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H.B. No. 1437

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of funding in local initiative projects for litter reduction.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 382.220(a) and (b), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Money that is made available to participating counties under Section 382.202(g) or 382.302 may be appropriated only for programs administered in accordance with Chapter 783, Government Code, to improve air quality or reduce litter. A participating county may agree to contract with any appropriate entity, including a metropolitan planning organization or a council of governments to:

(1) implement a program under Section 382.202, 382.209, or this section; or

(2) implement a program for the enforcement of offenses under Chapter 365.

(b) A program under this section must be implemented in consultation with the commission and may include a program to:

(1) expand and enhance the AirCheck Texas Repair and Replacement Assistance Program;

(2) develop and implement programs or systems that remotely determine vehicle emissions and notify the vehicle's operator;

1 (3) develop and implement projects to implement the
2 commission's smoking vehicle program;

3 (4) develop and implement projects in consultation
4 with the director of the Department of Public Safety for
5 coordinating with local law enforcement officials to reduce the use
6 of counterfeit registration insignia and vehicle inspection
7 reports by providing local law enforcement officials with funds to
8 identify vehicles with counterfeit registration insignia and
9 vehicle inspection reports and to carry out appropriate actions;

10 (5) develop and implement programs to enhance
11 transportation system improvements, including programs to reduce
12 litter on roadways; or

13 (6) develop and implement new air control strategies
14 designed to assist local areas in complying with state and federal
15 air quality rules and regulations.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.