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S.B. No. 378

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the date by which a pest management zone may request an extension of the cotton stalk destruction deadline.

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

SECTION 1. Section 74.0032(b), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If adverse weather conditions or other good cause exists, the administrative committee that governs the applicable pest management zone may request that the department grant an extension of the cotton stalk destruction deadline for any specified part of the pest management zone or for the entire pest management zone. A request under this subsection must be made within the period specified by department rule ~~[not later than 10 business days before the applicable cotton stalk destruction deadline]~~. A field is not subject to a hostable cotton fee if the department grants an extension of the deadline. The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation shall submit to the department an estimate of the amount by which an extension under this subsection will increase the cost of administering the boll weevil eradication program.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 74.0032, Agriculture Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a request for an extension made on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for an extension made before the effective date of this Act

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1 is subject to the law in effect on that date, and that law is  
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.