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H.B. No. 1420

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of the transportation of oil and gas  
drill cuttings; providing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 725, Transportation Code,  
is amended by adding Section 725.023 to read as follows:

Sec. 725.023. REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORTING OIL AND GAS  
DRILL CUTTINGS FROM CLOSED LOOP DRILLING WASTE OPERATIONS; OFFENSE.

(a) A person commits an offense if the person or the person's agent  
or employee operates a motor vehicle that is used to transport a  
load of oil and gas drill cuttings generated from a closed loop  
drilling waste operation and the vehicle is not equipped and  
maintained in a manner that prevents the drill cuttings from  
escaping from the vehicle or being deposited on a public road or  
highway by the vehicle.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.