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groundwater model; stormwater recharge; AMAs

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HOUSE BILL 2270

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 45, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 45-581; RELATING TO GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 45, chapter 2, article 9, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 45-581, to read:

4 45-581. Groundwater model; projected use; stormwater
5 recharge; rules

6 A. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADOPT RULES TO UPDATE THE DEPARTMENT'S
7 GROUNDWATER MODELING FOR ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREAS. THE UPDATED RULES SHALL
8 ACCOUNT FOR ANY NATURAL, INCIDENTAL OR ARTIFICIAL STORMWATER RECHARGE TO
9 THE GROUNDWATER BASIN CREATED THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OR EXISTING
10 INFRASTRUCTURE.

11 B. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ASSUME THAT THE STORMWATER RECHARGE GENERATED
12 BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OR EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE WILL OFFSET A PORTION
13 OF FUTURE GROUNDWATER USE.

14 C. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ANNUALLY UPDATE THE GROUNDWATER MODEL FOR
15 ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREAS TO REFLECT NEW NATURAL, INCIDENTAL OR ARTIFICIAL
16 STORMWATER RECHARGE.