

## CHAPTER 2026-171

### Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1285

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. 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 s. 381.0065(2), 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 30 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.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

Approved by the Governor June 25, 2026.

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