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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to an environmental surcharge on bottled water; establishing a surcharge on bottled water sold at retail in this state; providing an exception; requiring that moneys collected from the surcharge be deposited into the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) An environmental surcharge is imposed on each bottle of water sold in the amount of 6 percent of the sale price of each item, article, or group of items of or containing bottled water when sold at retail in this state. The surcharge does not apply to water bottled in 1 gallon containers or larger.

(2) All moneys collected from the surcharge levied under this section shall be deposited into the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection.

(3) The surcharge levied under this section shall be administered, collected, and enforced in the same manner as the tax imposed under s. 212.05, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2011.