1-1   By: Puente (Senate Sponsor - Lucio)   H.B. No. 2663
1-2   (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3   May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4   Resources; May 21, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5   Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 21, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7   AN ACT

1-8   relating to the establishment of quantifiable goals for drought
1-9   contingency plans.
1-10   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-11   SECTION 1. Section 11.1272, Water Code, is amended by
1-12 adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:
1-13   (c) By May 1, 2005, a drought contingency plan required by
1-14 commission rule adopted under this section must include specific,
1-15 quantified targets for water use reductions to be achieved during
1-16 periods of water shortages and drought. The entity preparing the
1-17 plan shall establish the targets.
1-18   (d) The commission and the board by joint rule shall
1-19 identify quantified target goals for drought contingency plans that
1-20 wholesale and retail public water suppliers, irrigation districts,
1-21 and other entities may use as guidelines in preparing drought
1-22 contingency plans. Goals established under this subsection are not
1-23 enforceable requirements.
1-24   (e) The commission and the board jointly   shall develop
1-25 model drought contingency programs for different types of water
1-26 suppliers that suggest best management practices for accomplishing
1-27 the highest practicable levels of water use reductions achievable
1-28 during periods of water shortages and drought for each specific
1-29 type of water supplier.
1-30   SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-32 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.   If this
1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-34 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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