

**ADOPTED**

1 The Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee offered the following  
2 amendment:

3 Amend HB 579 (LC 25 3108S) by striking lines 1 through 20 of page 3 and inserting in lieu  
4 thereof the following:

5 “(C) In consultation with the director, shall develop a priority system for installation  
6 of water-measuring devices for farm uses that have permits as of July 1, 2003. The  
7 commission shall, provided that adequate funding is received, install and commence  
8 operation and maintenance of water-measuring devices for all such farm uses by July  
9 1, 2009; provided, however, that the commission shall not install a water-measuring  
10 device on any irrigation system for such a farm use if such irrigation system is equipped  
11 with a meter as of July 1, 2003, and such meter is determined by the commission to be  
12 properly installed and operable, but any subsequent replacement or maintenance of such  
13 an irrigation system that necessitates replacement of such meter shall necessitate  
14 installation of a water-measuring device by the commission;

15 (D) May charge any permittee the commission’s reasonable costs for purchase and  
16 installation of a water-measuring device for any farm use permit issued by the director  
17 after July 1, 2003; however, for permit applications submitted to the division prior to  
18 December 31, 2002, no charge shall be made for such costs; and

19 (E) Shall issue an annual progress report on the status of water-measuring device  
20 installation.

21 (3) Any person who desires to commence a farm use for which a permit is issued after  
22 July 1, 2003, shall not commence such use prior to the installation of a water-measuring  
23 device by the commission.

24 (4) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of this subsection,  
25 after July 1, 2009, no one shall use water for a farm use required to have a permit under  
26 this Code section without having a water-measuring device in operation that has been  
27 installed by the commission.

28 (5) Employees or agents of the commission are authorized to enter upon private property  
29 at reasonable times to conduct the duties of the commission under this subsection.

30 (6) Any reports of amounts of use for recreational purposes under this Code section shall  
31 be compiled separately from amounts reported for all other farm uses.”.

32 By striking line 27 of page 4 through line 9 of page 5 and inserting in lieu thereof the  
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