By: González of El Paso H.B. No. 520

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a grant program to support the elimination of illegally disposed of scrap tires.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 361.0315 to read as follows:

Sec. 361.0315. SCRAP TIRE REMEDIATION GRANT PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "scrap tire" has the meaning assigned by Section 361.112.

(b) The commission shall establish a scrap tire remediation grant program to award grants from the scrap tire remediation grant account established by this section to counties for the purpose of reducing the number of scrap tires disposed of in inland or coastal water and onto rights-of-way and other land.

(c) The commission may award a grant under the scrap tire remediation grant program to a county to be used for:

(1) identifying and prosecuting violators of Section 365.012, as that section relates to the illegal disposal of scrap tires;

(2) providing information to the public to discourage the illegal disposal of scrap tires; and

(3) removing and properly disposing of illegally disposed of scrap tires.

(d) The scrap tire remediation grant account is a dedicated

account in the general revenue fund and consists of:

(1) appropriations of money to the account by the legislature;

(2) gifts, grants, including federal grants, and other donations received for the account; and

(3) interest earned on the investment of money in the account.

(e) Money in the scrap tire remediation grant account may be used by the commission only to:

(1) award grants under this section; and

(2) administer the scrap tire remediation grant program under this section.

(f) Not later than September 1 of each year, the commission shall prepare and submit a written report to the legislature with recommendations to address the illegal disposal of scrap tires.

(g) The commission shall adopt rules for the administration of the scrap tire remediation grant program established under this section.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 2029, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall establish the scrap tire remediation grant program as required by Section 361.0315, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.