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H.B. No. 3879

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain groundwater withdrawals allowed by the Edwards
Aquifer Authority.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 626, Acts of the 73rd Legislature,
Regular Session, 1993, is amended by adding Section 1.21 to read as
follows:

Sec. 1.21. CERTAIN INCREASED WITHDRAWALS ALLOWED. (a)
This section applies only to a municipally owned water utility in a
municipality with a population greater than one million located
inside the authority's boundaries.

(b) Notwithstanding a provision of this article or of a
permit issued under this article that is inconsistent or in
conflict with this section, the authority shall allow a municipally
owned water utility to withdraw an amount of groundwater to provide
a military installation with potable water or water for
infrastructure maintenance or operations of the military
installation if the military installation agrees to reduce its
groundwater withdrawals from the same aquifer by that amount under
a contract with the utility that authorizes the utility to supply
the installation with that amount of groundwater for those
purposes.

SECTION 2. Section 1.21, Chapter 626, Acts of the 73rd
Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, as added by this Act, applies

1 to a contract entered into before, on, or after the effective date
2 of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.