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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the recycling and disposal of consumer energy storage modules.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter P to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER P. CONSUMER ENERGY STORAGE MODULES

Sec. 361.471. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "consumer energy storage module" means a battery or other electrochemical device that stores chemical energy and transforms it into electrical energy to power a consumer product or electronic device. The term includes an alkaline battery, lithium-ion battery, nickel cadmium battery, or nickel-metal hydride battery.

Sec. 361.472. LAND DISPOSAL PROHIBITED. A person may not place a consumer energy storage module in mixed municipal solid waste.

Sec. 361.473. CONSUMER ENERGY STORAGE MODULE COLLECTION FOR RECYCLING OR DISPOSAL. The commission by rule shall identify businesses or facilities in this state where a customer may offer a consumer energy storage module for recycling or disposal.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

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