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S.B. No. 698

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the expedited processing of certain applications for permits under the Texas Clean Air Act.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 382.05155(d), (e), and (f), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(d) The commission by rule may add a surcharge to an application fee assessed under this chapter for an expedited application in an amount sufficient to cover the expenses incurred by the expediting, including overtime, costs of full-time equivalent commission employees to support the expedited processing of air permit applications, contract labor, and other costs. Money from the surcharge collected under this section may be used to support the expedited processing of air permit applications under this section.

(e) The commission may authorize the use of overtime, full-time equivalent commission employees to support the expedited processing of air permit applications, or contract labor to process expedited applications. The overtime, full-time equivalent commission employees, or contract labor authorized under this section is not included in the calculation of the number of full-time equivalent commission employees allotted under other law.

(f) The commission may pay for compensatory time, overtime,

1 full-time equivalent commission employees supporting the expedited  
2 processing of air permit applications, or contract labor used to  
3 implement this section. The commission is authorized to set the  
4 rate for overtime compensation for full-time equivalent commission  
5 employees supporting the expedited processing of air permit  
6 applications.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.