

By Senator Cruz

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to bottled water; creating s. 500.458,
3 F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental
4 Protection to monitor certain consumptive use permits;
5 providing penalties for nonpayment of fees; directing
6 the department to adopt rules; providing
7 applicability; providing a contingent effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Section 500.458, Florida Statutes, is created to
12 read:

13 500.458 Bottled water; extraction monitoring; fine.—

14 (1) The Department of Environmental Protection shall
15 monitor the consumptive use permits for all bottled water
16 companies to ensure compliance with the limits of allowable
17 water extraction for natural water and water from an approved
18 source, as those terms are defined in s. 500.03. To ensure
19 compliance, water shall be measured in gallons at the bottling
20 facility.

21 (2) A daily fine not to exceed \$500 shall be imposed for
22 each day a company withholds payment of the fees imposed under
23 this section.

24 (3) The department shall adopt rules under ss. 120.536(1)
25 and 120.54 to implement and enforce this section.

26 (4) This section does not apply to bottled water companies
27 that are permitted to extract less than 55 million gallons per
28 calendar year.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021, if SB

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30 _____ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is
31 adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof
32 and becomes a law.