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HOUSE BILL NO. 208

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WATER/WELLS: Exempts certain wells from the requirement for a certified water well driller

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3098(C), relative to licensing of water well drillers; to exempt  
3 from such licensing requirements certain people drilling certain wells on their own  
4 property; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 38:3098(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3098. Licensing of water well and other drillers

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9 C. Nothing in this Chapter shall prevent a person who has not obtained a  
10 license pursuant thereto from constructing a water well on his own or leased property  
11 intended for use only in a single family house which is his permanent residence, or  
12 intended for use only for watering livestock on his farm, and where the waters to be  
13 produced are not intended for use by the public or any residence other than his own.  
14 Additionally, nothing in this Chapter shall prevent a person who has not obtained a  
15 license from constructing a well on his own property when such well is to be drilled  
16 to a depth less than two hundred feet, and the water produced by the well is to be  
17 used solely for agricultural purposes and is not intended for use by the public or on  
18 any property not owned by the person drilling the well. However, each such person  
19 shall comply with all rules and regulations as to the construction of wells as set out  
20 by the provisions of this Chapter.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Exempts from the requirement that only certified water well drillers can drill wells, any wells drilled for agricultural purposes on the driller's own property.

Present law requires any person, firm, or corporation drilling water wells to be certified and licensed by the state. Provides for an annual license renewal.

Present law also provides that such requirement shall not prevent an unlicensed person from constructing a water well on his own or leased property when the well is intended for use in that person's permanent residence or for watering livestock on his farm, and where the water is not intended for public use or in any residence other than the driller's own.

Proposed law authorizes a person who has not obtained a license to construct a well on his own property when such well is to be drilled to a depth less than 200 feet, and the water produced by the well is to be used solely for agricultural purposes and is not intended for use by the public or on any property not owned by the person drilling the well. Proposed law also retains present law provisions that every person drilling a water well, whether licensed or not, must comply with all laws, rules, and regulations for the actual construction of the well.

(Amends R.S. 38:3098(C))