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H.B. No. 2895

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to compliance with federal occupational safety and health standards in environmental enforcement.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 7, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 7.256 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.256. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS. If a person can establish that an act or event that otherwise would be a violation of a statute within the commission's jurisdiction or a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the commission under such a statute was caused solely by compliance with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. Section 651 et seq.), the act or event is not a violation of that statute, rule, order, or permit.

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