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H.B. No. 2582

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an exemption for certain quarries from regulation as
3 aggregate production operations.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 28A.001(1), Water Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) "Aggregate production operation" means the site
8 from which aggregates are being or have been removed or extracted
9 from the earth, including the entire areas of extraction, stripped
10 areas, haulage ramps, and the land on which the plant processing the
11 raw materials is located, exclusive of any land owned or leased by
12 the responsible party not being currently used in the production of
13 aggregates. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "aggregate
14 production operation" does not include:

15 (A) a site at which the materials that are being
16 removed or extracted from the earth are used or processed at the
17 same site or at a related site under the control of the same
18 responsible party for the production of cement or lightweight
19 aggregates, or in a lime kiln;

20 (B) a temporary site that is being used solely to
21 provide aggregate products for use in a public works project
22 involving the Texas Department of Transportation or a local
23 governmental entity;

24 (C) an extraction area from which all raw

1 material is extracted for use as fill or for other construction uses
2 at the same or a contiguous site; ~~[or]~~

3 (D) a site at which the materials that are being
4 removed or extracted from the earth are used or processed for use in
5 the construction, modification, or expansion of a solid waste
6 facility at the site or another location; or

7 (E) an extraction area from which:

8 (i) marble or granite material is extracted
9 for decorative or artistic uses; and

10 (ii) the average amount of riprap removed
11 per year in the preceding 10-year period is less than 1,500 tons.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.