

H.B. NO 3391 (a portion of the code relating to municipalities)

SECTION 4. Chapter 580, Local Government Code, is amended
by adding Section 580.004 to read as follows:
<u>Sec. 580.004. RAINWATER HARVESTING. (a) Each municipality</u>
<u>and county is encouraged to promote rainwater harvesting at</u>
<u>residential, commercial, and industrial facilities through</u>
<u>incentives such as the provision at a discount of rain barrels or</u>
<u>rebates for water storage facilities.</u>
<u>(b) The Texas Water Development Board shall ensure that</u>
<u>training on rainwater harvesting is available for the members of</u>
<u>the permitting staffs of municipalities and counties at least</u>
<u>quarterly. Each member of the permitting staff of each county and</u>
<u>municipality located wholly or partly in an area designated by the</u>
<u>Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as a priority groundwater</u>
<u>management area under Section 35.008, Water Code, whose work</u>
<u>relates directly to permits involving rainwater harvesting and each</u>
<u>member of the permitting staff of each county and municipality with</u>
<u>a population of more than 100,000 whose work relates directly to</u>
<u>permits involving rainwater harvesting must receive appropriate</u>
<u>training regarding rainwater harvesting standards and their</u>
<u>relation to permitting at least once every five years. Members of</u>
<u>the permitting staffs of counties and municipalities not located</u>
<u>wholly or partly in an area designated by the Texas Commission on</u>
<u>Environmental Quality as a priority groundwater management area</u>
<u>under Section 35.008, Water Code, whose work relates directly to</u>
<u>permits involving rainwater harvesting and members of the</u>
<u>permitting staffs of counties and municipalities with a population</u>
<u>of 100,000 or less whose work relates directly to permits involving</u>
<u>rainwater harvesting are encouraged to receive the training. The</u>
<u>Texas Water Development Board may provide appropriate training by</u>
<u>seminars or by videotape or functionally similar and widely</u>
<u>available media without cost.</u>
<u>(c) A municipality or county may not deny a building permit</u>
<u>solely because the facility will implement rainwater harvesting.</u>
<u>However, a municipality or county may require that a rainwater</u>
<u>harvesting system comply with the minimum state standards</u>
<u>established for such a system.</u>

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