

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disposal of demolition waste from abandoned or nuisance buildings in certain areas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 361.126 to read as follows:

Sec. 361.126. DISPOSAL OF DEMOLITION WASTE FROM ABANDONED OR NUISANCE BUILDING. (a) This section applies only to a building that has been:

(1) abandoned or found to be a nuisance;

(2) acquired by the county or municipality by means

of:

(A) bankruptcy;

(B) tax delinquency; or

(C) condemnation; and

(3) previously owned by a person not financially capable of paying the costs of the disposal of demolition waste at a permitted solid waste disposal facility, including transportation of the waste to the facility.

(b) The commission may issue a permit by rule to authorize the governing body of a county or municipality with a population of 10,000 or less to dispose of demolition waste from a building if the disposal occurs on land that:

(1) the county or municipality owns or controls; and

1           (2) would qualify for an arid exemption under  
2 commission rules.

3           (c) The commission shall adopt rules under Section 361.024  
4 to control the collection, handling, storage, processing, and  
5 disposal of demolition waste under this section to protect public  
6 and private property, rights-of-way, groundwater, and any other  
7 right that requires protection.

8           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.