

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is responsible for regulating the disposal of solid wastes. This bill will require the TNRCC to adopt rules relating to the disposal of certain solid waste and permits for disposal of that waste.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1929 require the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to adopt rules relating to the disposal of certain solid waste and permits for disposal of that waste.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in SECTIONS 1, 2, and 3 (Sections 361.116 and 361.0895, Health and Safety Code, and Section 27.0515, Water Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 361C, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 361.116, as follows:

Sec. 361.116. INCIDENTAL INJECTION WELL WASTES. Requires the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to adopt rules regulating the disposal of solid waste generated incidentally by the operation of an injection well permitted for the disposal of waste. Requires the rules to be consistent with federal law and rules of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 361C, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 361.0895, as follows:

Sec. 361.0895. FACILITIES REQUIRED TO OBTAIN FEDERAL APPROVAL. Requires TNRCC, by rule, to develop separate standards for the fixed term of a permit and for the cancellation, modification, amendment, revocation, or renewal of a permit for a solid waste management facility that is required to obtain separate approval from the EPA.

SECTION 3. Amends Chapter 27D, Water Code, by adding Section 27.0515, as follows:

Sec. 27.0515. FACILITIES REQUIRED TO OBTAIN FEDERAL APPROVAL. Requires TNRCC, by rule, to develop separate standards for the fixed term of a permit and for the cancellation, modification, amendment, revocation, or renewal of a permit for an injection well permitted for the disposal of solid waste if the facility is required to obtain separate approval from the EPA.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.