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S.B. No. 948

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the definition of an agricultural business for the
3 purposes of the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority.

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

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

7 (1) "Agricultural business" means:

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

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

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

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

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

23 (F) a business that holds a permit under
24 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.