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H.B. No. 573

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a request by a member of the legislature for an
3 unannounced inspection of a concrete batch plant by the Texas
4 Commission on Environmental Quality.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 382, Health and Safety
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 382.070 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 382.070. LEGISLATOR REQUEST FOR INSPECTION OF CERTAIN
9 CONCRETE PLANTS. (a) This section applies only to a concrete plant
10 that performs wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing
11 operating under a permit issued under this chapter.

12 (b) A member of the legislature may request that the
13 commission conduct an unannounced inspection of a concrete plant on
14 behalf of a person who:

15 (1) permanently resides in the member's district;

16 (2) qualifies as a person who may be affected under
17 Section 382.058(c); and

18 (3) submits a written complaint to the member.

19 (c) The commission shall prioritize responding to a request
20 filed by a member of the legislature under this section.

21 (d) The commission shall maintain a file on the request in
22 the manner provided by Section 5.176(a), Water Code. Section
23 5.176(c), Water Code, applies to a request filed under this
24 section.

1 (e) The commission shall provide to the member of the
2 legislature and the person who submitted the complaint to the
3 member:

4 (1) the policies and procedures described by Section
5 5.177(a), Water Code; and

6 (2) the notice described by Section 5.177(b), Water
7 Code.

8 (f) If the commission denies a request for an unannounced
9 inspection, the commission shall provide an explanation of the
10 reason the request was denied to the member of the legislature and
11 the person who submitted the complaint not later than the 90th day
12 after the request was filed.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.