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S.B. No. 617

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a manifest system to record the transportation of certain liquid wastes.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 361.034 to read as follows:

Sec. 361.034. RECORDS AND MANIFESTS REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL LIQUID WASTES. (a) The commission by rule shall require a person who generates, collects, conveys, transports, processes, stores, or disposes of municipal sewage sludge, grit trap waste, or grease trap waste to keep records and use, as prescribed by commission rule, a sequentially numbered, uniform transportation manifest issued by the commission to ensure that the waste is transported to an appropriate processing, storage, or disposal facility or site permitted or authorized for that purpose.

(b) The rules must require the person who generates the waste, the person who transports the waste, and the person who processes, stores, or disposes of the waste each to retain, for not less than three years, a copy of the uniform transportation manifest that records the:

(1) generator and transporter;

(2) processing, storage, or disposal site; and

(3) processing, storage, or disposal method.

(c) The rules must require that aggregate amounts of waste

1 recorded on the manifests required under this section match the
2 amounts of waste reported to the commission annually. The
3 commission may require copies of uniform transportation manifests
4 to be submitted with reports to the commission or at other times.

5 SECTION 2. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
6 shall adopt rules under Section 361.034, Health and Safety Code, as
7 added by this Act, as soon as practicable so that the rules take
8 effect not later than March 1, 2012.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.