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## DIGEST

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HB No. 208

**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))