

1-1 By: Darby (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 4856
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2023;
 1-3 May 10, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on
 1-20 Environmental Quality over certain recharge injection wells.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 27.201, Water Code, is amended by adding
 1-23 Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

1-24 (1-a) "Fluid oil and gas waste" has the meaning
 1-25 assigned by Section 122.001, Natural Resources Code.

1-26 SECTION 2. Section 27.202, Water Code, is amended to read as
 1-27 follows:

1-28 Sec. 27.202. JURISDICTION. (a) The commission has
 1-29 exclusive jurisdiction over the regulation and permitting of
 1-30 recharge injection wells, including recharge injection wells used
 1-31 for the injection of fluid oil and gas waste.

1-32 (b) A recharge injection well may not be used for the
 1-33 injection of fluid oil and gas waste unless the waste has been
 1-34 treated to meet the standards adopted by the commission under this
 1-35 subchapter.

1-36 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-37 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-38 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-40 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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