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H.B. No. 3276

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to certain landscaping requirements in residential  
3 subdivisions.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 209, Property Code, is amended by adding  
6 Section 209.012 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 209.012. CERTAIN LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS. (a) If  
8 the restrictions or bylaws governing a subdivision include  
9 landscaping requirements with which an owner cannot comply without  
10 the use of water, the property owners' association shall offer  
11 training or written information to owners regarding water-saving  
12 methods for maintaining the landscaping as required or landscaping  
13 choices suitable to the area that will minimize water use.

14 (b) A property owners' association that does not comply with  
15 this section may not enforce a requirement described by Subsection  
16 (a).

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003. A  
18 property owners' association is not required to comply with Section  
19 209.012, Property Code, as added by this Act, before January 1,  
20 2004.