By the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Senator Storms

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to stormwater management permits; amending s. 373.118, F.S.; requiring that the Department of Environmental Protection initiate rulemaking to adopt a general permit for stormwater management systems serving airside activities at airports; providing for statewide application of the general permit; providing for any water management district or delegated local government to administer the general permit; providing that the rules are not subject to any special rulemaking requirements relating to small business; creating s. 373.4131, F.S.; authorizing certain municipalities and counties to adopt stormwater adaptive management plans and obtain conceptual permits for urban redevelopment projects; providing requirements for establishment of such permits by water management districts in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection; providing that certain urban redevelopment projects qualify for a noticed general permit; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 373.118, Florida Statutes, to read:

373.118 General permits; delegation.-

(6) By July 1, 2011, the department shall initiate rulemaking to adopt a general permit for stormwater management

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permit applies statewide and shall be administered by any water management district or any delegated local government pursuant to the operating agreements applicable to part IV of this chapter, with no additional rulemaking required. These rules are not subject to any special rulemaking requirements related to small business.

Section 2. Section 373.4131, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

373.4131 Conceptual permits for urban redevelopment projects.—

- (1) A municipality or county that has created a community redevelopment area or an urban infill and redevelopment area pursuant to chapter 163 may adopt a stormwater adaptive management plan that addresses the quantity and quality of stormwater discharges for the area and may obtain a conceptual permit from the water management district or the Department of Environmental Protection.
- (2) The conceptual permit shall be established by a water management district in consultation with the department and:
- (a) Must allow for the rate and volume of stormwater discharges for stormwater management systems of urban redevelopment projects located within a community redevelopment area created under part III of chapter 163 or an urban infill and redevelopment area designated under s. 163.2517 to continue up to the maximum rate and volume of stormwater discharges within the area as of the date the stormwater adaptive management plan was adopted.
 - (b) Must presume that stormwater discharges for stormwater

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management systems of urban redevelopment projects located within a community redevelopment area created under part III of chapter 163 or an urban infill and redevelopment area designated under s. 163.2517 which demonstrate a net improvement of the quality of the discharged water that existed as of the date the stormwater adaptive management plan was adopted for any applicable pollutants of concern in the receiving water body do not cause or contribute to violations of water quality criteria.

- (c) May not prescribe additional or more stringent limitations concerning the quantity and quality of stormwater discharges from stormwater management systems than provided in this section.
- (d) Shall be issued for a duration of 20 years, unless a shorter duration is requested by the applicant.
- (3) Urban redevelopment projects that meet the criteria established in the conceptual permit pursuant to this section qualify for a noticed general permit that authorizes construction and operation for the duration of the conceptual permit.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.