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H.B. No. 2660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the establishment of minimum levels of water
3 conservation in water conservation plans.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.1271, Water Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to
7 read as follows:

8 (c) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans
9 required under this section must include specific, quantified
10 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing
11 the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals
12 for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per
13 capita per day.

14 (d) The commission and the board jointly shall identify
15 quantified target goals for water conservation that water suppliers
16 and other entities may use as guidelines in preparing water
17 conservation plans. Goals established under this subsection are
18 not enforceable requirements.

19 (e) The commission and board jointly shall develop model
20 water conservation programs for different types of water suppliers
21 that suggest best management practices for achieving the highest
22 practicable levels of water conservation and efficiency achievable
23 for each specific type of water supplier.

24 (f) The commission shall adopt rules establishing criteria

1 and deadlines for submission of water conservation plans, including
2 any required amendments, and for submission of implementation
3 reports.

4 SECTION 2. Section 15.106, Water Code, is amended by adding
5 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

6 (b-1) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans
7 required under this section must include specific, quantified
8 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing
9 the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals
10 for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per
11 capita per day.

12 SECTION 3. Section 17.125, Water Code, is amended by adding
13 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

14 (b-1) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans
15 required under this section must include specific, quantified
16 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing
17 the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals
18 for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per
19 capita per day.

20 SECTION 4. Section 17.277, Water Code, is amended by adding
21 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

22 (b-1) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans
23 required under this section must include specific, quantified
24 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing
25 the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals
26 for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per
27 capita per day.

1 SECTION 5. Section 17.857, Water Code, is amended by adding
2 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

3 (b-1) Beginning May 1, 2005, all water conservation plans
4 required under this section must include specific, quantified
5 5-year and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing
6 the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals
7 for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per
8 capita per day.

9 SECTION 6. Not later than September 1, 2004, the Texas
10 Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Water Development
11 Board shall take the actions necessary to comply with Section
12 11.1271, Water Code, as amended by this Act.

13 SECTION 7. (a) This Act takes effect immediately if it
14 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
15 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
16 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
17 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

18 (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 11.1271,
19 Water Code, applies to a holder of an existing permit, certified
20 filing, or certificate of adjudication as described in Section
21 11.1271(b), Water Code, regardless of whether the permit, certified
22 filing, or certificate of adjudication is obtained before, on, or
23 after that date.

24 (c) The changes in law made by this Act to Sections 15.106,
25 17.125, 17.277, and 17.857, Water Code, apply only to applications
26 for financial assistance filed with the Texas Water Development
27 Board on or after the effective date of this Act.