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S.B. No. 1382

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of a hospital to drill a water well for  
3 the purpose of producing water for use in the event of an emergency  
4 or natural disaster.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 311, Health and Safety  
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 311.005 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 311.005. WATER WELLS FOR USE IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY OR  
9 NATURAL DISASTER. (a) A hospital may drill a water well on  
10 property owned by the hospital for the purpose of producing water to  
11 supplement the hospital's water supply in the event that an  
12 emergency or natural disaster prevents the hospital from receiving  
13 water from the hospital's usual source.

14 (b) This section does not affect the authority of a  
15 groundwater conservation district to regulate groundwater  
16 production under Chapter 36, Water Code, or other law governing a  
17 groundwater conservation district.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.