

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 1833  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, the Texas Department of Health regulates the disposal of biomedical waste in home health and community support service agencies. C.S.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, C.S.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 to dispose of the waste in the same manner that the agency disposes special or medical waste generated in the agency's office location. 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.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

SECTION 1.

Amends Chapter 142A, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 142.020, to require a home and community support services agency (agency) that generates special or medical waste while providing home health services to dispose of the waste in the same manner that the agency disposes special or medical waste generated in the agency's office location. Deletes text regarding the disposal of special or medical waste 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.