

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to spring restoration; amending s.
3 403.064, F.S.; authorizing certain domestic wastewater
4 treatment facilities to request the incorporation of
5 reclaimed water projects identified in Outstanding
6 Florida Springs recovery or prevention strategies;
7 requiring the Department of Environmental Protection
8 to approve such requests within a certain period of
9 time if certain conditions are met; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 **Section 1. Paragraphs (f) through (i) of subsection (16)**
15 **of section 403.064, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as**
16 **paragraphs (g) through (j), respectively, and a new paragraph**
17 **(f) is added to that subsection, to read:**

18 403.064 Reuse of reclaimed water.—

19 (16) By November 1, 2021, domestic wastewater utilities
20 that dispose of effluent, reclaimed water, or reuse water by
21 surface water discharge shall submit to the department for
22 review and approval a plan for eliminating nonbeneficial surface
23 water discharge by January 1, 2032, subject to the requirements
24 of this section. The plan must include the average gallons per
25 day of effluent, reclaimed water, or reuse water that will no

26 | longer be discharged into surface waters and the date of such
27 | elimination, the average gallons per day of surface water
28 | discharge which will continue in accordance with the
29 | alternatives provided for in subparagraphs (a)2. and 3., and the
30 | level of treatment that the effluent, reclaimed water, or reuse
31 | water will receive before being discharged into a surface water
32 | by each alternative.

33 | (f) A domestic wastewater treatment facility with an
34 | approved plan may submit a request to the department to amend
35 | the plan to incorporate a reclaimed water project identified in
36 | an Outstanding Florida Springs recovery or prevention strategy
37 | adopted pursuant to s. 373.805. The department shall approve the
38 | request within 60 days after receipt of the request if all of
39 | the following conditions are met:

40 | 1. The identified use of reclaimed water will benefit a
41 | rural area of opportunity as defined in s. 288.0656(2).

42 | 2. The project will provide at least 35 million gallons
43 | per day of reclaimed water to benefit an Outstanding Florida
44 | Spring.

45 | 3. The project involves more than one domestic wastewater
46 | treatment facility.

47 | 4. The project implementation and surface water discharge
48 | elimination schedule meets the requirements of s. 373.805.

49 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.