

Groundwater Rights—Due and Sufficient Cause for Nonuse; HB 2451

HB 2451 amends a section of law dealing with the abandonment of water rights by deleting a requirement that, to avoid the abandonment process, the owner of groundwater rights in an area declared closed to further appropriation has a means of diversion available "to put water to beneficial use within a reasonable time." When the bill is in effect, groundwater rights in these areas will have due and sufficient cause for nonuse and therefore not be subject to abandonment.