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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to use of advanced technologies by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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

SECTION 1. Section 382.014, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 382.014. EMISSION INVENTORY. (a) The commission may require a person whose activities cause emissions of air contaminants to submit information to enable the commission to develop an inventory of emissions of air contaminants in this state.

(b) The commission shall use emissions information gathered during commission activities to evaluate the integrity of emissions factors and the emissions inventory.

(c) The commission shall annually assess the information collected and recommend emissions inventory improvement strategies in the report required by Section 5.126, Water Code.

SECTION 2. Section 382.016, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The agency may measure and monitor the emissions of air contaminants from a source or from an activity causing or resulting in the emission of air contaminants subject to the commission's jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. Section 382.0173 is amended by adding Subsection

1 (h) to read as follows:

2 (h) The commission shall pursue the permanent reduction of
3 any surplus and quantifiable emissions that are found through the
4 use of any advanced technologies authorized under this chapter to
5 gain credits to the State Implementation Plan.

6 SECTION 4. Section 382.021, Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) The commission shall use technology that implements
9 optical gas imaging in two-dimensional vertical fields or other
10 technologies that the commission finds will measure emission
11 concentrations to measure the concentration and the volume of
12 volatile organic compounds and oxides of nitrogen emissions.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.