted.
- 33        (b) If applied to an area that is not delineated as a
- 34 spring protection and management zone:
- 35        1. Quarterly inspections by the Department of Health;
- 36        2. Metered receiving at treatment facilities;
- 37        3. Testing with electronic pH meters rather than paper
- 38 strips;
- 39        4. Sites may be sold or transferred; and
- 40        5. Additional sites may be permitted.

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42 As used in this subsection, the term "spring protection and

43 management zone" means a springshed where the Floridan Aquifer

44 is vulnerable to sources of contamination or reduced water

45 levels, as determined by the Department of Environmental

46 Protection in consultation with the appropriate water management

47 districts.

48        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.