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The Committee on Community Affairs (Haridopolos) recommended
the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Part IV of chapter 369, Florida Statutes,
consisting of sections 369.401, 369.402, 369.403, and 369.404,
is created to read:

Part IV

SPRINGS PROTECTION

369.401 Short title.--This part may be cited as the
"Florida Springs Stewardship Act."

369.402 Legislative findings and intent.--The
Legislature finds that:

(1) Florida's springs are valuable resources that
provide recreational and tourism opportunities and are a great
financial benefit to local economies and that Florida's
springs provide critical habitat for endangered or threatened
species of plants and animals.

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1 (2) The flow and water quality of Florida's springs
 2 are direct reflections of the aquifer systems in Florida and
 3 consequently are indicators of the condition of a significant
 4 portion of the state's water supply.

5 (3) Cooperative efforts can best develop the
 6 mechanisms to identify best management practices for the
 7 protection, restoration, and preservation of Florida's
 8 springs.

9 (4) The citizens of Florida desire to be good stewards
 10 of the state's resources and that through educational
 11 awareness programs will voluntarily implement best management
 12 practices into their daily activities.

13 (5) The most cost-effective means to provide
 14 protection, restoration, and preservation of Florida's springs
 15 is through a nonregulatory approach.

16 369.403 Definitions.--For purposes of this part, the
 17 term:

18 (1) "Seep" means a place where the water table aquifer
 19 intersects the land surface and flows onto the land.

20 (2) "Spring" means a point where groundwater is
 21 discharged onto the earth's surface, including under any
 22 surface water of the state, and excluding seeps.

23 (3) "Zone of influence" means the geographic area that
 24 contributes most directly to the water quantity and quality of
 25 a spring.

26 369.404 Florida Springs Stewardship Task Force.--

27 (1) The Florida Springs Stewardship Task Force is
 28 hereby created and shall consist of eight members as follows:

29 (a) One representative from the Department of
 30 Environmental Protection to be appointed by the Secretary of
 31 Environmental Protection;

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1 (b) One representative from the Department of
2 Agriculture and Consumer Services to be appointed by the
3 Commissioner of Agriculture;

4 (c) One representative from the water management
5 district with the greatest number of first magnitude springs
6 within its jurisdiction to be appointed by the executive
7 director of that water management district;

8 (d) Two members appointed by the President of the
9 Senate, one of whom shall be a representative of the
10 development community and one of whom shall be a
11 representative of a local chamber of commerce;

12 (e) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House
13 of Representatives, one of whom shall be a locally elected
14 county or municipal official and one of whom shall be a
15 representative of the environmental community; and

16 (f) One member appointed by the Commissioner of
17 Agriculture who shall be a representative of the agricultural
18 community.

19 (2) Task force members shall be appointed no later
20 than August 1, 2007. Members shall choose a chair and
21 vice-chair from the membership of the task force.

22 (3) The task force shall:

23 (a) Collect and inventory all existing data
24 identifying zones of influence for each of Florida's 33 known
25 first magnitude springs and identifying land uses in these
26 areas.

27 (b) Identify and compile a list of existing best
28 management practices for identified land uses.

29 (c) Identify any and all existing and reasonably
30 expected funding sources available to implement best
31 management practices that protect Florida's first magnitude

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1 springs and propose a priority list of projects for the
2 funding.

3 (d) Take public input and testimony regarding issues
4 related to spring protection, restoration, and preservation.

5 (e) Propose a program of increased emphasis on
6 education and outreach that encourages the implementation of
7 best management practices for agricultural and nonagricultural
8 land uses, including specific provisions for cost-share
9 assistance with the implementation of best management
10 practices as well as recognition of agricultural and
11 nonagricultural landowners who participate in the best
12 management practices program.

13 (4) The task force shall submit a report summarizing
14 the data collected, public input and testimony, and the
15 findings and proposals of the task force to the President of
16 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no
17 later than January 31, 2008.

18 (5) All state agencies are directed, and all other
19 agencies and local governments are requested, to render
20 assistance to and cooperate with the task force.

21 (6) The task force shall expire on January 31, 2008.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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26 And the title is amended as follows:

27 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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29 and insert:

30 A bill to be entitled

31 An act relating to springs protection; creating

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1 part IV of ch. 369, F.S., entitled "Springs
2 Protection"; providing a short title; providing
3 legislative findings and intent; providing
4 definitions; establishing the Florida Springs
5 Stewardship Task Force; providing for task
6 force membership and duties; requiring a report
7 to the Governor and Legislature; providing for
8 assistance and cooperation from state agencies
9 and local governments; providing for expiration
10 of the task force; providing an effective date.

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