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H.B. No. 168

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to enforcement actions initiated by the Texas Natural  
3 Resource Conservation Commission based on information received  
4 from a private individual.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 7.0025(a), Water Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The commission may initiate an enforcement action on a  
9 matter under its jurisdiction under this code or the Health and  
10 Safety Code based on information it receives from a private  
11 individual if:

12 (1) that information, in the commission's judgment, is  
13 of sufficient value and credibility to warrant the initiation of an  
14 enforcement action; and

15 (2) the commission conducts an investigation that  
16 indicates an enforcement action is warranted.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and  
18 applies only to information regarding an environmental problem  
19 submitted to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission on  
20 or after that date. Information submitted before the effective date  
21 of this Act is covered by the law in effect on the date the  
22 information is submitted, and the former law is continued in effect  
23 for that purpose.