By: Martinez H.B. No. 1274

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of certain solid waste processing facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 361.127 to read as follows:

Sec. 361.127. REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN SOLID WASTE PROCESSING FACILITIES. (a) This section applies only to a solid waste processing facility that salvages, separates, dewaters, reclaims, or otherwise processes municipal sludge, sewage, septage, grease trap waste, or grit trap waste.

(b) The commission may not issue, amend, or renew a permit under this chapter for a solid waste processing facility unless the owner or operator of the processing facility demonstrates to the commission's satisfaction that the owner or operator has obtained approval for the operation of the facility from the owner or operator of:

(1) the wastewater collection system that will receive the treated wastewater produced by the processing facility; and

(2) any wastewater treatment facility that will further treat the treated wastewater.

SECTION 2. Section 361.127(b), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a solid waste processing facility the owner or operator of which files an application with the Texas

Commission on Environmental Quality for the issuance, amendment, or renewal of a permit on or after the effective date of this Act. A solid waste processing facility the owner or operator of which filed an application with the commission for the issuance, amendment, or renewal of a permit before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2027.