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H.B. No. 3988

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a county to implement a pilot program to reuse wastewater at county facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 341, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 341.0391 to read as follows:

Sec. 341.0391. COUNTY PILOT PROGRAM FOR WASTEWATER REUSE.

(a) This section applies only to a county with a population of more than 3.3 million.

(b) A county may implement a pilot program to reuse any form of wastewater at a county facility for subsurface irrigation and toilet and urinal flushing. The program must require the wastewater to be treated at the facility before reuse.

(c) The commission may adopt rules to ensure that a program implemented under this section does not create a nuisance and does not threaten human health or damage the quality of surface water and groundwater in this state.

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