

By the Committee on Water & Resource Management and
 Representatives Alexander, Brummer, Kelly, Merchant, Cantens,
 Waters, Betancourt, Lee and Boyd

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to rulemaking authority of
 3 water management districts; amending s.
 4 373.118, F.S.; authorizing water management
 5 district governing boards to delegate powers
 6 and duties pertaining to general permits to
 7 their executive directors; providing for
 8 execution of such delegated authority;
 9 providing for referral of certain denials to
 10 the governing board for final action; providing
 11 an effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Section 373.118, Florida Statutes, is
 16 amended to read:

17 373.118 General permits.--

18 (1) The governing board may adopt rules establishing a
 19 general permit system under this chapter for projects, or
 20 categories of projects, which have, either singly or
 21 cumulatively, a minimal adverse impact on the water resources
 22 of the district. Such rules shall specify design or
 23 performance criteria which, if applied, would result in
 24 compliance with the conditions for issuance of permits
 25 established in this chapter and district rules.

26 (2) A general permit system relating to water use may
 27 provide for the granting of permits for the use of water in
 28 specified amounts within identified areas of the district.
 29 General permits for water use shall be subject to all the
 30 provisions of part II except the provisions of s. 373.229.

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