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H.B. No. 3952

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to suspension of the activities of the Texas Grain
3 Producer Indemnity Board.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 41, Agriculture Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 41.128 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 41.128. TEXAS GRAIN PRODUCER INDEMNITY BOARD. (a) The
8 Texas Grain Producer Indemnity Board is not abolished but is
9 inactive as provided by this section until reactivated under
10 Subsection (d).

11 (b) The terms of office of the members of the Texas Grain
12 Producer Indemnity Board expire, as determined by the commissioner,
13 on December 31, 2017, or when the board files the report under
14 Section 41.059(c) for the board's fiscal year that includes
15 September 1, 2017. That report is the board's final report unless
16 the board is reactivated under Subsection (d).

17 (c) While the board is inactive, the department shall
18 administer the grain producer indemnity fund. From money available
19 in the fund, the department shall pay all or part of any claims
20 under Subchapter I that the department determines are valid. When
21 the department determines that no potential claims remain, the
22 department shall refund any money remaining in the fund to grain
23 producers who paid an assessment under Section 41.206 on a pro rata
24 basis.

1 (d) The commissioner shall order the reactivation of the
2 Texas Grain Producer Indemnity Board if at least 200 grain
3 producers petition the commissioner to reactivate the board. If
4 the board is reactivated, the commissioner shall appoint board
5 members as provided by Section [41.204](#).

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