

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 1757
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1757 By: Uresti

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to a study by the Texas Commission on Environmental
1-11 Quality of methods for disposing of unused pharmaceuticals so that
1-12 they do not enter a wastewater system.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "commission" means the
1-15 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

1-16 (b) The commission shall study and make recommendations
1-17 regarding the methods to be used by consumers, health care
1-18 providers, and others for disposing of unused pharmaceuticals so
1-19 that they do not enter a wastewater system. In conducting the
1-20 study, the commission shall consider:

1-21 (1) the methods currently used in this state by
1-22 consumers, health care providers, and others for that purpose;

1-23 (2) alternative methods used for that purpose,
1-24 including the methods used in other states; and

1-25 (3) the effects on public health and the environment
1-26 of the various methods used for that purpose.

1-27 (c) In conducting the study, the commission may solicit
1-28 input from:

1-29 (1) the Health and Human Services Commission;

1-30 (2) the Department of Public Safety of the State of
1-31 Texas;

1-32 (3) pharmaceutical manufacturers;

1-33 (4) pharmacies;

1-34 (5) health care providers, including home health care
1-35 providers;

1-36 (6) hospitals;

1-37 (7) clinics;

1-38 (8) long-term care facilities;

1-39 (9) entities that engage in medical waste processing
1-40 and handling;

1-41 (10) solid waste management service providers;

1-42 (11) local governments;

1-43 (12) ranchers and farmers;

1-44 (13) end users of medication;

1-45 (14) water utilities and other water suppliers;

1-46 (15) the United States Postal Service;

1-47 (16) the United States Environmental Protection
1-48 Agency; and

1-49 (17) any other entity the commission considers
1-50 necessary.

1-51 (d) Not later than December 1, 2010, the commission shall
1-52 submit a report of the results of the study to the legislature. The
1-53 report must include:

1-54 (1) the commission's recommendations regarding the
1-55 methods to be used by consumers, health care providers, and others
1-56 for disposing of unused pharmaceuticals so that they do not enter a
1-57 wastewater system; and

1-58 (2) an analysis of the feasibility of implementing the
1-59 recommended disposal methods on a statewide basis.

1-60 (e) This Act expires January 1, 2011.

1-61 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-62 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-63 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-2 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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