AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 45, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 10, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 45-596.02; RELATING TO WELLS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 45, chapter 2, article 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 45-596.02, to read:

45-596.02. Well drilling moratorium; upper San Pedro, Verde Valley groundwater basins; exemptions

BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT CONSTRUCT AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE A PERMIT OR DRILLING CARD FOR A NEW WELL IN THE UPPER SAN PEDRO GROUNDWATER BASIN OR THE VERDE VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN, EXCEPT FOR:

1. A REPLACEMENT WELL AS PRESCRIBED IN RULES ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTOR.
2. A WELL THAT THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES WILL NOT PUMP THE SUBFLOW OF A RIVER SYSTEM OR SOURCE.
3. A WELL THAT IS CONSTRUCTED AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS IN THE GILA RIVER.