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H.B. No. 949

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the obligation of certain retail public utilities to mitigate their system water loss.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16.0121(g), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) A retail public utility providing potable water that receives from the board financial assistance shall use a portion of that financial assistance, or any additional financial assistance provided by the board for the purpose described by this subsection, to mitigate the utility's system water loss if, based on a water audit filed by the utility under this section, the water loss meets or exceeds the threshold established by board rule. On the request of a retail public utility, the board may waive the requirements of this subsection if the board finds that the utility is satisfactorily addressing the utility's system water loss.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately 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 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.