

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1973
99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 644, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to agricultural stormwater discharge.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 644, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 644.059, to read as follows:

**644.059. Agricultural stormwater discharges and return flows from irrigated
2 agriculture shall be exempt from the permit requirements of sections 644.006 to 644.141.
3 Agricultural stormwater discharges and return flows from irrigated agriculture shall not
4 be considered unlawful under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 1 of section 644.051,
5 unless those discharges or return flows have entered waters of the state and have rendered
6 such waters harmful, detrimental, or injurious to public health, safety, or welfare, to
7 industrial or agricultural uses, or to wild animals, birds, fish, or other aquatic life. For the
8 purposes of this section, agricultural stormwater discharges and return flows from
9 irrigated agriculture shall include stormwater and snow melt runoff, drainage, and
10 infiltration, including water that leaves land as a result of the application of irrigation
11 water, both surface and subsurface, from standard farming industry practices. This shall
12 include, but not be limited to, cultivation and tillage of soil, and production, growing,
13 raising, and harvesting of agricultural commodities and livestock. Nothing in this section
14 shall be construed to effect, limit, or supersede sections 640.700 to 640.755 or any other law
15 or regulation of concentrated animal feeding operations.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.