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S.B. No. 1302

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.