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H.B. No. 2376

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2376:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2376

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the fee collected for an on-site wastewater treatment
3 permit application.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 367.008(b) and (c), Health and Safety
6 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The commission shall [~~may~~] award competitive grants
8 to[+]

9 [~~(1)~~] support applied research and demonstration
10 projects by accredited colleges and universities in this state, by
11 other governmental entities, or by acceptable public or private
12 research centers regarding on-site wastewater treatment technology
13 and systems applicable to this state that are directed toward
14 improving the quality of wastewater treatment and reducing the cost
15 of providing wastewater treatment to consumers, including
16 wastewater reuse [~~, and~~

17 [~~(2) enhance technology transfer regarding on-site~~
18 ~~wastewater treatment by using educational courses, seminars,~~
19 ~~symposia, publications, and other forms of information~~
20 ~~dissemination]~~.

21 (c) The commission shall seek the advice of relevant experts
22 when choosing research topics and [~~, and holding~~
23 ~~educational conferences associated with activities]~~ under this
24 chapter.

1 SECTION 2. Section 367.010(d), Health and Safety Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (d) The fee proceeds shall be deposited to the credit of the
4 water resources management account and may be used only for the
5 purposes of Sections 367.007 and 367.008.

6 SECTION 3. Section 5.701(p), Water Code, is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (p) Notwithstanding any other law, fees collected for
9 deposit to the water resource management account under the
10 following statutes may be appropriated and used to protect water
11 resources in this state, including assessment of water quality,
12 reasonably related to the activities of any of the persons required
13 to pay a fee under:

14 (1) Subsection (b), to the extent those fees are paid
15 by water districts, and Subsections (e), (f), and (n); or

16 (2) Section 54.037(c) [~~or~~

17 [~~(3) Section 367.010, Health and Safety Code~~].

18 SECTION 4. (a) The changes in law made by this Act apply
19 only to an application for an on-site wastewater treatment permit
20 received by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or an
21 authorized agent, as defined by Section 366.002, Health and Safety
22 Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. An application
23 received before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
24 law in effect on the date the application was received, and the
25 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

26 (b) The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an
27 application for a grant under Section 367.008, Health and Safety

1 Code, as amended by this Act, submitted on or after the effective
2 date of this Act. An application for a grant submitted before the
3 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
4 date the application was submitted, and the former law is continued
5 in effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.