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	<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>
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1	Representative T. Williams offered the following:
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3	Amendment (with title amendment)
4	Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
5	Section 1. Section 373.4144, Florida Statutes, is amended
6	to read:
7	373.4144 Federal environmental permitting
8	(1) The Legislature intends to facilitate coordination and
9	a more efficient process of implementing regulatory duties and
10	functions between the Department of Environmental Protection,
11	the water management districts, the United States Army Corps of
12	Engineers, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the
13	National Marine Fisheries Service, the United States
14	Environmental Protection Agency, the Fish and Wildlife
15	Conservation Commission, and other relevant federal and state
16	agencies. The department is directed to develop, on or before
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- /	October 1, 2005, a mechanism or plan to consolidate, to the
18	maximum extent practicable, the federal and state wetland
19	permitting programs. It is the intent of the Legislature that
20	all dredge and fill activities impacting 10 acres or less of
21	wetlands or waters, including navigable waters, be processed by
22	the state as part of the environmental resource permitting
23	program implemented by the department and the water management
24	districts. The resulting mechanism or plan shall analyze and
25	propose the development of an expanded state programmatic
26	general permit program in conjunction with the United States
27	Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to s. 404 of the Clean Water
28	Act, Pub. L. No. 92-500, as amended, 33 U.S.C. ss. 1251 et seq.,
29	and s. 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Alternatively,
30	or in combination with an expanded state programmatic general
31	permit, the mechanism or plan may propose the creation of a
32	series of regional general permits issued by the United States
33	Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to the referenced statutes. All
34	of the regional general permits must be administered by the
35	department or the water management districts or their designees.
36	(2)(a) The department shall pursue the issuance by the
37	United States Army Corps of Engineers, pursuant to state and
38	federal law and as set forth in this section, of an expanded
39	state programmatic general permit or a series of regional
40	general permits for categories of activities in waters of the
41	United States governed by the Clean Water Act and in navigable
42	waters under the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, which are
43	similar in nature, which will cause only minimal adverse
44	environmental effects when performed separately, and which will
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45 have only minimal cumulative adverse effects on the environment. 46 (b) The department is directed to: 47 1. Use the mechanism of a state general permit or regional 48 general permits to eliminate overlapping federal regulations and 49 state rules that seek to protect the same resource and to avoid 50 duplication of permitting between the United States Army Corps 51 of Engineers and the department for minor work located in waters 52 of the United States, including navigable waters, thus 53 eliminating, in appropriate cases, the need for a separate 54 individual approval from the United States Army Corps of 55 Engineers while ensuring the most stringent protection of 56 wetland resources; and 57 2. Not seek issuance of or take any action pursuant to any such permits unless the conditions are at least as protective of 58 the environment and natural resources as existing state law 59 60 under this part and federal law under the Clean Water Act and the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. 61 62 The department shall report to the Legislature by (C) January 15 of each year on efforts to eliminate impediments to 63 64 achieving greater efficiencies through expansion of a state 65 programmatic general permit or regional general permits. 66 (3) (2) To effectuate efficient wetland permitting and 67 avoid duplication, the department and water management districts 68 may implement a voluntary state programmatic general permit for all dredge and fill activities impacting 5 acres or less of 69 70 wetlands or other surface waters, including navigable waters, 71 subject to agreement with the United States Army Corps of 72 Engineers, if the general permit is at least as protective of 865097 Approved For Filing: 4/23/2009 10:44:30 AM Page 3 of 18

