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S.B. No. 1378

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disposal of brine from desalination operations.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 27, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 27.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 27.021. PERMIT FOR DISPOSAL OF BRINE FROM DESALINATION OPERATIONS IN CLASS I WELLS. (a) The commission may issue a permit to dispose of brine produced by a desalination operation in a Class I injection well if the applicant for the permit meets all the statutory and regulatory requirements for the issuance of a permit for a Class I injection well.

(b) The commission by rule shall provide for public notice and comment on an application for a permit authorized by this section. Notwithstanding Section 27.018, an application for a permit authorized by this section is not subject to the hearing requirements of Chapter 2001, Government Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.