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H.B. No. 2958

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a temporary moratorium on permits for municipal solid waste facilities.

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

SECTION 1. In this Act:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(2) "Solid waste facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 361.003, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 2. (a) Until September 1, 2019, the commission may not accept an application for or issue a permit, permit amendment, license, or other authorization for or in connection with a new solid waste facility.

(b) This section applies to the issuance of a permit, permit amendment, license, or other authorization regardless of whether the application for the authorization is pending on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. (a) The commission shall conduct a study assessing the safety and regulation of solid waste facilities in this state. The study must consider:

(1) the permit application and approval process;

(2) restrictions regarding the location of solid waste facilities;

(3) inspections and enforcement of regulations

1 regarding solid waste facilities; and

2 (4) any other matters the commission considers  
3 appropriate.

4 (b) Not later than September 1, 2018, the commission shall  
5 provide to each standing committee of the legislature with primary  
6 jurisdiction over environmental regulation a detailed written  
7 report regarding the study conducted under this section.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.