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73	the environment and natural resources as existing state law
74	under this part and federal law under the Clean Water Act and
75	the Rivers and Harbors
76	Act of 1899. This subsection does not prevent the department or
77	water management districts from pursuing and implementing a
78	state programmatic permit for projects impacting more than 5
79	acres of wetlands or other surface waters. The department is
80	directed to file with the Speaker of the House of
81	Representatives and the President of the Senate a report
82	proposing any required federal and state statutory changes that
83	would be necessary to accomplish the directives listed in this
84	section and to coordinate with the Florida Congressional
85	Delegation on any necessary changes to federal law to implement
86	the directives.
87	(4) (3) Nothing in This section does not shall be construed
88	to preclude the department from pursuing a series of regional
89	general permits for construction activities in wetlands or
90	surface waters or the complete assumption of federal permitting
91	programs regulating the discharge of dredged or fill material
92	pursuant to s. 404 of the Clean Water Act, Pub. L. No. 92-500,
93	as amended, 33 U.S.C. ss. 1251 et seq., and s. 10 of the Rivers
94	and Harbors Act of 1899, so long as the assumption encompasses
95	all dredge and fill activities in, on, or over jurisdictional
96	wetlands or waters, including navigable waters, within the
97	state.
98	(5)(a) In order to assist in facilitating the objectives
99	of this section and to promote consistency between federal and
100	state mitigation requirements, the department and water
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	management districts shall compare their rules regarding
102	mitigation for adverse impacts to the mitigation rules of the
103	United States Army Corps of Engineers and the United States
104	Environmental Protection Agency in 73 Federal Register, pages
105	19594-19705 (2008). The comparison shall be done in consultation
106	with appropriate representatives of the United States Army Corps
107	of Engineers and the United States Environmental Protection
108	Agency. After performing the comparison, the department and
109	water management districts shall:
110	1. Identify any inconsistent or contradictory provisions;
111	and
112	2. Recommend appropriate revisions to the rules of the
113	department or water management districts to reduce inconsistent
114	or contradictory requirements in such a manner that will not
115	lessen environmental protection. The recommendations shall
116	include a consideration for increasing the geographic size of
117	drainage basins and regional watersheds to facilitate or reflect
118	a watershed approach to mitigation.
119	(b) The department and water management districts shall
120	submit a consolidated report regarding the requirements of this
121	subsection to the Governor, the Chair of the Senate
122	Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee, and the
123	Chair of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy
124	Committee by January 15, 2010. If the department and water
125	management districts believe any conflicting state law prevents
126	them from amending their rules to achieve the objectives of this
127	subsection, the report must identify such law and explain why it
128	prevents a rule amendment to achieve the objectives of this
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129 <u>subsection</u>.

Section 2. Subsection (19) of section 373.4211, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

132 373.4211 Ratification of chapter 17-340, Florida
133 Administrative Code, on the delineation of the landward extent
134 of wetlands and surface waters.--Pursuant to s. 373.421, the
135 Legislature ratifies chapter 17-340, Florida Administrative
136 Code, approved on January 13, 1994, by the Environmental
137 Regulation Commission, with the following changes:

138 (19) (a) Rule 17-340.450(3) is amended by adding, after the 139 species list, the following language:

140 "Within Monroe County and the Key Largo portion of Miami-141 Dade County only, the following species shall be listed as 142 facultative: Alternanthera paronychioides, Byrsonima lucida, 143 Ernodea littoralis, Guapira discolor, Marnilkara bahamensis, 144 Pisonis rotundata, Pithecellobium keyensis, Pithecellobium 145 unquis-cati, Randia aculeata, Reynosia septentrionalis, and 146 Thrinax radiata."

147 (b) Pursuant to s. 373.421 and subject to the conditions 148 described in this paragraph, the Legislature ratifies the 149 changes to rule 62-340.450(3), Florida Administrative Code, 150 approved on February 23, 2006, by the Environmental Regulation 151 Commission which added slash pine (Pinus elliottii) and 152 gallberry (Ilex glabra) to the list of facultative plants. 153 However, this ratification and the rule revision will not take 154 effect until a voluntary state programmatic general permit for 155 all dredge and fill activities affecting 5 acres or less of 156 wetlands or other surface waters is implemented as provided in 865097 Approved For Filing: 4/23/2009 10:44:30 AM

