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H.B. No. 1978

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of outdoor burning of domestic waste.

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

SECTION 1. Section 382.018, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 382.018. OUTDOOR BURNING OF WASTE AND COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL. (a) The commission by rule may control and prohibit the outdoor burning of waste and combustible material and may include requirements concerning the particular method to be used to control or abate the emission of air contaminants resulting from that burning.

(b) Outdoor burning of domestic waste may not begin earlier than one hour after sunrise and may not continue later than one hour before sunset of the same day.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.