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H.B. No. 3818

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a limitation on production fees on groundwater  
3 withdrawals assessed by the Northern Trinity Groundwater  
4 Conservation District.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 8820, Special District  
7 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8820.202 to read as  
8 follows:

9 Sec. 8820.202. LIMITATION ON ASSESSMENT OF PRODUCTION FEES.

10 A production fee assessed by the district on the amount of  
11 groundwater authorized by a permit to be withdrawn from a well or  
12 the amount of groundwater actually withdrawn may not exceed:

13 (1) \$1 for each acre-foot of groundwater permitted for  
14 or used in a year solely for agricultural use; or

15 (2) 20 cents for each 1,000 gallons of groundwater  
16 permitted for or used in a year for any purpose other than  
17 agriculture.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.