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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Bennett) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 488 and 489  
insert:

Section 13. Section 373.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.62 Water conservation; automatic sprinkler systems.—

(1) Any person who purchases and installs an automatic lawn sprinkler system after May 1, 1991, must ~~shall~~ install, ~~and must~~ maintain, and operate, a rain sensor device or switch that



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12 overrides will override the irrigation cycle of the sprinkler  
13 system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

14 (2) A development or subdivision that has at least 25  
15 residential parcels that have an installed and operating smart  
16 irrigation controller, and commercial irrigation users that  
17 install and operate a smart irrigation controller, are exempt  
18 from day-of-the-week watering restrictions of the applicable  
19 local government and water management district if the smart  
20 irrigation controller is approved by the local government after  
21 consultation with the water management district in which the  
22 smart irrigation controller is located. Restrictions related to  
23 time-of-day watering still apply. The smart irrigation  
24 controller user must post a sign at the residence or commercial  
25 facility in plain view from the nearest roadway  
26 stating: "Irrigating with Smart Irrigation Controller." A "smart  
27 irrigation controller" means a device that assesses the  
28 available plant soil moisture in order to optimize an irrigation  
29 system and minimize the use of water and must be weather-based  
30 or soil-sensor based. In order to qualify for the exemption, the  
31 smart irrigation controller must be properly installed; allow  
32 for irrigation schedule adjustments, including run times and  
33 required cycles based on the soil moisture requirements; and be  
34 remotely monitored and capable of remotely modifying the  
35 settings for irrigation cycles and run times.

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37 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

38 And the title is amended as follows:

39 Delete line 33

40 and insert:



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41 by the act; amending s. 373.62, F.S.; exempting  
42 certain users of smart irrigation controllers from  
43 certain watering restrictions; defining the term  
44 "smart irrigation controller"; providing device  
45 requirements; providing an effective date.