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S.B. No. 1948

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of fire prevention standards for certain agricultural facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle Z, Title 10, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 3001 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3001. RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FIRE REGULATIONS

Sec. 3001.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Agricultural pole barn" means a nonresidential farm building in which 70 percent or more of the perimeter walls are permanently open and allow free ingress and egress.

(2) "Governmental entity" has the meaning assigned by Section 2007.002.

(3) "Livestock market" has the meaning assigned by Section 161.111, Agriculture Code.

(4) "Nonresidential farm building" means any temporary or permanent building on a farm, ranch, or other agricultural facility that is used primarily for agricultural purposes and not intended to be used as a residential dwelling. The term includes a barn, greenhouse, shade house, farm office, storage building, workshop, poultry house, animal handling facility, or commodity storage and feed processing facility.

Sec. 3001.002. RESTRICTION ON REGULATION OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES. Notwithstanding any other law, a

governmental entity may not adopt or enforce an ordinance, order, rule, or other measure that requires the installation of a fire protection sprinkler system in:

(1) an agricultural pole barn;

(2) a nonresidential farm building;

(3) a cotton gin;

(4) a cottonseed storage building;

(5) a grain storage facility;

(6) a livestock market; or

(7) a commercial feed mill.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.