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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on General Government Appropriations (Dean)  
recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment to Amendment (484100)**

Delete lines 50 - 75  
and insert:

(7) A residential or commercial irrigation user that  
installs and operates a smart irrigation controller is exempt  
from any day-of-the-week watering restrictions imposed by the  
applicable local government and water management district if the  
smart irrigation controller is approved by the local government  
after consultation with the water management district; is



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12 installed by a licensed contractor; allows for irrigation  
13 schedule adjustments, including run times and required cycles  
14 based on soil moisture requirements; is remotely monitored by a  
15 private company, local government, or water management district  
16 that is able to remotely modify the settings for irrigation  
17 cycles and run times; and has a notice posted at the residence  
18 or commercial facility in plain view from the nearest roadway  
19 stating, "Irrigating with Smart Irrigation Controller," and the  
20 address of the parcel. The smart irrigation controller user  
21 remains subject to all other irrigation restrictions. A  
22 qualifying smart irrigation user shall lose the day-of-the-week  
23 watering exemption if the user fails to remain in compliance  
24 with the exemption conditions. A "smart irrigation controller"  
25 means a device that assesses the available plant soil moisture  
26 in order to optimize an irrigation system and minimize the use  
27 of water, and is weather or soil-sensor based. This subsection  
28 does not require a local government to approve a smart  
29 irrigation controller or require a property owner to install a  
30 smart irrigation controller.