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S.B. No. 879

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to an exemption for drillers or operators of closed-loop  
3 geothermal injection wells from certain requirements applicable to  
4 persons involved in activities under the jurisdiction of the  
5 Railroad Commission of Texas.

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

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

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

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

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