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S.B. No. 736

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to use of compost in landscaping, capital construction,
3 and road maintenance projects by the Texas Department of
4 Transportation.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 201.626 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 201.626. USE OF COMPOST. (a) In this section,
9 "compost" means the disinfected and stabilized product of the
10 decomposition process that is used or sold for use as a soil
11 amendment, artificial top soil, growing medium amendment, or other
12 similar uses.

13 (b) The department shall use compost:

14 (1) for at least 25 percent of the soil required for
15 landscaping projects; and

16 (2) when feasible in capital construction and road
17 maintenance projects.

18 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
19 a contract for a landscaping, capital construction, or road
20 maintenance project for which the Texas Department of
21 Transportation first advertises or otherwise solicits bids,
22 proposals, offers, or qualifications, or makes a similar
23 solicitation, on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract
24 for which the Texas Department of Transportation first advertises

1 or otherwise solicits bids, proposals, offers, or qualifications,
2 or makes a similar solicitation, before the effective date of this
3 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the advertisement
4 or solicitation is made, and that law is continued in effect for
5 that purpose.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.