

AN ACT

relating to the acceptable methods for disposal of poultry carcasses.

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

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

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

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

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

(B) composting;

(C) cremation or incineration;

(D) extrusion;

(E) on-farm freezing;

(F) rendering; and

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

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

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

1 (3) prohibit the storage of poultry carcasses on the
2 site of a poultry facility for more than 72 hours unless the
3 carcasses are refrigerated or frozen; and

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

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

H.B. No. 1457

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1457 was passed by the House on April 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1457 on May 24, 2007, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1457 on May 26, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 1457

I certify that H.B. No. 1457 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1457 on May 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor