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S.B. No. 1665

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to regulation of emissions from residential water heaters.

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

SECTION 1. Section 382.0275, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) The commission may not adopt or enforce a rule, determination or order that relates to emissions of residential water heaters that is below 40 nanograms NOx per joule unless a lower standard is established by a federal statute or rule. Any commission rule, determination or order existing on or before the effective date of this legislation related to emission specifications for residential water heaters that is more stringent than the 40 nanograms of NOx per joule standard is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 382.0275 (b) and (c), Health and Safety Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.