

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

CS/CS/HB 1367 — Unlawful Dumping

by Water Quality, Supply, and Treatment Subcommittee; Local Administration, Federal Affairs, and Special Districts Subcommittee; and Reps. Altman, Bartleman, and others (CS/SB 1368 by Community Affairs Committee and Senator Wright)

The bill amends the Florida Litter Law. It amends the definition of “dump” to include the acts of draining and discharging. The bill also adds personal property, pharmaceuticals of any kind, household items, sheds, trucks, trailers, and motorhomes to the definition of “litter.” The bill defines “water control district” as a water control district that exists pursuant to ch. 298, F.S., concerning drainage and water control, or was created by special act of the Legislature.

The bill makes it unlawful for any person to dump litter in or on any water control district property or canal right-of-way without prior consent. When any litter is thrown or discarded from a boat, the operator or owner of the boat, or both, are in violation of the Florida Litter Law.

The bill requires a member of a water control district board of directors or a district manager who discovers that a person has committed unlawful dumping in or on water control district property or canal right-of-way to report the incident to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The bill allows a law enforcement officer to enter any district canal right-of-way, property, or facility to respond to such an incident.

The bill provides that land owned by a water control district or that was created by special act of the Legislature is “posted land” if signs are placed at or near the intersection of any district canal right-of-way and a road right-of-way.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect October 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 116-0