

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

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
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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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