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157	Amendment No. s. 373.4144(3).
158	(c) Unless the holder of a valid permit elects to use the
159	delineation line as amended to add slash pine (<i>Pinus elliottii</i>)
160	and gallberry (Ilex glabra) to the list of facultative plants,
161	the surface water and wetland delineations identified and
162	approved by a permit issued under rules adopted under this part
163	before July 1, 2009, remain valid until expiration of the
164	permit, notwithstanding the changes to rule 62-340.450(3),
165	Florida Administrative Code, as described in this subsection.
166	For purposes of this paragraph, the term "identified and
167	approved" means:
168	1. The delineation was field-verified by the permitting
169	agency and such verification was surveyed as part of the
170	application review process for the permit; or
171	2. The delineation was field-verified by the permitting
172	agency and approved pursuant to the permit.
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174	Where surface water and wetland delineations were not identified
175	and approved pursuant to the permit issued under rules adopted
176	under this part, delineations within the geographical area to
177	which the permit applies shall be determined pursuant to the
178	rules applicable at the time the permit was issued,
179	notwithstanding the changes to rule 62-340.450(3), Florida
180	Administrative Code, as described in this subsection. This
181	paragraph also applies to any modification of the permit issued
182	under rules adopted pursuant to this part which does not
183	constitute a substantial modification within the geographical
184	area to which the permit applies.
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185	Amendment No. (d) Unless the petitioner elects to use the delineation
186	line as amended to add slash pine (<i>Pinus elliottii</i>) and
187	gallberry (Ilex glabra) to the list of facultative plants, any
188	declaratory statement issued by the department under s. 403.914,
189	1984 Supplement to the Florida Statutes 1983 as amended,
190	pursuant to rules adopted thereunder, or formal determination
191	issued by the department or a water management district under s.
192	373.421, in response to a petition filed on or before July 1,
193	2009, shall continue to be valid for the duration of such
194	declaratory statement or formal determination. Any petition
195	pending on or before July 1, 2009, is exempt from the changes to
196	rule 62-340.450(3), Florida Administrative Code, as described in
197	this subsection, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 62-
198	340, Florida Administrative Code, in effect prior to such
199	change. Activities proposed within the boundaries of a valid
200	declaratory statement or formal determination issued pursuant to
201	a petition submitted to the department or the relevant water
202	management district on or before July 1, 2009, or within the
203	boundaries of a revalidated jurisdictional determination prior
204	to its expiration, shall continue to be exempt after July 1,
205	2009 from the changes to rule 62-340.450(3), Florida
206	Administrative Code, as described in this subsection.
207	Section 3. Section 125.0112, Florida Statutes, is created
208	to read:
209	125.0112 Biofuels and renewable energyThe construction
210	and operation of a biofuel processing facility or a renewable
211	energy generating facility, as defined in s. 366.91(2)(d), and
212	the cultivation and production of bioenergy, as defined in s.
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213	Amendment No. 570.957(1)(a), may be considered by a local government to be a
214	valid industrial, agricultural, and silvicultural use permitted
215	within those land use categories in the local comprehensive land
216	use plan. If the local comprehensive plan does not specifically
217	allow for the construction of a biofuel processing facility or
218	renewable energy facility, the local government shall establish
219	a specific review process that may include expediting local
220	review of any necessary comprehensive plan amendment, zoning
221	change, use permit, waiver, variance, or special exemption.
222	Local expedited review of a proposed biofuel processing facility
223	or a renewable energy facility does not obligate a local
224	government to approved such proposed use. A comprehensive plan
225	amendment necessary to accommodate a biofuel processing facility
226	or renewable energy facility shall, if approved by the local
227	government, be eligible for the alternative state review process
228	in s. 163.32465. The construction and operation of a facility
229	and related improvements on a portion of a property under this
230	section may not affect the remainder of the property's
231	classification as agricultural under s. 193.461.
232	Section 4. Subsection (6) is added to section 373.236,
233	Florida Statutes, to read:
234	373.236 Duration of permits; compliance reports
235	(6) A permit that is approved for the use of water for a
236	renewable energy operating facility or for cultivating
237	agricultural products on lands consisting of 1,000 acres or more
238	for renewable energy, as defined in s. 366.91(2)(d), shall, upon
239	the applicant's request, be granted for a term of at least 25
240	years based on the anticipated life of the facility if there is
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Amendment No. 241 sufficient data to provide reasonable assurance that the 242 conditions for issuing a permit will be met for the duration of the permit. However, a permit may be issued for a shorter 243 244 duration that reflects the longest period for which such 245 reasonable assurances are provided. The permittee shall provide 246 a compliance report every 5 years during the term of the permit 247 as required under subsection (4). 248 Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 373.243, Florida 249 Statutes, is amended to read: 250 373.243 Revocation of permits. -- The governing board or the 251 department may revoke a permit as follows: 252 (4) For nonuse of the water supply allowed by the permit 253 for a period of 2 years or more, the governing board or the 254 department may revoke the permit permanently and in whole unless 255 the user can prove that his or her nonuse was due to extreme 256 hardship caused by factors beyond the user's control. However, 257 for a permit with a duration determined under s. 373.236(6), the 258 governing board or the department may revoke the permit only if 259 the nonuse of the water supply allowed by the permit is for a 260 period of 4 years or more. 261 Section 6. Subsections (3), (4), (7), and (11), paragraph 262 (b) of subsection (13), paragraph (b) of subsection (14), 263 subsection (15), and paragraph (b) of subsection (19) of section 264 403.973, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 265 403.973 Expedited permitting; comprehensive plan 266 amendments.--(3) (a) The Governor, through the office, shall direct the 267 268 creation of regional permit action teams, for the purpose of 865097 Approved For Filing: 4/23/2009 10:44:30 AM Page 10 of 18

