

REFERENCE TITLE: conservation requirements; industrial water use

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Introduced by
Representative Griffin

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 45, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 45-571.03; RELATING TO GROUNDWATER.

(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 45-571.03, to read:
4 45-571.03. Industrial water use; conservation; efficiency;
5 definition
6 A. FOR EACH QUALIFYING ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA, ON OR BEFORE JANUARY
7 1, 2026, THE DIRECTOR SHALL INCLUDE IN A MANAGEMENT PLAN ADOPTED PURSUANT
8 TO SECTION 45-568 OR 45-569 CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL USES
9 THAT ARE WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE SERVICE AREA OF A DESIGNATED SERVICE
10 PROVIDER AND THAT MEET BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:
11 1. BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, ARE NOT SUBJECT
12 TO ANY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL USES GREATER THAN A
13 REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF WATER USE BY THE
14 FACILITY PURSUANT TO AN ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN.
15 2. USE GREATER THAN ONE HUNDRED ACRE-FEET OF WATER PER YEAR.
16 B. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A MANAGEMENT PLAN, THE
17 DEPARTMENT, ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE OR ANY MODIFICATIONS
18 TO A MANAGEMENT PLAN MAY NOT REQUIRE A PERSON WHO USES WATER FOR AN
19 INDUSTRIAL USE TO DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
20 1. OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ASSURED WATER SUPPLY.
21 2. DEVELOP WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA OF A MUNICIPAL PROVIDER
22 DESIGNATED AS HAVING AN ASSURED WATER SUPPLY.
23 3. ENROLL AS MEMBER LAND IN A MULTI-COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION
24 DISTRICT OR OTHERWISE MEET A REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATION PURSUANT TO TITLE
25 48, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 4.
26 C. CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS
27 SECTION SHALL INCLUDE ON-SITE WATER REUSE, RECYCLING AND EFFICIENCY
28 REQUIREMENTS.
29 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "QUALIFYING ACTIVE MANAGEMENT
30 AREA" MEANS AN ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA WHERE THE LEGISLATURE HAS
31 SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALTERNATIVE PATH TO
32 DESIGNATION OF ASSURED WATER SUPPLY AND AN AGRICULTURAL TO MUNICIPAL USE
33 PROGRAM.