

Amend SB 1693 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 5.1175, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.1175. PAYMENT OF PENALTY BY INSTALLMENT. (a) The commission by rule may ~~[shall]~~ allow a person who ~~[small business that]~~ owes a monetary civil or administrative penalty imposed for a violation of law within the commission's jurisdiction or for a violation of a license, permit, or order issued or rule adopted by the commission to pay the penalty in periodic installments. The rule must provide a procedure for a person ~~[qualified small business]~~ to apply for permission to pay the penalty over time.

~~(b) [The rule must classify small businesses by their net annual receipts and number of employees. A business that is a wholly owed subsidiary of a corporation may not qualify as a small business under this section.]~~

~~[(c)]~~ The rule may vary the period over which the penalty may be paid or the amount of the periodic installments according to the amount of the penalty owed and the size of the business that owes the penalty. The period over which the penalty may be paid may not exceed 36 ~~[12]~~ months.

SECTION _____. Section 7.002, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7.002. ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY. The commission may initiate an action under this chapter to enforce provisions of this code and the Health and Safety Code within the commission's jurisdiction as provided by Section 5.013 of this code and rules adopted under those provisions. The commission or the executive director may institute legal proceedings to compel compliance with the relevant provisions of this code and the Health and Safety Code and rules, orders, permits, or other decisions of the commission. The commission may delegate to the executive director the authority to issue an administrative order, including an administrative order that assesses penalties or orders corrective measures, to ensure compliance with the provisions of this code and the Health and Safety Code within the commission's jurisdiction as provided by

Section 5.013 of this code and rules adopted under those provisions.

SECTION _____. Section 26.0135(h), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) The commission shall apportion, assess, and recover the reasonable costs of administering the water quality management programs under this section [~~from users of water and wastewater permit holders in the watershed according to the records of the commission generally in proportion to their right, through permit or contract, to use water from and discharge wastewater in the watershed~~]. Irrigation water rights, non-priority hydroelectric rights of a water right holder that owns or operates privately owned facilities that collectively have a capacity of less than two megawatts, and water rights held in the Texas Water Trust for terms of at least 20 years will not be subject to this assessment. The cost to river authorities and others to conduct water quality monitoring and assessment shall be subject to prior review and approval by the commission as to methods of allocation and total amount to be recovered. The commission shall adopt rules to supervise and implement the water quality monitoring, assessment, and associated costs. The rules shall ensure that water users and wastewater dischargers do not pay excessive amounts, [~~that program funds are equitably apportioned among basins,~~] that a river authority may recover no more than the actual costs of administering the water quality management programs called for in this section, and that no municipality shall be assessed cost for any efforts that duplicate water quality management activities described in Section 26.177. [~~The rules concerning the apportionment and assessment of reasonable costs shall provide for a recovery of not more than \$5,000,000 annually. Costs recovered by the commission are to be deposited to the credit of the water resource management account and may be used only to accomplish the purposes of this section. The commission may apply not more than 10 percent of the costs recovered annually toward the commission's overhead costs for the administration of this section and the implementation of regional water quality assessments. The commission, with the assistance and input of each river authority,~~

~~shall file a written report accounting for the costs recovered under this section with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives on or before December 1 of each even numbered year.]~~