

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 12 (Averitt/Bonnen)

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S.R. No. 1194

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate Bill No. 12 (programs for the enhancement of air quality, including energy efficiency standards in state purchasing and energy consumption; providing penalties) to consider and take action on the following matters:

(1) Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit the committee to change the text of SECTION 1.05 of the bill by adding the following text at the end of Subsection (e), Section 382.213, Health and Safety Code:

The only cost to be paid by a recycler for the residual scrap metal of vehicles retired under this section shall be the cost of transportation of the residual scrap metal to the recycling facility.

Explanation: The change is necessary to allow recyclers to pay only the cost of transporting residual scrap metal when

receiving scrap metal from vehicles retired under a low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement program.

(2) Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit the committee to change the text of SECTION 3.02 of the bill by adding a new Subsection (f), Section 388.005, Health and Safety Code, to read as follows:

(f) This section does not apply to an institution of higher education or a state agency if:

(1) the State Energy Conservation Office determines that, before September 1, 2007, the institution or agency adopted a plan for conserving energy under which the institution or agency has set a percentage goal for reducing electric consumption; and

(2) the institution or agency submits reports on its conservation plan not less than quarterly to the governor, the Legislative Budget Board, and the State Energy Conservation Office.

Explanation: The change is necessary to exempt institutions of higher education and state agencies from the energy efficiency requirements of Section 388.005, Health and Safety Code, if the institution or agency has already implemented an energy efficiency plan.

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate