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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to exemption from the sales tax for certain water efficient products for a limited period.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 151, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 151.3335 to read as follows:

Sec. 151.3335. WATER EFFICIENT PRODUCTS. (a) In this section, "WaterSense product" means a product that has been designated as a WaterSense certified product under the WaterSense program operated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, or a similar successor program.

(b) The sale of a WaterSense product is exempted from the taxes imposed by this chapter if the sale takes place during the period described by Section 151.333(c).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 2013, if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for effect on that date, this Act takes effect October 1, 2013.