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H.B. No. 2092

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prohibition of the land application of grit or grease trap waste.

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 361.1215 to read as follows:

Sec. 361.1215. LAND APPLICATION OF GRIT AND GREASE TRAP WASTE PROHIBITED. (a) In this section:

(1) "Grease trap waste" means a material collected in and from a grease interceptor in the sanitary sewer line of a commercial, institutional, or industrial food service or processing facility. The term includes the solids resulting from a dewatering process.

(2) "Grit trap" means a unit or chamber that:

(A) allows the sedimentation of solids from an influent liquid stream by reducing the flow velocity of the stream;

(B) has an inlet and outlet that are both located at the same vertical level at or near the top of the unit or chamber;

(C) has an outlet that is connected to a sanitary sewer system; and

(D) is not designed to separate oil and water.

(3) "Grit trap waste" means the waste collected in a grit trap. The term includes waste from an interceptor placed in a drain at maintenance and repair shops, automobile service stations,

1 car washes, laundries, and other similar facilities.

2 (b) The commission may not issue a permit, registration, or  
3 other authorization for land application of grit trap waste or  
4 grease trap waste, including processed grit trap waste or grease  
5 trap waste, or sewage sludge mixed with grit trap waste or grease  
6 trap waste.

7 (c) This section does not apply to a permit, registration,  
8 or other authorization issued to an entity for the disposal of grit  
9 trap waste or grease trap waste at a municipal solid waste Type I  
10 landfill, a municipal solid waste Type V facility, or a compost  
11 facility.

12 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
13 an application for a permit, registration, or other authorization  
14 to allow the land application of grit trap waste or grease trap  
15 waste that is filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental  
16 Quality on or after the effective date of this Act. An application  
17 for a permit, registration, or other authorization to allow the  
18 land application of grit trap waste or grease trap waste that is  
19 pending on the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in  
20 effect at the time the application was filed, and the former law is  
21 continued in effect for that purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.