

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2456  
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Environmental Regulation  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Current law prohibits selling a motor vehicle that contains a fuel tank to a metal recycling entity. New recycling equipment has been developed that allows for safe and effective removal of fuel from a tank on a vehicle while the tank remains on the vehicle.

House Bill 2456 provides an exception to the restriction on the transfer of a fuel tank to a metal recycling entity if the fuel tank has been completely drained and rendered unusable.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in SECTION 1 of this bill.

### **ANALYSIS**

House Bill 2456 amends the Occupations Code to provide that a person is not prohibited from selling to a metal recycling entity a fuel tank that has been completely drained and rendered unusable in accordance with rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regardless of whether the fuel tank is attached to a motor vehicle. The bill amends the notice posted at a metal recycling facility.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2005