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S.B. No. 2034

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to creation of a task force to study the health effects of  
3 concrete and rock crushing.

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

5 SECTION 1. TASK FORCE TO STUDY CONCRETE AND ROCK CRUSHING.

6 (a) In this Act, "task force" means the Task Force to Study the  
7 Health Effects of Concrete and Rock Crushing established under this  
8 section.

9 (b) The Task Force to Study the Health Effects of Concrete  
10 and Rock Crushing is established for the purpose of assessing the  
11 health effects of concrete and rock crushing.

12 (c) The task force is composed of members appointed by the  
13 governor to represent the following:

14 (1) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; and

15 (2) the Department of State Health Services.

16 (d) The task force may seek input from:

17 (1) the Texas Medical Association;

18 (2) the Texas Hospital Association;

19 (3) the American Heart Association; and

20 (4) the American Lung Association.

21 (e) The members of the task force shall elect a presiding  
22 officer from among the membership.

23 (f) The offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, and  
24 speaker of the house of representatives shall provide staff support

1 to the task force.

2 (g) The task force shall hold public hearings to achieve the  
3 purpose described by Subsection (b) of this section.

4 (h) A member of the task force is not entitled to receive  
5 compensation for service on the task force but is entitled to  
6 reimbursement of the travel expenses incurred by the member while  
7 conducting the business of the task force.

8 (i) The task force may accept gifts and grants from any  
9 source to be used to carry out a function of the task force.

10 SECTION 2. FINAL REPORT. Not later than November 1, 2018,  
11 the task force shall submit a final report to the governor, the  
12 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,  
13 and the appropriate standing committees of the legislature. The  
14 report shall include a summary and analysis of:

- 15 (1) hearings and studies conducted by the task force;  
16 (2) legislation proposed by the task force; and  
17 (3) other findings and recommendations made by the  
18 task force.

19 SECTION 3. APPOINTMENTS. Not later than December 1, 2017,  
20 the governor shall make the appointments to the task force as  
21 described by Section 1(c) of this Act.

22 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. The task force is abolished and this  
23 Act expires August 31, 2019.

24 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
25 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
26 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
27 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for

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1 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.