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This bill would exempt, to the extent permitted under federal law, a municipality that constructs a publicly owned treatment works in order to comply with a new or modified effluent limitation from being required to make additional capital investments to comply with new effluent limits adopted after construction begins for at least 16 years.

A law requiring the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to adopt rules providing a similar exemption was passed last session but the rule was rejected by the Chief Administrative Law Judge. This bill would establish the exemption in statute.