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An act relating to the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative; amending s. 379.2273, F.S.; requiring the initiative to develop certain deployment technologies and submit a report on the technologies to the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the department to make certain determinations regarding the technologies within a specified time period; providing that the technologies are deemed approved for use in specified state waters under certain circumstances; extending the expiration date of the initiative; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of section 379.2273, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (d) and (e), respectively, and a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, and subsection (4) of that section is amended, to read:

379.2273 Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology

Development Initiative; Initiative Technology Advisory Council.—

(2) The Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology

Development Initiative is established as a partnership between

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the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute within the commission and Mote Marine Laboratory.

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- (c) Upon successful completion of science-based laboratory testing of prevention, control, and mitigation approaches and technologies, the initiative shall develop field trial deployment technologies for the approaches and technologies. When the initiative develops a field trial deployment technology, the initiative shall submit a report with its findings to the department. Within 30 business days after receipt of the report, the department shall review the technology and approve, approve with conditions, or deny with explanation the use of the technology in state waters exhibiting red tide bloom concentrations of greater than 10,000 cells per liter. If the department fails to approve, approve with conditions, or deny with explanation a field trial deployment technology within 30 business days after receipt of the report, the technology shall be deemed approved for use in state waters exhibiting red tide bloom concentrations of greater than 10,000 cells per liter.
  - (4) This section expires June 30, 2027 <del>2025</del>.
- Section 2. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year and the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the sum of \$2 million is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the purpose of implementing s. 329.2273, Florida Statutes.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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