

1-1 By: Puente, Rose (Senate Sponsor - Armbrister) H.B. No. 2430
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 25, 2005;
1-3 April 26, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Natural Resources; May 17, 2005, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10,
1-6 Nays 0; May 17, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2430 By: Jackson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the establishment of a rainwater harvesting evaluation
1-11 committee and to standards for harvested rainwater.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. (a) The Texas Water Development Board shall
1-14 establish a Rainwater Harvesting Evaluation Committee to study the
1-15 feasibility of using rainwater as a source of water supply.

1-16 (b) The committee is composed of four members as follows:

1-17 (1) a representative of the Texas Water Development
1-18 Board, appointed by the board;

1-19 (2) a representative of the Texas Commission on
1-20 Environmental Quality, appointed by the commission;

1-21 (3) a representative of the Department of State Health
1-22 Services, appointed by the commissioner of state health services;
1-23 and

1-24 (4) a representative of the Texas section of the
1-25 American Water Works Association's Conservation and Reuse
1-26 Division, appointed by the governing body of that section.

1-27 (c) The representative from the Texas Water Development
1-28 Board is the presiding officer of the committee.

1-29 (d) The committee may request the assistance of outside
1-30 experts or consultants, as necessary.

1-31 (e) Not later than December 1, 2006, the committee shall
1-32 provide a report to the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the
1-33 house of representatives. The report must:

1-34 (1) evaluate the potential for rainwater harvesting in
1-35 this state; and

1-36 (2) recommend:

1-37 (A) minimum water quality guidelines and
1-38 standards for potable and nonpotable indoor uses of rainwater;

1-39 (B) treatment methods for potable and nonpotable
1-40 indoor uses of rainwater;

1-41 (C) ways, such as dual plumbing systems, to use
1-42 rainwater harvesting systems in conjunction with existing
1-43 municipal water systems for residential, industrial, community, or
1-44 public water supplies; and

1-45 (D) ways that the state can further promote
1-46 rainwater harvesting.

1-47 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 341, Health and Safety
1-48 Code, is amended by adding Section 341.042 to read as follows:

1-49 Sec. 341.042. STANDARDS FOR HARVESTED RAINWATER. The
1-50 commission shall establish recommended standards relating to the
1-51 domestic use of harvested rainwater, including health and safety
1-52 standards for treatment and collection methods for harvested
1-53 rainwater intended for drinking, cooking, or bathing.

1-54 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than December 1, 2006, the Texas
1-55 Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt standards as
1-56 required by Section 341.042, Health and Safety Code, as added by
1-57 this Act.

1-58 (b) The commission shall coordinate with the Rainwater
1-59 Harvesting Evaluation Committee in developing the recommended
1-60 standards established and adopted under Section 341.042, Health and
1-61 Safety Code.

1-62 SECTION 4. Section 1 of this Act expires and the Rainwater
1-63 Harvesting Evaluation Committee is abolished January 1, 2007.

2-1 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-5 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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