

1-1 By: Kitzman (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 4630
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2025;
1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
1-4 Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the regulation of artesian water wells by the Texas
1-20 Commission on Environmental Quality.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 7.142(a) and (b), Water Code, are
1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a) A person commits an offense if the person violates:

- 1-25 (1) Section 11.081;
1-26 (2) Section 11.083;
1-27 (3) Section 11.084;
1-28 (4) Section 11.087;
1-29 (5) Section 11.088;
1-30 (6) Section 11.089;
1-31 (7) Section 11.090;
1-32 (8) Section 11.091;
1-33 (9) Section 11.092;
1-34 (10) Section 11.093;
1-35 (11) Section 11.094;
1-36 (12) Section 11.096; or
1-37 (13) ~~Section 11.203; or~~
1-38 ~~[(14)]~~ Section 11.205.

1-39 (b) An offense under Subsection (a)(9), (a)(10), or (a)(13)
1-40 ~~[(a)(14)]~~ is punishable under Section 7.187(a)(1)(A) or (2)(B)
1-41 ~~[Section 7.187(1)(A) or Section 7.187(2)(B)]~~ or both.

1-42 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 11, Water Code, is amended
1-43 by adding Section 11.2011 to read as follows:

1-44 Sec. 11.2011. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter, other than
1-45 Sections 11.202(c) and 11.206, applies only to an artesian well
1-46 drilled outside the boundaries of a groundwater conservation
1-47 district, subsidence district, or other conservation and
1-48 reclamation district with the authority to regulate the drilling,
1-49 spacing, or production of water wells.

1-50 SECTION 3. The following provisions of the Water Code are
1-51 repealed:

- 1-52 (1) Sections 11.202(d) and (e);
1-53 (2) Section 11.203;
1-54 (3) Section 11.204; and
1-55 (4) Section 11.207.

1-56 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-57 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-58 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-59 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-60 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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