

1-1 By: Estes S.B. No. 948
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 18, 2009; March 9, 2009,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural
1-4 Affairs; March 24, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 4, Nays 0; March 24, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the definition of an agricultural business for the
1-9 purposes of the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subdivision (1), Section 58.002, Agriculture
1-12 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (1) "Agricultural business" means:

1-14 (A) a business that is or proposes to be engaged
1-15 in producing, processing, marketing, or exporting an agricultural
1-16 product;

1-17 (B) an eligible applicant as defined in
1-18 Subchapter E;

1-19 (C) the entity designated to carry out boll
1-20 weevil eradication in accordance with Section 74.1011;

1-21 (D) any agriculture-related business in rural
1-22 areas of Texas including a business that provides recreational
1-23 activities, including hiking, fishing, hunting, or any other
1-24 activity associated with the enjoyment of nature or the outdoors on
1-25 agricultural land;

1-26 (E) a state agency or an institution of higher
1-27 education that is engaged in producing an agricultural product;
1-28 [~~or~~]

1-29 (F) a business that holds a permit under
1-30 Subchapter L, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code; or

1-31 (G) any other business in a rural area of this
1-32 state.

1-33 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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