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H.B. No. 2545

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an air permits database created and maintained by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 382, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 382.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 382.005. ELECTRONIC AIR PERMITS DATABASE. The commission shall establish an electronic database accessible to commission inspectors and other staff to assist the inspectors and staff in determining the pollution limits that apply at each facility.

SECTION 2. Section 382.062, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) For each fee charged under this section, the commission shall charge the applicant for the permit, permit amendment, permit renewal, or inspection an additional 4.03 percent of the fee otherwise charged. Money collected under this subsection may be appropriated only to the commission and only to establish and maintain the electronic air permits database under Section 382.005.

SECTION 3. Section 382.062(f), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, applies only to:

(1) an application for a permit, permit amendment, or permit renewal filed on or after the effective date of this Act; and

(2) an inspection conducted on or after the effective

1 date of this Act.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.