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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to bottled water; creating s. 500.458,

F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental

Protection to monitor certain consumptive use permits;

imposing a fee on certain water extracted; directing

proceeds to the Water Protection and Sustainability

Program Trust Fund; providing penalties for nonpayment

of fees; directing the department to adopt rules;

providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 500.458, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

500.458 Bottled water; extraction monitoring and fee; fine.—

(1) The Department of Environmental Protection shall monitor the consumptive use permits for all bottled water companies to ensure compliance with the limits of allowable water extraction for natural water and water from an approved source as defined in s. 500.03. To ensure compliance, water shall be measured in gallons at the bottling facility.

(2) Bottled water companies shall be assessed a fee of 5 cents per gallon on water extracted for the production of bottled water, including natural water and water from an approved source as defined in s. 500.03. Proceeds from the fees collected shall be deposited into the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund under s. 403.890.

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	(3)	Α	daily	fine	not	to	exceed	\$50)0 s	hall	be	impose	ed for
each	day	a	company	witl	nholo	ds j	payment	of	the	fees	in	nposed	under
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- (4) The department shall adopt rules under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement and enforce the provisions of this section.
- (5) This section does not apply to bottled water companies extracting less than 55 million gallons per calendar year.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.