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S.B. No. 1363

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of a municipality to enforce a water
3 pollution control and abatement program and establish standards and
4 practices for water quality.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 26.177, Water Code, is amended by adding
7 Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a-1) Notwithstanding any other law, a city may enforce a
9 water pollution control and abatement program adopted by the city
10 before June 1, 2005, only to ensure compliance with commission
11 pollution and degradation standards and practices and with
12 commission rules. The city does not have the authority of the
13 commission to regulate water quality, issue permits, or establish
14 standards and practices for water quality.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.