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S.B. No. 1298

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to restrictions on the transfer of a fuel tank to a metal recycling entity.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1956.103, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Subsection (a) does not apply to a fuel tank that has been completely drained and rendered unusable in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules regardless of whether the fuel tank is attached to a motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. Section 1956.104, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1956.104. NOTICE OF RESTRICTIONS. A metal recycling entity shall post in a conspicuous location a notice that:

(1) is readily visible to a person selling material to the metal recycling entity;

(2) is at least 24 inches horizontally by 18 inches vertically; and

(3) contains the following language:

TEXAS LAW PROHIBITS:

1. THE SALE OF A WHOLE, FLATTENED, OR JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLE, AN APPLIANCE, OR ANY OTHER SCRAP METAL ITEM CONTAINING A LEAD-ACID BATTERY, FUEL TANK THAT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETELY DRAINED AND RENDERED UNUSABLE, OR PCB-CONTAINING CAPACITOR; AND

1           2. THE SALE OF LEAD-ACID BATTERIES, FUEL TANKS THAT HAVE NOT  
2 BEEN COMPLETELY DRAINED AND RENDERED UNUSABLE, OR PCB-CONTAINING  
3 CAPACITORS INCLUDED WITH OTHER SCRAP METALS WITHOUT OUR PRIOR  
4 WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

5                               VIOLATION OF THIS LAW IS A MISDEMEANOR.

6           SECTION 3. (a) The Texas Commission on Environmental  
7 Quality shall adopt standards required under Section 1956.103(c),  
8 Occupations Code, as added by this Act, defining fuel tanks that are  
9 completely drained and unusable not later than December 1, 2005.

10           (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to the  
11 sale or transfer of a fuel tank to a metal recycling entity on or  
12 after January 1, 2006. A fuel tank sold or transferred before that  
13 date is subject to the law in effect immediately before the  
14 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for  
15 that purpose.

16           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.