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H.B. No. 2073

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to emission reduction strategies for greenhouse gases.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 382, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 382.0174 to read as follows:

Sec. 382.0174. EMISSION REDUCTION STRATEGIES FOR GREENHOUSE GASES. (a) In this section, "greenhouse gas" includes carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride.

(b) Not later than December 31, 2008, the commission shall prepare and deliver to each member of the legislature a report including a list of strategies for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases in this state.

(c) In preparing the list of emission reduction strategies, the commission:

(1) may not include a strategy that may result in a financial cost to the state or consumers or businesses in this state; and

(2) shall consider:

(A) any short-term or long-term net savings, including life-cycle savings, to the state or to consumers or businesses in this state that may result from the implementation of a strategy; and

(B) strategies for reducing the emissions of

1 greenhouse gases that have been implemented in other states or
2 nations.

3 (d) In determining under Subsection (c) whether an emission
4 reduction strategy may result in a financial cost to the state or to
5 consumers or businesses in this state, the commission shall
6 consider:

7 (1) the total net costs that may occur over the life of
8 the strategy, as opposed to the short-term capital costs that may
9 result from the implementation of the strategy; and

10 (2) the total net costs that may occur across the
11 state, as opposed to the costs to a particular sector of the state
12 or a particular group of consumers or businesses in this state.

13 (e) The commission may appoint advisory committees to
14 assist the commission in identifying and evaluating greenhouse gas
15 emission reduction strategies.

16 (f) Not later than June 1, 2009, the commission shall adopt
17 rules implementing each of the strategies in the report to the
18 extent that the implementation does not conflict with other state
19 law. The rules must require each strategy to become operational at
20 the earliest practicable date and not later than June 1, 2010.

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