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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to water resources; amending s. 373.036, F.S.; requiring amendments to the water resource implementation rule to be approved by the Legislature; amending s. 373.1502, F.S.; providing for water reservations to be adopted by rule; providing purposes; amending s. 373.219, F.S.; excluding certain uses of wastewater effluent from permit requirements; repealing s. 373.223(4), F.S., relating to reserving water from use by permit applicants in certain locations and quantities; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 373.036, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.036 Florida water plan; district water management plans.--

(1) FLORIDA WATER PLAN.--In cooperation with the water management districts, regional water supply authorities, and others, the department shall develop the Florida water plan. The Florida water plan shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) The programs and activities of the department related to water supply, water quality, flood protection and floodplain management, and natural systems.

(b) The water quality standards of the department.

(c) The district water management plans.

(d) Goals, objectives, and guidance for the development and review of programs, rules, and plans relating to water resources, based on statutory policies and directives. The state

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water policy rule, renamed the water resource implementation rule pursuant to s. 373.019(20), shall serve as this part of the plan. Amendments or additions to this part of the Florida water plan shall be adopted by the department as part of the water resource implementation rule. In accordance with s. 373.114, the department shall review rules of the water management districts for consistency with this rule. Amendments to the water resource implementation rule must be adopted by the secretary of the department and be submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives within 7 days after publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly. Amendments shall not become effective only upon approval by an act until the conclusion of the next regular session of the Legislature following their adoption.

Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 373.1502, Florida Statutes, to read:

373.1502 Regulation of comprehensive plan project components.--

(4) WATER RESERVATIONS.--Water reservations may be adopted by rule to assist in the purposes of the comprehensive plan defined in s. 373.470(2)(a) and the purposes provided in the Federal Water Resource Development Act of 2000, including restoring, preserving, and protecting the South Florida ecosystem, ensuring that project components will be implemented to achieve the purposes provided in the Federal Water Resource Development Act of 1996 that include restoring, preserving, and protecting the South Florida ecosystem, providing for the protection of water quality in and the reduction of the loss of fresh water from the Everglades, and providing such features as are necessary to meet the other water-related needs of the



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region, including flood control, the enhancement of water supplies, and other objectives served by the project.

Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 373.219, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.219 Permits required.--

- (1) The governing board or the department may require such permits for consumptive use of water and may impose such reasonable conditions as are necessary to assure that such use is consistent with the overall objectives of the district or department and is not harmful to the water resources of the area. However, no permit shall be required for domestic consumption of water by individual users or consumption or use of domestic wastewater effluent subject to review under s. 403.064.
- Section 4. <u>Subsection (4) of section 373.223, Florida</u>
 Statutes, is repealed.
 - Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.