A bill to be entitled
An act relating to environmental protection; amending
s. 373.229, F.S.; requiring water management district
governing boards to charge a specified fee for certain
consumptive use permits for bottled drinking water;
defining terms; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 373.229,
Florida Statutes, to read:
373.229 Application for permit.—
(5) Notwithstanding s. 373.109, the governing board of a
water management district shall charge a fee of at least $1
million for a consumptive use permit to directly or indirectly
use water derived from a spring for bottled drinking water. The
water management district shall use the funds received under
this subsection for springs restoration, which includes
implementation of projects that improve water quality, recharge
flow, and protect habitat in any spring system within the
district. As used in this subsection, the terms:
(a) “Bottled drinking water” means all water that is sealed
in bottles, packages, or other containers and offered for sale
for human consumption, including bottled mineral water.
(b) “Water derived from a spring” means water derived from
an underground formation from which water flows naturally to the
surface of the earth in the manner described in 21 C.F.R.
165.110(a)(2)(vi).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.