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H.B. No. 3465

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to standards for recycling or reusing computer and television equipment.

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

SECTION 1. Section 361.964(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) For the purposes of recycling, reusing, or otherwise disposing of collected computer equipment, a manufacturer must:

(1) follow the standards established under "Responsible Recycling Practices for Use in Accredited Certification Programs for Electronic Recyclers" or "e-Stewards Standard for Responsible Recycling and Reuse of Electronic Equipment" or an equivalent independently audited certification standard for electronics recycling; or

(2) use a recycler that has a current certification indicating the recycler complies with the standards described by Subdivision (1) [The commission shall adopt as standards for recycling or reuse of computer equipment in this state the standards provided by "Electronics Recycling Operating Practices" as approved by the board of directors of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc., April 25, 2006, or other standards from a comparable nationally recognized organization].

SECTION 2. Section 361.982(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 (b) A person who is engaged in the business of recycling
2 covered television equipment in this state shall:

3 (1) register with the commission and certify that the
4 person is in compliance with the standards described by [~~adopted~~
5 ~~under~~] Section 361.990;

6 (2) on or before January 31 of each year renew the
7 registration with the commission and certify the person's continued
8 compliance with the standards described by [~~adopted under~~] Section
9 361.990;

10 (3) recycle all covered television equipment accepted
11 for recycling in accordance with the standards adopted under
12 Section 361.990;

13 (4) maintain a written log recording the weight of all
14 covered television equipment received by the person and the
15 disposition of that equipment; and

16 (5) annually report to the commission the total weight
17 of covered television equipment received and recycled by the person
18 in the preceding 12 months.

19 SECTION 3. Section 361.990(b), Health and Safety Code, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (b) For the purposes of recycling, reusing, or otherwise
22 disposing of collected covered television equipment, a
23 manufacturer must:

24 (1) follow the standards established under
25 "Responsible Recycling Practices for Use in Accredited
26 Certification Programs for Electronic Recyclers" or "e-Stewards
27 Standard for Responsible Recycling and Reuse of Electronic

1 Equipment" or an equivalent independently audited certification
2 standard for electronics recycling; or

3 (2) use a recycler that has a current certification
4 indicating the recycler complies with the standards described by
5 Subdivision (1) [~~The commission shall adopt as standards for~~
6 ~~recycling or reuse of covered television equipment in this state~~
7 ~~the standards provided by "Electronics Recycling Operating~~
8 ~~Practices" as approved by the board of directors of the Institute of~~
9 ~~Scrap Recycling Industries, Incorporated, April 25, 2006, or other~~
10 ~~standards from a comparable nationally recognized organization].~~

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.