

REFERENCE TITLE: grandfathered right; Willcox AMA; extension

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Introduced by
Representative Griffin

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR AN APPLICATION EXTENSION FOR GRANDFATHERED WATER RIGHTS.

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

2 Section 1. Willcox active management area; certificate of
3 grandfathered right; time extension; delayed
4 repeal

5 A. Notwithstanding section 45-476, subsection A, Arizona Revised
6 Statutes, a person claiming the right to withdraw or receive and use
7 groundwater in the Willcox active management area pursuant to a
8 grandfathered right shall file an application for a certificate of
9 grandfathered right with the department of water resources not later than
10 twenty-seven months after the date of the designation of the active
11 management area on a form provided by the department.

12 B. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2026.

13 Sec. 2. Retroactivity

14 This act applies retroactively to from and after January 7, 2025.

15 Sec. 3. Emergency

16 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
17 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
18 law.