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H.B. No. 1646

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study of the regulation, design, planning,
3 construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and inspection
4 of on-site sewage disposal systems.

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

6 SECTION 1. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
7 shall conduct a study of the regulation, design, planning,
8 construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and inspection
9 of on-site sewage disposal systems.

10 SECTION 2. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
11 shall appoint an advisory committee to assist the commission in
12 conducting the study required by Section 1 of this Act. The
13 advisory committee must consist of not more than 12 individuals
14 knowledgeable about and affected by the regulation of on-site
15 sewage disposal systems and must include designers, manufacturers,
16 installers, regulators on the state and local levels, builders of
17 homes, mobile home dealers, and consumers. Advisory committee
18 members may not receive compensation for their services.

19 SECTION 3. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
20 shall issue a report on the study to the governor, the lieutenant
21 governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives not later
22 than September 1, 2004. The study must include recommendations for
23 measures to eliminate or prevent environmental and health hazards
24 related to on-site sewage disposal system regulation, design,

1 planning, construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and
2 inspection.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.