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H.B. No. 1503

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a grant program to support the
elimination of illegally disposed of scrap tires.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 361, Health and Safety
Code, is amended by adding Section 361.0315 to read as follows:

Sec. 361.0315. SCRAP TIRE REMEDIATION GRANT PROGRAM. (a)

In this section, "scrap tire" has the meaning assigned by Section
361.112.

(b) The commission may develop a scrap tire remediation
grant program to award grants from the scrap tire remediation grant
account established by this section to counties for the purpose of
reducing the number of scrap tires disposed of in inland or coastal
water and onto public rights-of-way and other public land.

(c) The commission may award a grant under the scrap tire
remediation grant program to a county to be used for:

(1) identifying and prosecuting violators of Section
365.012, as that section relates to the illegal disposal of scrap
tires;

(2) providing information to the public to discourage
the illegal disposal of scrap tires; and

(3) removing and properly disposing of illegally
disposed of scrap tires.

(d) The scrap tire remediation grant account is a dedicated

1 account in the general revenue fund and consists of:

2 (1) appropriations of money to the account by the
3 legislature;

4 (2) gifts, grants, including federal grants, and other
5 donations received for the account; and

6 (3) interest earned on the investment of money in the
7 account.

8 (e) Money in the scrap tire remediation grant account may be
9 used by the commission only to:

10 (1) award grants under this section; and

11 (2) administer the scrap tire remediation grant
12 program under this section.

13 (f) If the commission develops a scrap tire remediation
14 grant program under this section, the commission shall adopt rules
15 for the administration of that program.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.