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H.B. No. 2660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

(c) Beginning January 15, 2005, all water conservation plans required under this section must include specific, quantified 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year targets for water savings. The entity preparing the plan shall establish the targets. Targets must include goals for unaccounted for water and goals for municipal use in gallons per capita per day.

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

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

(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. Not later than January 1, 2004, the Texas
5 Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Water Development
6 Board shall take the actions necessary to comply with Section
7 11.1271, Water Code, as amended by this Act.

8 SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect immediately if it
9 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
10 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
11 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
12 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

13 (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 11.1271,
14 Water Code, applies to a holder of an existing permit, certified
15 filing, or certificate of adjudication as described in Section
16 11.1271(b), Water Code, regardless of whether the permit, certified
17 filing, or certificate of adjudication is obtained before, on, or
18 after that date.