

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 1833
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DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Department of Health regulates the disposal of biomedical waste in home health and community support service agencies. S.B. 1833 would require an agency that generates special or medical waste while providing home health services in a client's place or residence or the agency's office location to comply with the rules of the Texas Department of Health relating to the disposition of special medical waste.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1833 sets forth provisions for disposing of certain waste created by home health providers.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 142A, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 142.020, as follows:

Sec. 142.020. DISPOSAL OF SPECIAL OR MEDICAL WASTE. Requires a home and community support services agency (agency) that generates special or medical waste while providing home health services in a client's place or residence or the agency's office location to comply with the rules of the Texas Department of Health relating to the disposition of special or medical waste. Requires an agency to provide both verbal and written instructions to the agency's client regarding proper procedure for disposing of sharps. Sets forth instruments considered to be sharps.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.