

AN ACT

relating to eligibility to use a general permit to discharge waste into or adjacent to waters in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 26.040, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsections (h-1) and (h-2) to read as follows:

(h-1) After the commission denies or suspends a discharger's authority to discharge under a general permit under Subsection (h), the discharger may not discharge under the general permit until the executive director actively authorizes the discharger to use the general permit.

(h-2) The executive director may not use an automatic process to authorize the use of a general permit under Subsection (h-1).

SECTION 2. Sections 26.040(h-1) and (h-2), Water Code, as added by this Act, apply only to a denial or suspension ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1302 passed the Senate on April 10, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1302 passed the House on May 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 4, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor