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S.B. No. 1419

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an exemption from the plumbing licensing law for
3 rainwater harvesting by a property owner.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 1301, Occupations Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 1301.059 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1301.059. RAINWATER HARVESTING BY PROPERTY OWNER. (a)
8 A person is not required to be licensed under this chapter to
9 harvest, store, distribute, treat, or use rainwater for any purpose
10 on property owned by the person if the rainwater is separated from
11 all public water supplies.

12 (b) The exemption under Subsection (a) includes the
13 installation, service, or repair of plumbing used for rainwater,
14 including plumbing associated with the treatment, use, or
15 distribution use of rainwater to supply a plumbing fixture or
16 appliance, if the plumbing is not connected to a public water
17 supply.

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, 2015.