Florida House of Representatives - 1999HB 721By Representatives Fiorentino, Fasano and Russell

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to sewage treatment facility
3	discharges; prohibiting new discharges or
4	increased pollutant loadings from existing
5	sewage treatment facilities into coastal waters
6	adjacent to Pasco County or waters tributary
7	thereto; authorizing the Department of
8	Environmental Protection to grant exceptions
9	under certain circumstances; providing an
10	effective date.
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12	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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14	Section 1. <u>New or increased sewage treatment facility</u>
15	discharges into coastal waters adjacent to Pasco County
16	prohibited
17	(1) No new discharges or increased pollutant loadings
18	from existing sewage treatment facilities into the coastal
19	waters of the state adjacent to Pasco County, which include,
20	but are not limited to, Anclote Anchorage, Sandy Bay, Cross
21	Bayou, Millers Bayou, Boggy Bay, Hope Bayou, Lighter Bayou, or
22	Fillman Bayou, or into waters tributary thereto, are permitted
23	except as provided in subsection (2).
24	(2) The Department of Environmental Protection may
25	grant an exception to subsection (1) only in the following
26	<u>circumstances:</u>
27	(a) If the applicant conclusively demonstrates that no
28	other practical alternative exists and the discharge will
29	receive advanced waste treatment as defined in s. 403.086(4),
30	Florida Statutes, or a higher level of treatment;
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If the applicant conclusively demonstrates that (b) the proposed discharge will not result in violation of state water quality standards, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, and will not hinder efforts to restore the water quality of the coastal waters of the state adjacent б to Pasco County; or (c) If the applicant's discharge is an intermittent surface water discharge occurring during wet weather conditions, subject to the requirements of department rules. Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2002. HOUSE SUMMARY Effective January 1, 2002, prohibits new discharges or increased pollutant loadings from existing sewage treatment facilities into the coastal waters adjacent to Pasco County or waters tributary thereto. Authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to grant exceptions under specified circumstances. See bill for details.

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