

By: Smith of Harris

H.B. No. 2554

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the application of new requirements for nonhazardous  
3 industrial solid waste disposal to be adopted by the Texas  
4 Commission on Environmental Quality.

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

6 SECTION 1. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
7 of this Act, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall  
8 adopt rules governing all aspects of the management and operation  
9 of nonhazardous industrial solid waste facilities.

10 SECTION 2. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
11 shall suspend the permitting process for any pending application  
12 for a nonhazardous industrial solid waste disposal permit until the  
13 rules adopted under Section 1 of this Act take effect. The Texas  
14 Commission on Environmental Quality shall provide that the rules  
15 adopted under Section 1 of this Act apply to every application for a  
16 nonhazardous industrial solid waste disposal permit filed on or  
17 after the effective date of this Act and every application for a  
18 nonhazardous industrial solid waste disposal permit pending on the  
19 effective date of this Act. The Texas Commission on Environmental  
20 Quality may allow an applicant who filed such an application that is  
21 pending on the effective date of this Act to amend the application  
22 to conform to the rules adopted under Section 1 of this Act.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.