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S.B. No. 879

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption for drillers or operators of closed-loop geothermal injection wells from certain requirements applicable to persons involved in activities under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 27.037, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) Sections 85.2021 and 91.142, Natural Resources Code, do not apply to a person who submits a request for authorization or is authorized to use a valid permit by rule issued by the railroad commission under this section.

SECTION 2. Section 27.037, Water Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a permit application or materially amended permit application that is filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.