

AMENDMENT TO DIVISION B OF RULES
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OFFERED BY MR. BIGGS OF ARIZONA

Beginning on page 93, line 8, strike section 108 and insert the following:

1 SEC. 108. DESALINATION.

2 (a) RESEARCH AUTHORIZATION.—Section 8(a) of the
3 Water Desalination Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 10301 note;
4 Public Law 104–298) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “\$5,000,000 per year for fiscal
6 years 1997 through 2021” and inserting
7 “\$20,000,000 per year for fiscal years 2023 through
8 2027”; and

9 (2) by striking “\$1,000,000” and inserting
10 “\$15,000,000”.

11 (b) PERMIT EXEMPTION.—Section 402(l) of the Fed-
12 eral Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1342(l)) is
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “(4) DESALINATION.—The Administrator shall
15 not require a permit under this section for dis-
16 charges composed entirely of salt brine from a de-
17 salination plant, nor shall the Administrator directly

1 or indirectly require any State to require such a per-
2 mit.”.

