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H.B. No. 2334

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the deposit of certain fees and penalties from programs administered by the Department of Agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 12.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.014. COST RECOVERY ACCOUNT. (a) The cost recovery account is a dedicated account in the general revenue fund.

(b) Notwithstanding any law other than Subsection (c), the following shall be deposited in the cost recovery account:

(1) all license fees collected by the department;

(2) the state's share of any civil penalty imposed under this code or Chapter 1951, Occupations Code;

(3) any penalty imposed under Chapter 487, Government Code; and

(4) any fee received by the department for providing a good or service.

(c) Subsection (b) does not apply to a fee or penalty required by another law to be deposited in a different account that may be appropriated only to the department.

(d) Money in the cost recovery account may be appropriated only to the department for the administration of department programs.

SECTION 2. Section 12.020(r), Agriculture Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 (r) A penalty collected under this section shall be
3 deposited in the cost recovery account under Section 12.014 [~~state~~
4 ~~treasury to the credit of the General Revenue Fund~~].

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.