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269 expediting review of permit applications and local comprehensive 270 plan amendments submitted by:

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1. Businesses creating at least 100 jobs, or

2. Businesses creating at least 50 jobs if the project is 23 located in an enterprise zone, or in a county having a 24 population of less than 75,000 or in a county having a 25 population of less than 100,000 which is contiguous to a county 276 having a population of less than 75,000, as determined by the 277 most recent decennial census, residing in incorporated and 278 unincorporated areas of the county<u>.</u>, or

279 (b) On a case-by-case basis and at the request of a county 280 or municipal government, the office may certify as eligible for 281 expedited review a project not meeting the minimum job creation thresholds but creating a minimum of 10 jobs. The recommendation 282 from the governing body of the county or municipality in which 283 the project may be located is required in order for the office 284 to certify that any project is eligible for expedited review 285 under this paragraph. When considering projects that do not meet 286 287 the minimum job creation thresholds but that are recommended by 288 the governing body in which the project may be located, the 289 office shall consider economic impact factors that include, but 290 are not limited to:

The proposed wage and skill levels relative to those
 existing in the area in which the project may be located;

293 2. The project's potential to diversify and strengthen the294 area's economy;

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3. The amount of capital investment; and

296 4. The number of jobs that will be made available for 865097 Approved For Filing: 4/23/2009 10:44:30 AM

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298 (c) At the request of a county or municipal government, 299 the office or a Quick Permitting County may certify projects 300 located in counties where the ratio of new jobs per participant 301 in the welfare transition program, as determined by Workforce 302 Florida, Inc., is less than one or otherwise critical, as 303 eligible for the expedited permitting process. Such projects 304 must meet the numerical job creation criteria of this 305 subsection, but the jobs created by the project do not have to 306 be high-wage jobs that diversify the state's economy.

307 (d) Projects located in a designated brownfield area are308 eligible for the expedited permitting process.

(e) Projects that are part of the state-of-the-art biomedical research institution and campus to be established in this state by the grantee under s. 288.955 are eligible for the expedited permitting process, if the projects are designated as part of the institution or campus by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the institution and campus are established.

