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

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 373.229,
11 Florida Statutes, to read:

12 373.229 Application for permit.—

13 (5) Notwithstanding s. 373.109, the governing board of a
14 water management district shall charge a fee of at least \$1
15 million for a consumptive use permit to directly or indirectly
16 use water derived from a spring for bottled drinking water. The
17 water management district shall use the funds received under
18 this subsection for springs restoration, which includes
19 implementation of projects that improve water quality, recharge
20 flow, and protect habitat in any spring system within the
21 district. As used in this subsection, the terms:

22 (a) "Bottled drinking water" means all water that is sealed
23 in bottles, packages, or other containers and offered for sale
24 for human consumption, including bottled mineral water.

25 (b) "Water derived from a spring" means water derived from
26 an underground formation from which water flows naturally to the
27 surface of the earth in the manner described in 21 C.F.R.
28 165.110(a)(2)(vi).

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