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H.B. No. 2455

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the governmental entities subject to, and the confidentiality of records under, the sunset review process.

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

ARTICLE 1. ENTITIES GIVEN 2007 SUNSET DATE

SECTION 1.01. PRESCRIBED BURNING BOARD. Section 153.044, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 153.044. SUNSET PROVISION. The Prescribed Burning Board is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the board is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2007 [~~2009~~].

ARTICLE 2. ENTITIES GIVEN 2009 SUNSET DATE

SECTION 2.01. TEXASONLINE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES. Section 2054.2645, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.2645. SUNSET PROVISION. The division is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the division is abolished September 1, 2009 [~~2005~~].

SECTION 2.02. ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES. Section 2055.003, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2055.003. SUNSET PROVISION. The office is subject to

Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the office is abolished September 1, 2009 [~~2005~~].

ARTICLE 3. ENTITIES GIVEN 2013 SUNSET DATE

SECTION 3.01. ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL. Section 367.003(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The council is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the council is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2013 [~~2005~~].

ARTICLE 4. ENTITIES REMOVED FROM SPECIFIC SUNSET REVIEW

SECTION 4.01. REPEALER. The following laws are repealed:

(1) Section 50A.003, Agriculture Code (Texas Food for Health Advisory Council);

(2) Section 262.057, Occupations Code (Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee); and

(3) Section 8, Chapter 105, Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article 2654-3g, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) (Texas Environmental Education Partnership Fund).

ARTICLE 5. CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUNSET RECORDS

SECTION 5.01. CONFIDENTIALITY. Chapter 325, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 325.0195 to read as follows:

Sec. 325.0195. RECORDS PROTECTED FROM DISCLOSURE. (a) A working paper, including all documentary or other information, prepared or maintained by the commission staff in performing its

1 duties under this chapter or other law to conduct an evaluation and
2 prepare a report is excepted from the public disclosure
3 requirements of Section 552.021.

4 (b) A record held by another entity that is considered to be
5 confidential by law and that the commission receives in connection
6 with the performance of the commission's functions under this
7 chapter or another law remains confidential and is excepted from
8 the public disclosure requirements of Section 552.021.

9 ARTICLE 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 SECTION 6.01. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
11 September 1, 2003.