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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to withdrawals of water from the Edwards Aquifer to supply a military installation.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 1.15(b), Chapter 626, Acts of the 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  Except as provided by Sections 1.17, 1.21, and 1.33 of this article, a person may not withdraw water from the aquifer or begin construction of a well or other works designed for the withdrawal of water from the aquifer without obtaining a permit from the authority.

SECTION 2.  Chapter 626, Acts of the 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, is amended by adding Section 1.21 to read as follows:

Sec. 1.21.  SUBSTITUTE WITHDRAWALS. In addition to permitted withdrawals from the aquifer, a municipally owned utility owned by the City of San Antonio, without a permit, may withdraw groundwater from the aquifer if:

(1)  the utility uses the groundwater to supply a military installation with water for human consumption, irrigation, operations, mission support, or infrastructure maintenance; and

(2)  the utility and the military installation enter into a contract requiring the installation to reduce its groundwater withdrawals from the aquifer by the same amount of withdrawn water the installation receives from the utility.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.