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H.B. No. 1560

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of toxic molds conducted by the Texas Department of Health.

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Department" means the Texas Department of Health.

(2) "Mold" means any living or dead fungi or related products or parts, including spores, hyphae, and mycotoxins.

SECTION 2. STUDY OF TOXIC MOLD. (a) The department shall conduct a study of toxic mold that addresses:

(1) the types of molds that may be harmful to the health of humans in indoor environments; and

(2) the mechanisms available to:

(A) measure the concentration level of a mold in an indoor environment;

(B) identify the concentration level of a mold in an indoor environment that is clearly dangerous to the health of humans; and

(C) identify a safe exposure level, if any, for mold in an indoor environment.

(b) In conducting the study, the commission may:

(1) survey existing scientific literature relating to toxic mold; and

(2) consult with appropriate state and federal

1 agencies and appropriate scientific and medical experts.

2 (c) The Texas Board of Health may appoint an advisory  
3 committee in accordance with Chapter 2110, Government Code, to  
4 assist the department to conduct the study required by this  
5 section.

6 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2004, the  
7 department shall report the results of the study conducted under  
8 this Act to the governor, lieutenant governor, and the speaker of  
9 the house of representatives.

10 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2005.

11 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
12 1, 2003.