316 (f) Projects that result in the production of biofuels 317 cultivated on lands consisting of 1,000 acres or more, or in the 318 construction of a biofuel or biodiesel processing facility or 319 renewable energy generating facility as defined in s. 320 366.91(2)(d), are eligible for the expedited permitting process. 321 The regional teams shall be established through the (4)execution of memoranda of agreement developed by the applicant 322 323 and between the office with input solicited from and the 324 respective heads of the Department of Environmental Protection, 865097 Approved For Filing: 4/23/2009 10:44:30 AM Page 12 of 18

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325 the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of 326 Transportation and its district offices, the Department of 327 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Fish and Wildlife 328 Conservation Commission, appropriate regional planning councils, 329 appropriate water management districts, and voluntarily 330 participating municipalities and counties. The memoranda of 331 agreement must should also accommodate participation in the this 332 expedited process by other local governments and federal 333 agencies as circumstances warrant.

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334 An appeal At the option of the participating local (7)government, appeals of a local government's its final approval 335 336 for a project must may be conducted pursuant to the summary 337 hearing provisions in of s. 120.574, pursuant to subsection 338 (14), and consolidated with the challenge of applicable state 339 agency actions, if any or pursuant to other appellate processes available to the local government. The local government's 340 341 decision to enter into a summary hearing must be made as 342 provided in s. 120.574 or in the memorandum of agreement.

343 (11) The <u>standard form memorandum</u> memoranda of agreement 344 <u>must shall</u> include guidelines to be used in working with state, 345 regional, and local permitting authorities. Guidelines may 346 include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) A central contact point for filing permit applications
and local comprehensive plan amendments and for obtaining
information on permit and local comprehensive plan amendment
requirements;

(b) Identification of the individual or individuals within each respective agency who will be responsible for processing 865097 Approved For Filing: 4/23/2009 10:44:30 AM Page 13 of 18

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353 the expedited permit application or local comprehensive plan 354 amendment for the that agency;

A mandatory preapplication review process to reduce 355 (C) 356 permitting conflicts by providing guidance to applicants 357 regarding the permits needed from each agency and governmental 358 entity, site planning and development, site suitability and 359 limitations, facility design, and steps the applicant can take 360 to ensure expeditious permit application and local comprehensive 361 plan amendment review. As a part of the this process, the first 362 interagency meeting to discuss a project shall be held within 14 days after the office's determination that the project is 363 364 eligible for expedited review. Subsequent interagency meetings 365 may be scheduled to accommodate the needs of participating local 366 governments that are unable to meet public notice requirements for executing a memorandum of agreement within the this 367 timeframe. Such This accommodation may not exceed 45 days from 368 369 the office's determination that the project is eligible for 370 expedited review;

(d) The preparation of a single coordinated project description form and checklist and an agreement by state and regional agencies to reduce the burden on an applicant to provide duplicate information to multiple agencies;

(e) Establishment of A process for the adoption and review
of any comprehensive plan amendment needed by any certified
project within 90 days after the submission of an application
for a comprehensive plan amendment. However, the memorandum of
agreement may not prevent affected persons as defined in s.
163.3184 from appealing or participating in <u>the this</u> expedited
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381 plan amendment process and any review or appeals of decisions 382 made under this paragraph; and

- 383 (f) Additional incentives for an applicant who proposes a 384 project that provides a net ecosystem benefit.
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(13) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law:

386 (b) Projects that are qualified under this section are not 387 subject to interstate highway level-of-service standards adopted 388 by the Department of Transportation for concurrency purposes. 389 The memorandum of agreement specified in subsection (5) must 390 include a process by which the applicant will be assessed a fair 391 share of the cost of mitigating the project's significant 392 traffic impacts, as defined in chapter 380 and related rules. 393 The agreement must also specify whether the significant traffic 394 impacts on the interstate system will be mitigated through the implementation of a project or payment of funds to the 395 396 Department of Transportation. If Where funds are paid, the Department of Transportation must include in the 5-year work 397 398 program transportation projects or project phases, in an amount 399 equal to the funds received, to mitigate the traffic impacts 400 associated with the proposed project.

