

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has processor/rerefiner and transporter reporting and registration requirements for used oil that are more stringent than federal regulations, and which are burdensome for the regulated community and TNRCC, both of which have limited resources. During the 74th Legislative Session, a bill was passed which enabled TNRCC to apply for delegation of the federal Used Oil Management Program. S.B. 1150 changes certain registration, reporting, and financial assurance requirements so that they are consistent with existing federal requirements for the recycling of used oil.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1150 establishes registration and reporting requirements pursuant to the collection, management, and recycling of used oil and used oil filters.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in SECTION 1 (Section 371.026(a), Health and Safety Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 371.026, Health and Safety Code, by amending Subsection (a), as follows:

Sec. 371.026. New heading: REGISTRATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF USED OIL HANDLERS OTHER THAN GENERATORS. Requires the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (commission) to adopt rules governing registration and reporting of certain used oil handlers which require that a used oil handler other than a generator provide proof of liability insurance or other evidence of financial responsibility for any liability that may be incurred in handling used oil consistent with and not more stringent than the used oil management standards under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976; and that a used oil processor or rerefiner must report to the commission on certain issues by a certain date. Deletes the provision requiring the rules to require a used oil handler other than a generator to register biennially and report annually on certain issues. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.