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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to aquifer replenishment; amending s.
3 403.087, F.S.; requiring additional permit conditions
4 for projects involving certain underground injection;
5 creating s. 403.0878, F.S.; authorizing the Department
6 of Environmental Protection to develop specific rule
7 criteria for advanced water treatment; authorizing the
8 department to establish additional conditions for the
9 construction of advanced water treatment facilities
10 and underground injection under certain circumstances;
11 providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 403.087, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 403.087 Permits; general issuance; denial; revocation;
18 prohibition; penalty.—

19 (4) The department shall issue permits on such conditions
20 as are necessary to effect the intent and purposes of this
21 section. For underground injection intended to protect, augment,
22 or replenish the state's ground water resources, such permits
23 must also include additional conditions, including the
24 establishment of a zone of discharge for groundwater standards
25 and any associated institutional controls necessary to uphold
26 the policies established in s. 373.016 to promote the
27 conservation, reclamation, and sustainability of the state's
28 ground water resources.

29 Section 2. Section 403.0878, Florida Statutes, is created

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30 to read:

31 403.0878 Criteria for sustainable water resources.—The
32 Legislature recognizes that communities are providing advanced
33 water treatment for reclaimed water, stormwater, and other water
34 resources as a means of promoting the availability of sufficient
35 water for existing and future reasonable-beneficial uses and
36 natural systems in accordance with chapter 373. In order to
37 acknowledge and provide incentives for such beneficial treatment
38 facilities, the department may develop by rule specific criteria
39 for operation permits for such advanced water treatment
40 facilities. Any such criteria must consider, at a minimum, the
41 intended water use or uses; conditions that may be specifically
42 applicable to the treatment of reclaimed water, stormwater, or
43 excess surface water, as applicable; and requirements for
44 providing monitoring, protection, augmentation, or replenishment
45 of the state's water resources consistent with chapter 373. The
46 authorized use of reclaimed water by advanced water treatment
47 facilities under this section satisfies any requirement to
48 implement a reuse project as part of a reuse program under s.
49 403.064, and must be given significant consideration by the
50 appropriate water management district in an analysis of the
51 economic, environmental, and technical feasibility of providing
52 reclaimed water for reuse under part II of chapter 373. The
53 department may establish by rule any necessary additional
54 conditions that may be imposed on permits for the construction
55 of advanced water treatment facilities and underground
56 injection, for the purpose of monitoring, protecting,
57 augmenting, or replenishing the state's water resources.

58 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.