

**By** the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation;  
and Senator Broxson

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to aquifer replenishment; amending s.  
3       403.087, F.S.; authorizing the Department of  
4       Environmental Protection to include certain additional  
5       conditions on permits issued for projects that involve  
6       underground injection of reclaimed water or other  
7       water resources; providing applicability; creating s.  
8       403.0878, F.S.; authorizing the department to adopt  
9       rules establishing voluntary facility classifications  
10      and associated operator licensing requirements for  
11      certain water treatment facilities; providing an  
12      effective date.

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

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

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

20       (4) The department shall issue permits on such conditions  
21 as are necessary to effect the intent and purposes of this  
22 section. For projects that propose underground injection of  
23 reclaimed water or other water resources intended to protect,  
24 augment, or replenish the state's groundwater resources, the  
25 department may include conditions, such as the establishment of  
26 a zone of discharge for groundwater standards, and any  
27 associated institutional controls within the area, such as  
28 property interests, use restrictions and access controls, and  
29 well construction limitations. This subsection does not apply to

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30 those natural processes that introduce surface or stormwater  
31 into groundwater resources.

32 Section 2. Section 403.0878, Florida Statutes, is created  
33 to read:

34 403.0878 Classifications for sustainable water resources.-  
35 The Legislature recognizes that communities are providing  
36 treatment for reclaimed water, stormwater, and other water  
37 resources as a means of promoting the availability of sufficient  
38 water for existing and future reasonable-beneficial uses and  
39 natural systems in accordance with chapter 373. The department  
40 may adopt rules establishing voluntary facility classifications  
41 and associated operator licensing requirements for such  
42 treatment facilities.

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