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H.B. No. 1457

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the acceptable methods for disposal of poultry
3 carcasses.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 26.303(a), Water Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) The commission by rule shall adopt requirements for the
8 safe and adequate handling, storage, transportation, and disposal
9 of poultry carcasses. The rules must:

10 (1) specify the acceptable methods for disposal of
11 poultry carcasses, including:

12 (A) placement in a landfill permitted by the
13 commission to receive municipal solid waste;

14 (B) composting;

15 (C) cremation or incineration;

16 (D) extrusion;

17 (E) on-farm freezing;

18 (F) rendering; and

19 (G) ~~[cooking for swine food; and~~

20 ~~[(H)]~~ any other method the commission determines
21 to be appropriate;

22 (2) require poultry carcasses stored on the site of a
23 poultry facility to be stored in a varmint-proof receptacle to
24 prevent odor, leakage, or spillage;

1 (3) prohibit the storage of unfrozen poultry carcasses
2 on the site of a poultry facility for more than 72 hours; and

3 (4) authorize the on-site burial of poultry carcasses
4 only in the event of a major die-off that exceeds the capacity of a
5 poultry facility to handle and dispose of poultry carcasses by the
6 normal means used by the facility.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.