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H.B. No. 1444

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of an agricultural business for the purposes of the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58.002(1), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Agricultural business" means:

(A) a business that is or proposes to be engaged in producing, processing, marketing, or exporting an agricultural product;

(B) an eligible applicant as defined in Subchapter E;

(C) the entity designated to carry out boll weevil eradication in accordance with Section 74.1011;

(D) any agriculture-related business in rural areas of Texas including a business that provides recreational activities, including hiking, fishing, hunting, or any other activity associated with the enjoyment of nature or the outdoors on agricultural land;

(E) a state agency or an institution of higher education that is engaged in producing an agricultural product;
[~~or~~]

(F) a business that holds a permit under Subchapter L, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code; or

1 (G) any other business in a rural area of this
2 state.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.