

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1821
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Environmental Regulation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law the commissioners court of a county with a population of less than 375,000, by ordinance, may require a waste hauler who transports waste in unincorporated areas of the county to be licensed by the county. However, a county may not require a waste hauler license for a waste hauler that regularly operates in more than three counties. These larger waste haulers are allowed to operate with little regulatory oversight at the local level. House Bill 1821 corrects the imbalance by removing the exemption.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

House Bill 1821 amends the Health and Safety Code to remove language to allow a county to require a waste hauler license for a waste hauler that operates in more than three counties.

The bill provides that a county may not require a license of a waste hauler that is no longer exempt under these provisions before January 1, 2006.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005