

1-1 By: Guillen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 4163
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
1-4 Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 19, 2025, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 19, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10			X	
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the authority of a city to impose certain governmental
1-20 requirements on an agricultural operation.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 251.0055(c), Agriculture Code, is
1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 (c) A city may not impose a governmental requirement that
1-25 directly or indirectly:

1-26 (1) prohibits the use of a generally accepted
1-27 agricultural practice listed in the manual prepared under Section
1-28 251.007, except as provided by Subsections (a) and (b);

1-29 (2) prohibits or restricts the growing or harvesting
1-30 of vegetation for animal feed, livestock forage, or forage for
1-31 wildlife management, except as provided by Subsection (d);

1-32 (3) prohibits the use of pesticides or other measures
1-33 to control vermin or disease-bearing insects to the extent
1-34 necessary to prevent an infestation; ~~or~~

1-35 (4) requires an agricultural operation be designated
1-36 for:

1-37 (A) agricultural use under Section 1-d, Article
1-38 VIII, Texas Constitution; or

1-39 (B) farm, ranch, wildlife management, or timber
1-40 production use under Section 1-d-1, Article VIII, Texas
1-41 Constitution; or

1-42 (5) requires the owner or lessee of an agricultural
1-43 operation to mow, bale, shred, or hoe material on the right-of-way
1-44 of a public road that is adjacent to the agricultural operation.

1-45 SECTION 2. Section 251.0055, Agriculture Code, as amended
1-46 by this Act, applies to a governmental requirement adopted before,
1-47 on, or after the effective date of this Act.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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