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H.B. No. 1922

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authorization of certain reuse water system contributions and discharges.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 26.0271 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.0271. PERMITS AUTHORIZING REUSE SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISCHARGES. (a) This section applies only to wastewater treatment facilities operated by an agency of a home-rule municipality with a population of one million or more.

(b) In any permit or amendment to a permit issued under this chapter, the commission may authorize a wastewater treatment facility to contribute treated domestic wastewater produced by the facility as reclaimed water to a reuse water system if the commission has approved the use of reclaimed water from the wastewater treatment facility.

(c) In any permit or amendment to a permit issued under this chapter, the commission shall authorize a wastewater treatment facility to:

(1) contribute reclaimed water into a reuse water system operated by the agency; and

(2) discharge reclaimed water contributed to a reuse water system at any outfall for which a discharge from the reuse water system is authorized in any permit issued for any wastewater

1 treatment facility operated by the agency.

2 (d) For an effluent limitation violation occurring at an
3 outfall permitted for reuse system discharges by more than one
4 wastewater treatment facility, the commission shall attribute the
5 violation to the wastewater treatment facility contributing the
6 reclaimed water causing the violation. For a violation that is not
7 directly attributable to a specific wastewater treatment facility,
8 the commission shall attribute the violation to the wastewater
9 treatment facility contributing the greatest volume of reclaimed
10 water to the reuse system on the date of the violation.

11 SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 26.0271, Water
12 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to permits or amendments to
13 permits issued on or after the effective date of this Act. A permit
14 or permit amendment that was issued before the effective date of
15 this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the permit or
16 amendment to the permit was issued, and the former law is continued
17 in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.