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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study and report by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on the use of green stormwater infrastructure in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 5, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 5.136 to read as follows:

Sec. 5.136. STUDY AND REPORT ON GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE. (a) In this section, "green stormwater infrastructure" means stormwater infrastructure that reduces and treats stormwater at the source using vegetation, soils, and other elements and practices to restore some of the natural processes required to manage stormwater. The term includes the use of rain gardens, rainwater harvesting systems, and permeable pavement.

(b) The commission shall study the installation and use of green stormwater infrastructure in this state.

(c) As part of the commission's biannual reports under Section 5.178, the commission shall include a written report that includes:

(1) an estimate of the amount of stormwater managed using green stormwater infrastructure in this state;

(2) a description of barriers to installing and using green stormwater infrastructure;

(3) recommendations to increase the installation and

1 use of green stormwater infrastructure;

2 (4) goals for increased installation and use of green
3 stormwater infrastructure in this state; and

4 (5) progress made toward achieving the goals required
5 under Subdivision (4) from the previous report.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.