

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 1948
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2025; March 17, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture and
1-4 Rural Affairs; April 1, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1;
1-6 April 1, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Perry	X		
1-10	Hancock	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Blanco	X		
1-13	Gutierrez	X		
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-15	Johnson		X	
1-16	Kolkhorst	X		
1-17	Sparks	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1948 By: Birdwell

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the regulation of fire prevention standards for certain
1-22 agricultural facilities.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subtitle Z, Title 10, Government Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Chapter 3001 to read as follows:

1-26 CHAPTER 3001. RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FIRE REGULATIONS

1-27 Sec. 3001.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-28 (1) "Agricultural pole barn" means a nonresidential
1-29 farm building in which 70 percent or more of the perimeter walls are
1-30 permanently open and allow free ingress and egress.

1-31 (2) "Governmental entity" has the meaning assigned by
1-32 Section 2007.002.

1-33 (3) "Livestock market" has the meaning assigned by
1-34 Section 161.111, Agriculture Code.

1-35 (4) "Nonresidential farm building" means any
1-36 temporary or permanent building on a farm, ranch, or other
1-37 agricultural facility that is used primarily for agricultural
1-38 purposes and not intended to be used as a residential dwelling. The
1-39 term includes a barn, greenhouse, shade house, farm office, storage
1-40 building, workshop, poultry house, animal handling facility, or
1-41 commodity storage and feed processing facility.

1-42 Sec. 3001.002. RESTRICTION ON REGULATION OF CERTAIN
1-43 AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES. Notwithstanding any other law, a
1-44 governmental entity may not adopt or enforce an ordinance, order,
1-45 rule, or other measure that requires the installation of a fire
1-46 protection sprinkler system in:

- 1-47 (1) an agricultural pole barn;
1-48 (2) a nonresidential farm building;
1-49 (3) a cotton gin;
1-50 (4) a cottonseed storage building;
1-51 (5) a grain storage facility;
1-52 (6) a livestock market; or
1-53 (7) a commercial feed mill.

1-54 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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