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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to water quality protection standards and
2 providing an effective date.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 455B.173, Code 2005, is amended by
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 13. Adopt rules specifying water quality
4 protection standards for all waters of the state consistent
5 with the federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.
6 The standards shall provide water quality for the protection
7 and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and for
8 recreation in and on the waters of this state and take into
9 consideration the use of such waters and value of public water
10 supplies, propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife,
11 recreation in and on the waters of this state, and
12 agricultural, industrial, and other purposes including
13 navigation. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection shall
14 only apply to discharges occurring after the effective date of
15 such rules and discharges that increase after the effective
16 date of such rules.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
18 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill relates to water quality protection standards.
21 The bill requires the environmental protection commission to
22 adopt rules specifying water quality protection standards for
23 all waters of the state consistent with the federal Clean
24 Water Act. The bill provides that the standards shall provide
25 water quality for the protection and propagation of fish,
26 shellfish, and wildlife, and for recreation in and on the
27 waters of this state and take into consideration the use of
28 such waters and value of public water supplies, propagation of
29 fish, shellfish, and wildlife, recreation in and on the waters
30 of this state, and agricultural, industrial, and other
31 purposes including navigation. The bill provides that rules
32 adopted pursuant to the new provision shall only apply to
33 discharges occurring after the effective date of the rules and
34 discharges that increase after the effective date of the
35 rules.

1 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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