

Amend CSSB 1952 (House Committee Report) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to PART 8 and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES in PART 8 accordingly:

ARTICLE \_\_\_\_ . MEDICAL WASTE

SECTION \_\_.01. Section 361.560, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subdivisions (2) and (4) to read as follows:

(2) "Health care related facility" includes:

- (A) ambulatory surgical centers;
- (B) birthing centers;
- (C) blood banks and blood drawing centers;
- (D) clinics, including medical, dental, and veterinary clinics;
- (E) funeral establishments;
- (F) hospitals;
- (G) pharmacies;
- (H) professional offices, including the offices of physicians, dentists, and acupuncturists; and
- (I) other facilities included by commission rule.

(4) "Special waste" includes:

- (A) animal wastes and bedding materials that have been exposed to pathogens;
- (B) bulk blood, bulk blood products, or bulk human body fluids;
- (C) microbiological waste, including discarded cultures, vaccines, disposable culture dishes, and other disposable devices used in microbiological laboratories;
- (D) pathological wastes, including human materials removed during surgery, autopsy, or other medical procedures; and
- (E) sharps, including hypodermic needles, hypodermic syringes with attached needles, and contaminated items including scalpel blades, razor blades, disposable razors, disposable scissors used in medical procedures, intravenous stylets, rigid introducers, and broken glass.

SECTION \_\_.02. Subchapter S, Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 361.562 to read as follows:

Sec. 361.562. MOBILE VEHICLES USED FOR TREATMENT OF SPECIAL WASTE FROM HEALTH CARE RELATED FACILITIES. A person who, in accordance with commission rules, uses a mobile vehicle to provide on-site treatment of special waste from health care related facilities may treat, on the site of a hospital registered with the commission as a medical waste collection station, special waste:

(1) generated at the hospital; or

(2) generated at another health care related facility and transported to the hospital site by the mobile unit if the hospital agrees.

SECTION \_\_.03. Not later than December 1, 2003, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt all rules necessary to implement Section 361.562, Health and Safety Code, as added by this article.