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H.B. No. 2376

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the fee collected for an on-site wastewater treatment permit application.

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

SECTION 1. Section 367.008(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission shall ~~may~~ award competitive grants to

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

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

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

(d) The fee proceeds may be used only for the purposes of Section 367.008 ~~[shall be deposited to the credit of the water~~

1 ~~resources management account~~].

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

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

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

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

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

14 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
15 an application for an on-site wastewater treatment permit received  
16 by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on or after the  
17 effective date of this Act. An application received before the  
18 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
19 date the application was received, and the former law is continued  
20 in effect for that purpose.

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