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S.B. No. 1948

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a political subdivision to regulate
fire prevention standards for certain agricultural facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 250, Local Government Code, is amended
by adding Section 250.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 250.014. RESTRICTION ON REGULATION OF CERTAIN
AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES. (a) In this section:

(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) "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.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a political subdivision
may not adopt or enforce an ordinance, order, 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;

- 1 (4) a livestock market, as that term is defined by
2 Section [161.111](#), Agriculture Code; or
3 (5) a commercial feed mill.

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