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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 45-412, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SUBSEQUENT
ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREAS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 45-412, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

4 45-412. Subsequent active management areas; criteria; review
5 of groundwater basins not subject to active
6 management

7 A. The director ~~may~~ SHALL designate an area ~~which~~ THAT is not
8 included within an initial active management area, pursuant to section
9 45-411, as a subsequent active management area if the director determines
10 that any of the following exists:

11 1. Active management practices are necessary to preserve the
12 existing supply of groundwater for future needs.

13 2. Land subsidence or fissuring is endangering property or
14 potential groundwater storage capacity.

15 3. Use of groundwater is resulting in actual or threatened water
16 quality degradation.

17 B. An active management area designated pursuant to this section
18 may include more than one groundwater basin but shall not be smaller than
19 a groundwater basin or include only a portion of a groundwater basin,
20 except for the regional aquifer systems of northern Arizona.

21 C. The director shall periodically review all areas ~~which~~ THAT are
22 not included within an active management area to determine whether such
23 areas meet any of the criteria for active management areas as prescribed
24 in this section.