

1-1 By: McReynolds (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 1457  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2007;  
1-3 May 2, 2007, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on  
1-4 Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Coastal Resources; May 19, 2007,  
1-5 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute from  
1-6 Committee on Natural Resources by the following vote: Yeas 11,  
1-7 Nays 0; May 19, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1457 By: Hegar

1-9 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-10 AN ACT

1-11 relating to the acceptable methods for disposal of poultry  
1-12 carcasses.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 26.303(a), Water Code, is amended to  
1-15 read as follows:

1-16 (a) The commission by rule shall adopt requirements for the  
1-17 safe and adequate handling, storage, transportation, and disposal  
1-18 of poultry carcasses. The rules must:

1-19 (1) specify the acceptable methods for disposal of  
1-20 poultry carcasses, including:

1-21 (A) placement in a landfill permitted by the  
1-22 commission to receive municipal solid waste;

1-23 (B) composting;

1-24 (C) cremation or incineration;

1-25 (D) extrusion;

1-26 (E) on-farm freezing;

1-27 (F) rendering; and

1-28 (G) ~~cooking for swine food; and~~

1-29 [~~H~~] any other method the commission determines  
1-30 to be appropriate;

1-31 (2) require poultry carcasses stored on the site of a  
1-32 poultry facility to be stored in a varmint-proof receptacle to  
1-33 prevent odor, leakage, or spillage;

1-34 (3) prohibit the storage of unfrozen or refrigerated  
1-35 poultry carcasses on the site of a poultry facility for more than 72  
1-36 hours; and

1-37 (4) authorize the on-site burial of poultry carcasses  
1-38 only in the event of a major die-off that exceeds the capacity of a  
1-39 poultry facility to handle and dispose of poultry carcasses by the  
1-40 normal means used by the facility.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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