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402 (b) Challenges to state agency action in the expedited 403 permitting process for establishment of a state-of-the-art 404 biomedical research institution and campus in the this state by 405 the grantee under s. 288.955 or a project identified in 406 paragraph (3)(f) are subject to the same requirements as 407 challenges brought under paragraph (a), except that, notwithstanding s. 120.574, summary proceedings must be 408 865097 Approved For Filing: 4/23/2009 10:44:30 AM

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409 conducted within 30 days after a party files the motion for 410 summary hearing, regardless of whether the parties agree to the 411 summary proceeding.

(15) The office, working with the agencies that provide 412 413 input to participating in the memoranda of agreement, shall 414 review sites proposed for the location of facilities eligible 415 for the Innovation Incentive Program under s. 288.1089. Within 416 20 days after the request for the review by the office, the 417 agencies shall provide to the office a statement as to each site's necessary permits under local, state, and federal law and 418 an identification of significant permitting issues, which if 419 420 unresolved, may result in the denial of an agency permit or 421 approval or any significant delay caused by the permitting 422 process.

423 (19) The following projects are ineligible for review 424 under this part:

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(b) A project, the primary purpose of which is to:

426 1. Effect the final disposal of solid waste, biomedical427 waste, or hazardous waste in this state.

428 2. Produce electrical power, unless the production of 429 electricity is incidental and not the primary function of the 430 project <u>or the electrical power is derived from a renewable</u> 431 energy fuel source as defined in s. 366.91(2)(d).

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437 438 439 440 TITLE AMENDMENT Remove the entire title and insert: 441 442 A bill to be entitled 443 An act relating to environmental permitting; amending s. 373.4144, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring 444 the Department of Environmental Protection to pursue the 445 446 issuance of a state programmatic permit or regional 447 general permits from the United States Army Corps of 448 Engineers; revising provisions requiring the Department of 449 Environmental Protection to develop and use a mechanism 450 consolidating federal and state wetland permitting 451 programs; authorizing implementation of a state 452 programmatic general permit or regional general permits by 453 the department and water management districts for certain 454 dredge and fill activities; specifying conditions 455 applicable to such permits; amending s. 373.4211, F.S.; 456 delaying the effective date of a rule adding slash pine and gallberry to the list of facultative plants; revising 457 458 provisions concerning the methodologies used to delineate the landward extent of wetlands and surface waters; 459 460 revising provisions concerning the vegetative index used to delineate the landward extent of wetlands and surface 461 462 waters; providing for permit modification under certain 463 circumstances; providing for certain declaratory 464 statements or formal jurisdictional determinations from 865097 Approved For Filing: 4/23/2009 10:44:30 AM

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465 the department or a water management district; providing 466 exemptions for certain permit petitions and applications 467 relating to specified activities; creating ss. 125.0112, 468 F.S.; providing that the construction and operation of a 469 biofuel processing facility or a renewable energy 470 generating facility and the cultivation and production of 471 bioenergy may be considered a valid industrial, 472 agricultural, and silvicultural use for purposes of any local comprehensive plan; providing for a local government 473 to establish an expedited review process under certain 474 475 circumstances; providing that local expedited review does 476 not obligate a local government to approve proposed uses; 477 providing for alternative state review of certain plan amendments; providing the construction and operation of 478 certain facilities may not affect classification of 479 480 property for ad valorem tax purposes; amending s. 373.236, 481 F.S.; requiring that a permit for the use of water for 482 cultivating agricultural products and renewable energy be 483 granted for a specified number of years if certain 484 conditions are met; providing requirements for permittees; 485 providing an exemption; amending s. 403.973, F.S.; 486 providing for the expedited review of permit applications 487 for projects resulting in the production of biofuels or in 488 the construction of a biofuel or biodiesel processing 489 facility or renewable energy generating facility; 490 clarifying provisions relating to memoranda of agreement 491 which establish regional teams for the expedited review of 492 such applications; providing an effective date. 865097

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