

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3783
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Environmental Regulation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that Type IV landfills can accept brush, construction debris, and certain other waste that does not degrade or degrades very slowly. There are concerns that these landfills are unduly prohibited from accepting waste out of enclosed storage vehicles, such as box vans or utility trailers, which may entice bad actors to illegally dump elsewhere. H.B. 3783 seeks to allow certain enclosed vehicles to dispose of eligible waste at a Type IV landfill.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3783 amends the Health and Safety Code and the Water Code, respectively, to exempt an enclosed vehicle that is a utility trailer, van, box van, or receiver box from the following:

- the prohibition against a municipal solid waste site or operation permitted as a Type IV landfill accepting solid waste that is in a completely enclosed container or enclosed vehicle unless certain conditions are met; and
- the application of the offense for the improper disposal of solid waste by an operator of a solid waste facility or a solid waste hauler in a completely enclosed container or vehicle at a solid waste site or operation permitted as a Type IV landfill.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.