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An act relating to the Everglades Protection Area;
amending s. 377.24, F.S.; prohibiting the Department
of Environmental Protection from granting permits for
the drilling of wells for oil or gas within the
Everglades Protection Area; amending s. 377.242, F.S.;
prohibiting the department from issuing permits for
structures intended for the drilling for, or
production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products
within the Everglades Protection Area; providing an

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

Section 1. Subsections (5), (6), (7), and (9) of section 377.24, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

- 377.24 Notice of intention to drill well; permits; abandoned wells and dry holes.—
- (5) \underline{A} No permit to drill a gas or oil well \underline{may} not \underline{shall} be granted within the corporate limits of any municipality, unless the governing authority of the municipality shall have first duly approved the application for such permit by resolution.
 - (6) A No permit to drill a gas or oil well may not shall

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be granted at a location in the tidal waters of the state, abutting or immediately adjacent to the corporate limits of a municipality or within 3 miles of such corporate limits extending from the line of mean high tide into such waters, unless the governing authority of the municipality shall have first duly approved the application for such permit by resolution.

- (7) \underline{A} No permit to drill a gas or oil well \underline{may} not \underline{shall} be granted on any improved beach, located outside of an incorporated town or municipality, or at a location in the tidal waters of the state abutting or immediately adjacent to an improved beach, or within 3 miles of an improved beach extending from the line of mean high tide into such tidal waters, unless the county commissioners of the county in which such beach is located shall have first duly approved the application for such permit by resolution.
- (9) Without exception, after July 1, 1989, a no permit to drill a well in search of oil or gas may not shall be granted south of 26°00'00" north latitude off Florida's west coast and south of 27°00'00" north latitude off Florida's east coast, within the boundaries of Florida's territorial seas as defined in 43 U.S.C. 1301. After July 31, 1990, no permit to drill a well in search of oil or gas shall be granted north of 26°00'00" north latitude off Florida's west coast to the western boundary of the state bordering Alabama as set forth in s. 1, Art. II of

the State Constitution, or located north of 27°00'00" north latitude off Florida's east coast to the northern boundary of the state bordering Georgia as set forth in s. 1, Art. II of the State Constitution, within the boundaries of Florida's territorial seas as defined in 43 U.S.C. 1301.

- (10) A permit to drill a gas or an oil well may not be granted within the Everglades Protection Area as defined in s. 373.4592(2).
- Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 377.242, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 377.242 Permits for drilling or exploring and extracting through well holes or by other means.—The department is vested with the power and authority:
- (1)(a) To issue permits for the drilling for, exploring for, or production of oil, gas, or other petroleum products which are to be extracted from below the surface of the land, including submerged land, only through the well hole drilled for oil, gas, and other petroleum products.
- 1. \underline{A} No structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may <u>not</u> be permitted or constructed on any submerged land within any bay or estuary.
- 2. \underline{A} No structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may <u>not</u> be permitted or constructed within 1 mile seaward of the coastline

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- 3. \underline{A} No structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may <u>not</u> be permitted or constructed within 1 mile of the seaward boundary of any state, local, or federal park or aquatic or wildlife preserve or on the surface of a freshwater lake, river, or stream.
- 4. A No structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may not be permitted or constructed within 1 mile inland from the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, or any bay or estuary or within 1 mile of any freshwater lake, river, or stream unless the department is satisfied that the natural resources of such bodies of water and shore areas of the state will be adequately protected in the event of accident or blowout.
- 5. Without exception, after July 1, 1989, <u>a</u> no structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may <u>not</u> be permitted or constructed south of 26°00'00" north latitude off Florida's west coast and south of 27°00'00" north latitude off Florida's east coast, within the boundaries of Florida's territorial seas as defined in 43 U.S.C. s. 1301. After July 31, 1990, <u>a</u> no structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may <u>not</u> be permitted or constructed north of 26°00'00" north latitude off Florida's west coast to

the western boundary of the state bordering Alabama as set forth in s. 1, Art. II of the State Constitution, or located north of 27°00′00″ north latitude off Florida's east coast to the northern boundary of the state bordering Georgia as set forth in s. 1, Art. II of the State Constitution, within the boundaries of Florida's territorial seas as defined in 43 U.S.C. s. 1301.

6. Without exception, a structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may not be permitted or constructed within any portion of the Everglades Protection Area as defined in s. 373.4592(2).

Each permit shall contain an agreement by the permitholder that the permitholder will not prevent inspection by division personnel at any time. The provisions of this section prohibiting permits for drilling or exploring for oil in coastal waters do not apply to any leases entered into before June 7, 1991.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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