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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:

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.

(2) The flow and water quality of Florida's springs
are direct reflections of the aquifer systems in Florida and

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1 consequently are indicators of the condition of a significant
2 portion of the state's water resources.

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

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

11 369.403 Definitions.--For purposes of this part, the
12 term:

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

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

18 (3) "Zone of influence" means the geographic area that
19 contributes most directly to the water quantity and quality of
20 a spring.

21 369.404 Florida Springs Stewardship Task Force.--

22 (1) The Florida Springs Stewardship Task Force is
23 hereby created and shall consist of nine members as follows:

24 (a) One representative from the Department of
25 Environmental Protection.

26 (b) One representative from the Department of
27 Agriculture and Consumer Services.

28 (c) One representative from the Department of
29 Community Affairs.

30 (d) One representative from the water management
31 district having the greatest number of first-magnitude springs

1 within its jurisdiction.

2 (e) Two members appointed by the President of the
3 Senate, one of whom must be a representative of the
4 development community and one of whom must be a representative
5 of a local chamber of commerce.

6 (f) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House
7 of Representatives, one of whom shall be a locally elected
8 county or municipal official and one of whom shall be a
9 representative of the environmental community.

10 (g) One member appointed by the Commissioner of
11 Agriculture who shall be a representative of the agricultural
12 community.

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

16 (3) The task force shall:

17 (a) Collect and inventory all existing data
18 identifying zones of influence for each of Florida's 33 known
19 first-magnitude springs and identifying land uses in these
20 areas.

21 (b) Identify and compile a list of existing best
22 management practices for identified land uses and other water
23 pollutant controls.

24 (c) Identify any and all existing and reasonably
25 expected funding sources available to implement best
26 management practices and other water pollutant controls that
27 protect Florida's first-magnitude springs and propose a
28 priority list of projects for the funding.

29 (d) Receive public input and testimony regarding
30 issues related to springs protection, restoration, and
31 preservation.

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1 (e) Propose a program of increased emphasis on
2 education and outreach that encourages the implementation of
3 best management practices for agricultural and nonagricultural
4 land uses and other water pollutant controls, including
5 specific provisions for cost-share assistance with the
6 implementation of best management practices as well as
7 recognition of agricultural and nonagricultural landowners who
8 participate in the best management practices program.

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

14 (5) The task force shall expire on January 31, 2008.

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

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19 And the title is amended as follows:

20 Delete everything before the enacting clause

22 and insert:

23 A bill to be entitled

24 An act relating to springs protection; creating
25 part IV of ch. 369, F.S., the "Florida Springs
26 Stewardship Act"; creating s. 369.401, F.S. ;
27 providing a short title; creating s. 369.402,
28 F.S.; providing legislative findings and
29 intent; creating s. 369.403, F.S.; providing
30 definitions; creating s. 369.404, F.S. ;
31 establishing the Florida Springs Stewardship

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1 Task Force; providing for membership on the
2 task force; prescribing duties of the task
3 force; requiring a report; providing an
4 effective date.
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