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S.B. No. 1281

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain permit requirements concerning solid waste
3 facilities, including recycling facilities, that are located on the
4 recharge or transition zone of a sole source aquifer.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 361, Health and Safety
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 361.125 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 361.125. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE
9 FACILITY ON RECHARGE OR TRANSITION ZONE OF SOLE SOURCE AQUIFER. The
10 commission by rule shall:

11 (1) impose heightened standards for the issuance of a
12 permit for a municipal solid waste facility, including a recycling
13 facility, under this chapter if the facility is located on the
14 recharge zone or transition zone of a sole source aquifer;

15 (2) require a municipal solid waste facility,
16 including a recycling facility, that is located on the recharge
17 zone of a sole source aquifer to install groundwater protection
18 features, such as liners and monitoring wells, specified by the
19 commission; and

20 (3) require a recycling facility that is located on
21 the recharge zone or transition zone of a sole source aquifer to
22 establish fire lanes between piles of combustible materials.

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