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H.B. No. 3603

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of fire flow service by water supply corporations in semi-urban areas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 13, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 13.148 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.148. STUDY OF FIRE FLOW SERVICE BY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATIONS. (a) The commission shall conduct a study regarding the role of water supply corporations in providing potable water for fire flow that is sufficient to support the placement of fire hydrants and the connection of the water system to fire suppression equipment in semi-urban areas experiencing rapid development.

(b) The study required by Subsection (a) must examine:

(1) the actions a water supply corporation must take to supply adequate fire flow in semi-urban areas; and

(2) the costs associated with providing adequate fire flow in semi-urban areas.

(c) Not later than December 1, 2010, the commission shall submit a report regarding the results of the study to the legislature.

(d) This section expires September 2, 2011.

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