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## **HB 2572**

Introduced by  
Representative Griffin

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 45-451, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE  
GROUNDWATER CODE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Section 45-451, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:  
4 45-451. Groundwater rights and uses in active management  
5 areas  
6 A. In an active management area, a person may:  
7 1. Withdraw and use groundwater only in accordance with the  
8 provisions of articles 5 through 12 of this chapter.  
9 2. Store water in a storage facility, as defined in section  
10 45-802.01, only in accordance with chapter 3.1 of this title.  
11 B. This chapter shall not be construed to affect decreed and  
12 appropriative water rights. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to  
13 affect the definition of surface water in section 45-101 and the  
14 ~~definition~~ DESCRIPTION of water subject to appropriation in section 45-141  
15 or the provisions of ~~article 9 of~~ chapter 1, ARTICLE 9 of this title.  
16 C. Notwithstanding subsection B of this section, solely in the  
17 Santa Cruz active management area:  
18 1. The withdrawal of water, other than stored water, from a well  
19 and the distribution and use of water, other than stored water, withdrawn  
20 from a well shall be subject to any applicable conservation requirements  
21 established by the director in the management plans for the active  
22 management area pursuant to article 9 of this chapter.  
23 2. The withdrawal of water from a well shall be subject to any  
24 applicable well location requirements contained in article 10 of this  
25 chapter.