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HOUSE BILL 44: Local Government Regulatory Reform 2015, Sec. 3.5: Well Drilling Changes

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Analysis of: Sec. 3.5 of S.L. 2015-246

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SUMMARY: *Sec. 3.5 of S.L. 2015-246 does all of the following:*

- *Clarifies that when a well contractor obtains a permit to drill a well, that permit includes authorization for the electrical work needed to install the well that the well contractor is licensed to perform. Effective December 1, 2015.*
- *Requires the Well Contractors Certification Commission to allow well contractors with valid licenses from other states to sit, without delay, for licensure in this State upon satisfactory proof that the qualifications of the other state are equal to holders of similar licenses in this State. Effective December 1, 2015.*
- *Allows any property owner to request and receive a permit for an irrigation water well to be used for irrigation or other non-potable purposes, which may not be interconnected to the plumbing connected to any public water system, unless the public water system is being assisted by the Local Government Commission. Effective August 1, 2016.*
- *Effective August 1, 2016, for undeveloped and unimproved property, allows a property owner to obtain a permit for a private drinking water well to serve the property and for as long as that well is operational, the property may not be required to connect to a public water system, unless one of the following apply:*
 - *The private drinking water well has failed and cannot be repaired.*
 - *The water is contaminated.*
 - *The public water system is being assisted by the Local Government Commission.*
 - *The public water system is in the process of expanding or repairing the public water system and is actively making progress to having water lines installed directly available to provide water service to that property within the 24 months. (Expires July 1, 2017.)*

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