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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2914:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements and permits for irrigation systems.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 401, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 401.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 401.006. IRRIGATION SYSTEMS. (a) A municipality with a population of 5,000 or more by ordinance shall require an installer of an irrigation system:

(1) to hold a license issued under Section 1903.251, Occupations Code; and

(2) to obtain a permit before installing a system within the territorial limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality.

(b) The ordinance shall include minimum standards and specifications for designing, installing, and operating irrigation systems in accordance with Section 1903.053, Occupations Code, and any rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under that section.

(c) A municipality may employ or contract with a licensed plumbing inspector or a licensed irrigator to enforce the ordinance.

(d) This section does not apply to an on-site sewage disposal system, as defined by Section 366.002, Health and Safety Code.

1 SECTION 2. Section 1903.053(b), Occupations Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (b) The commission shall ~~may~~ adopt:

4 (1) standards relating to:

5 (A) the design, installation, and operation of
6 ~~for~~ irrigation systems;

7 (B) ~~that include~~ water conservation; and

8 (C) the duties and responsibilities of licensed
9 irrigators; and

10 (2) rules that provide for effective enforcement of
11 those standards~~[, irrigation system design and installation, and~~
12 ~~compliance with municipal codes]~~.

13 SECTION 3. Not later than June 1, 2006, the Texas Commission
14 on Environmental Quality shall adopt rules as required by Section
15 1903.053, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, to take effect
16 January 1, 2007.

17 SECTION 4. Not later than January 1, 2007, a municipality
18 with a population of 5,000 or more shall adopt an ordinance under
19 Section 401.006, Local Government Code, as added by this Act.

20 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.